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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1951

**DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL
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SENATE

Tuesday, March 8, 1951

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Royal Brown of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (S. P. 161) (L. D. 333)

(In the Senate, on February 21st, 1951 passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

The Secretary read House Amendment A.

House Amendment A to L. D. 333. "Amend said resolve by striking out of the title, the word 'Ice'. Further amend said resolve by striking out the underlined words 'ice fishing' at the beginning of the first line after the title, and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'fishing.' Further amend said resolve by striking out the word 'ice' in the last line and inserting in place thereof the word 'all' and by inserting before the period at the end, the words 'until April 15, 1953'."

Which amendment was adopted in concurrence, and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Assenting to Act of Congress Relating to Fish Restoration and Management Projects," (H. P. 525) (L. D. 287) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Ela of Somerset, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending acceptance of the committee report.

The Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve in Favor of Lester Munsey,

of Bath," (H. P. 745) (L. D. 431) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Certificates of Marriage," (H. P. 844) (L. D. 482) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Failure to Stop on Signal of Fish and Game Wardens," (H. P. 637) (L. D. 358) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of Capias Execution in Divorce Cases," (H. P. 640