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## HOUSE

Friday, March 25, 1949

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Fr. Ouellette of Lewiston.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration Number Plates" (H. P. 364) (L. D. 127) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 24th.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison, the House voted to insist on its former action and ask for a Committee of Conference.

### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Creating a State Lottery Commission" (H. P. 1843) (L. D. 1164) which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in the House on March 4th.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion by Mr. Jewett of Manchester, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 4th whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

At this time, the House voted to take up an additional paper from the Senate, not appearing on the calendar.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. meet on Monday, March 28, 1949, at P. 655)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, in asking for unanimous consent to present a resolve, I would like to say that through absolute stupidity on my part I was at the Fish and Game Committee on a hearing on a resolve for a fish outlet at Taylor Pond in Auburn. I want to apologize to Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Williams and Mr. Wight. If this resolve providing for a fish screen at Taylor Pond was right, I was in the wrong seat and had the wrong pond. It should be No Name Pond in Lewiston.

I ask for unanimous consent to present this resolve and ask that it be sent forthwith to the Senate so it can be printed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, asks for unanimous consent to introduce a resolve. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: (reading) "Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at the Outlet of No Name Pond in the City of Lewiston, in the County of Androscoggin." (H. P. 2016)

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the resolve be received by unanimous consent? The Chair hears no objection and the resolve has been received by unanimous consent.

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, now moves that the resolve be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the resolve was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, ordered printed, and sent forthwith to the Senate.

### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

### Orders

On motion by Mr. Lackee of Ad-dison, it was

ORDERED, that there be printed 500 additional copies of Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Authorizing Additional Issues of Highway and Bridge Bonds (H. P. 4) (L. D. 1)

### House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft Recommitted

Mr. Woodworth from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Civil Defense Agency and Other Organizations" (H. P. 1301) (L. D. 656) reported same in a new draft under title of Bill "An Act Relating to the Establishment of a Civil Defense Agency and a Public Safety Council" (H. P. 2013) (L. D. 1398) and that the new draft be printed and recommitted for further consideration.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relative to Careless Shooting of Human Being" (H. P. 1476) (L. D. 887) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2014) (L. D. 1396) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act Relating to Illegal Importation and Transportation of Malt Liquor" (H. P. 1546) (L. D. 823) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2015) (L. D. 1397) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills, having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Marsans from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to

pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Teaching of Importance of Voting in Public Schools" (H. P. 1870) (L. D. 1210)

Mr. Ricker from the same Committee reported same on Resolve to Create an Educational Surplus Property Pool (H. P. 1953) (L. D. 1325)

Reports were read and accepted, and the Bill and Resolve, having already been printed, the Bill was read twice under suspension of the rules, the Resolve read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

### Tabled

Mr. Winchenpaw from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to School Unions" (H. P. 1952) (L. D. 1325)

(On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Mr. Muskie from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to the Bangor Theological Seminary" (H. P. 1637) (L. D. 990)

Mr. Paine from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Authorizing Cities and Towns to Appropriate Money for Voluntary Fire Departments" (H. P. 1842) (L. D. 1201)

Mr. Bennett from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer of Hancock County" (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 861)

Mr. Kent from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of the Judge of Probate and the Register of Probate in Piscataquis County" (H. P. 943) (L. D. 384)

Mr. Littlefield from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Augusta Municipal Court" (H. P. 1195) (L. D. 620)

Mr. DeSanctis from the Committee on Temperance reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Appli-

cation for Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1744) (L. D. 1036)

Mr. Jalbert from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Revocation of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1750) (L. D. 1042)

Mr. Maxell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Publication of Notice of Application for Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1747) (L. D. 1039)

Reports were read and accepted, and the Bills, having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules, and assigned the next legislative day.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Dennett from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the State Park Commission Due to Insufficient Appropriations" (H. P. 1931) (L. D. 1397) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1931, L. D. 1397, Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the State Park Commission Due to Insufficient Appropriations."

Amend said bill by striking out the figures, "\$2,816.54" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$1,000".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Department of the Adjutant General Due to Insufficient Appropriations" (H. P. 1947) (L. D. 1320) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee

Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1947, L. D. 1320, Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Department of the Adjutant General Due to Insufficient Appropriations."

Amend said bill by striking out all after the words, "not otherwise appropriated" in the fifth line and before the words "Emergency Clause" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Account No. 2810—

Mr. Kent from the Committee on Administration	\$1,000
Account No. 2830—	
Military Fund	6,000

Total \$7,000'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Paine from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Annuities for Dependents of Members of Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland" (H. P. 1698) (L. D. 1021) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1698, L. D. 1021, Bill "An Act Relating to Annuities for Dependents of Members of Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland."

Amend said Bill by indicating the striking out by drawing a line through the word "of" the second time it appears in the fourth line of the second paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof the

following underlined words: 'payable in monthly installments in which said installments shall be'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Establish the Brewer Municipal Court" (H. P. 1636) (L. D. 939) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1636, L. D. 939, Bill "An Act to Establish the Brewer Municipal Court."

Amend said bill by inserting in the 3rd line from the end thereof, after the word "suitably", the word and punctuation 'furnish.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries and Clerk Hire for Certain Public Offices in Piscataquis County" (H. P. 497) (L. D. 166) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 497, L. D. 166, Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries and Clerk Hire for Certain Public Offices in Piscataquis County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$750" in the 4th line of Sec. 2 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$600'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

#### Tabled

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation for Members of the Boxing Commission" (H. P. 756) (L. D. 293) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

(On motion by Mr. Palmer of Nobleboro, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Mr. Kent from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Deeds and Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds, Northern Registry, Aroostook County" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 383) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 942, L. D. 383, Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Deeds and Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds, Northern Registry, Aroostook County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,400" in the 5th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,200;'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,200;" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,820;'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

On motion by Miss Cormier of Rumford, House Rule No. 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Mr. Kent from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Judge and Recorder of the Town of Lincoln Municipal Court" (H. P. 498) (L. D. 167) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 498, L. D. 167, Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Judge and Recorder of the Town of Lincoln Municipal Court".

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$1,700" in the 4th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,200'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$1,100" in the 9th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$500'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Treasurer of Penobscot County" (H. P. 310) (L. D. 90) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 310, L. D. 90, Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Treasurer of Penobscot County".

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,500" in the last line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,400'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned

for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Littlefield from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Clerk of Courts in Kennebec County" (H. P. 314) (L. D. 94) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 314, L. D. 94, Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Clerk of Courts in Kennebec County".

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Sec. 2 thereof.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act Regulating Sale of Malt and Malt Syrup" (H. P. 1749) (L. D. 1041) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1749, L. D. 1041, Bill "An Act Regulating Sale of Malt and Malt Syrup."

Amend said bill by inserting, in the 6th line after the underlined word "or" the underlined word 'in' Further amend said bill by striking out in the 7th line the underlined words "in content"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance" (H. P.

865) (L. D. 332) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** to H. P. 865, L. D. 332, Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the word "state" in the 4th line of the 3rd paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 260" the underlined words '**and accessible**'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the stricken out word "accessible" in the 2nd line of that part designated "**II**," of section 2 and inserting in place thereof the word 'accessible'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

#### **Divided Report Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Set Forth the Duty of the State and the Towns Towards Education (H. P. 1572) (L. D. 886) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BARNES of Aroostook

ELA of Somerset

—of the Senate.

WILLIAMS of Auburn

SILSBY of Aurora

PAYSON of Union

MUSKIE of Waterville

BURGESS of Rockland

—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WARD of Penobscot

—of the Senate.

McGLAUFILIN of Portland  
WOODWORTH of Fairfield  
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield, the two reports with accompanying papers were tabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30, 1949.)

#### **Passed to be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act Relative to Penalties for Beaver Trapping" (S. P. 349) (L. D. 575)

Bill "An Act Relative to Regulating Hunting, Fishing and Trapping on Game Management Areas" (S. P. 423) (L. D. 780)

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 1550) (L. D. 868)

Bill "An Act Relating to Requisites for Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 1552) (L. D. 870)

Bill "An Act Relating to Traffic Control Signals" (H. P. 2011) (L. D. 1394)

Bill "An Act Relating to Procedure on Damages Caused by Location of Highways" (H. P. 2012) (L. D. 1395)

Resolve to Establish Working Capital for Institutional Farms (S. P. 477) (L. D. 941)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills reads the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### **Amended Bills and Resolve**

Bill "An Act Relating to Sub-Jobber of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products" (S. P. 238) (L. D. 352)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in Office of Clerk of Courts in Kennebec County" (H. P. 313) (L. D. 93)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Probate in Kennebec County" (H. P. 1075) (L. D. 481)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Lincoln County" (H. P. 1196) (L. D. 590)

Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1516) (L. D. 889)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate



of York County" (H. P. 1531) (L. D. 862)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Houlton Municipal Court" (H. P. 1533) (L. D. 864)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Waterville Municipal Court" (H. P. 1663) (L. D. 971)

Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Central Maine Sanatorium (S. P. 336) (L. D. 567)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act Relating to Street Operations by Public Utility Corporations" (H. P. 1977) (L. D. 1393)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Forty-nine and Nineteen Hundred Fifty (H. P. 2007) (L. D. 1389) tabled on March 24th by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Nadeau, pending second reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Nadeau, the Resolve was given its second reading.

The gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 2007, L. D. 1389, Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Forty-nine and Nineteen Hundred Fifty.

Amend said resolve by striking out in the schedule therein the amounts set against Sagadahoc and inserting in place thereof in each of the columns headed 1949 1950 the following amount '45,954.00'.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Parker.

Mr. PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendment lie upon the table pending adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Parker, moves that the amendment lie upon the table pending adoption.

Mr. PARKER: Mr. Speaker, I would assign Tuesday morning of next week for hearing.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Parker, that House Amendment "A" lie upon the table for consideration on next Tuesday morning. As many as are in favor of the motion will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson. The Chair will state that the pending motion is not debatable at this time.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the only thing I would say on this

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the question is before the House and it is not in order to debate it at the moment.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Parker, that House Amendment "A" lie upon the table and be taken up for consideration next Tuesday will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Twenty-three having voted in the affirmative and forty-three having voted in the negative, the motion to table does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may ask his question.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of Mr. Parker, may I ask of Mr. McClure to explain the amendment and what it accomplishes? As I understand it, Mr. Parker has no objection, but he would like some information.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure.

Mr. McCLURE: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the question, I might say this: This morning we had our county commissioner, our legislative agent from Richmond in Sagadahoc County, sit down with members of the Sagadahoc delegation.

This amendment has nothing to do with the State at large; it is purely a problem of Sagadahoc County. We went over the estimated budget of the County Commissioners and we deleted from that budget a certain amount of money we thought was unnecessary. We feel that as representatives of our county it is our duty to try to save for the taxpayers of our county any money that we are able to.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Parker.

Mr. PARKER: Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I would like to be a little more specific. I would like to ask Mr. McClure what items were cut out of the original estimate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may answer if he wishes.

Mr. McCLURE: Mr. Speaker, it was an over-all deduction. I do feel, Mr. Speaker, as I have stated before, it is a matter of Sagadahoc County. I am only one member of the delegation from Sagadahoc County, and anything that I might answer might be only my own opinion. We felt after going over, as I stated, the amount that they recommended,

that we could cut at least that amount from the appropriation. For instance, there is the board of prisoners. We have for twenty-five years been sending prisoners to the Kennebec County jail and we do not maintain a jail in our county. This year—and I think I am right, and I will ask my colleague—there is about \$1500 more we felt that could be reduced. And there is also an increase for the Sheriff's department. I feel the State Police have been aiding us so much in their policing of our county that perhaps by tightening their belt in the Sheriff's department they might benefit the taxpayers of our county. And there are various other things.

I trust that will answer the gentleman's question, and I still maintain it is purely a Sagadahoc matter. We are having the Federal government at the present time taking rights away from the State. Our State should not take rights away from our counties and cities.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Parker.

Mr. PARKER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope that no one will get the impression from this method that I have used to obtain the information I wanted that I do not at all times believe in economy not only in state government but in county government and in town government. I did not have time to find out before the session this morning what we have learned from our friend, Mr. McClure, so I had to take this method of obtaining that information. I was interested not only in Sagadahoc County but in all the other counties in some things that are state wide, and I wondered if any of these were cut down in the appropriation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Patterson.

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, we got these county estimates at the very last minute so we could get those in to the selectmen and the county commissioners so they

could give them out to their towns where the county tax has to be assessed. We held these up until the very last minute, and therefore I feel if it should be done it should be done at once so they can have the figures to work with.

Mr. McCLURE: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. McCLURE: I would just like to say one more word to Mr. Parker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure, requests unanimous consent to address the House. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. McCLURE: Mr. Speaker, I want to say in behalf of Mr. Parker that I trust in the future there will be more men who, after amendments are placed on our desks, will ask to have them explained in like manner. It is for good government. I thank Mr. Parker for bringing it out, and I trust it will be done more often.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the adoption of House Amendment "A". Is it the pleasure of the House that House Amendment "A" be adopted?

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its vote whereby it assigned for third reading on Monday L. D. 1397 "An Act Relating to Illegal Importation and Transportation of Malt Liquor," which is the first item on Page 2 of the calendar.

I make this motion for the purpose of obtaining information. The bill which is on the desks today strikes out an entire section of the statute and inserts another. It is not entirely clear in what respect it does change the law, but, as the bill now reads, a person who, whether wilfully or by mistake, carries

one bottle of beer across the state line might be subject to eleven months imprisonment. Whether that is now the law or not I do not know, but if that is intended to be the law it strikes me that the bill may need modification at least to the extent of an amendment determining the amount, so that no one might reasonably be accused of bringing in malt liquor in quantity or for sale.

I have no interest in the bill, and I would be very glad to return it to the control of the Committee on Temperance, but I would like more information.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, that the House reconsider its action taken earlier this morning whereby it assigned Item 3 for third reading on Monday next.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. DeSanctis.

Mr. DeSANCTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: For the information of Mr. Chase, I wish to state that this was a bill on behalf of the Liquor Commission, and it pertains to transportation on railroads and trucks. I believe if Mr. Chase reads it over thoroughly he will find that was the intent of the bill.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, that the House reconsider its action taken earlier this morning whereby it assigned Item 3, "An Act Relating to Illegal Importation and Transportation of Malt Liquor" for third reading on Monday, March 25th.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, in order that the committee or those interested in the bill may have an

opportunity to prepare an amendment if they are to do so, I move that the bill be assigned for third reading on Thursday of next week.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, moves that the bill be assigned for third reading on Thursday, March 31st. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the bill was so assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would call the attention of the members to the fact that the House is reconvening on Monday at 4:30 in the afternoon, which means that Tuesday will very definitely be a full working day on the calendar. The statement is made for the information of the members so that they can plan accordingly.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Auburn, the House voted to take from the table the thirty-first tabled and unassigned matter, An Act relative to Fishing Licenses (H. P. 986) (L. D. 417) tabled on March 24th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Auburn, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Limiting the Filing of Proof of Financial Responsibility" (H. P. 578) (L. D. 176) tabled on March 23rd by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on motion by the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nobleboro, Mr. Palmer.

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do reconsider

its action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee yesterday on House Paper 284, Legislative Document 80, Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Certain Persons". I would like to say this in explanation: That, I, myself, voted to accept the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee, but since that time it has been brought to my attention that those who supported the bill felt that the vote at that time was not fair as so many of the members had left the Hall of the House and gone to lunch. There was a small number here, so out of fairness to them I make a motion at this time that we reconsider the action and specially assign the matter for Wednesday, March 30th.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion by the gentleman from Nobleboro, Mr. Palmer, that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Certain Persons" (H. P. 284) (L. D. 80). Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the report of the committee?

As many as are in favor of reconsideration of the action of yesterday in accepting the report of the committee will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote was taken.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is in doubt. As many as are in favor of the House reconsidering its action of yesterday in accepting the report of the committee will kindly remain standing—

Mr. CAMPBELL of Garland: Mr. Speaker, is the question debatable?

The SPEAKER: The question is debatable.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Garland, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, under this motion all we are asking for is that this matter be reconsid-

ered and then there will be a motion to lay it on the table until next Wednesday, when there will be, I hope, a good attendance in the House. I think, in order that both sides may have fair play, that we should be given that opportunity. There have been many other times in this session when, in such instances, this opportunity has been granted.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Nobleboro, Mr. Palmer, that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the report of the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wight, has requested a division. As many as are in favor of the House reconsidering its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the report of the committee will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had. Fifty-one having voted in the affirmative and thirty having voted in the negative, the motion to reconsider prevailed.

On further motion by Mr. Palmer, the matter was tabled and specially assigned for consideration for Wednesday, March 30th.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Foley of Winterport, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Searsport School District" (H. P. 1171) (L. D. 627) tabled on March 8th by that gentleman pending third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there are no further items of business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Gorham,

Adjourned until Monday, March 28th, 1949, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.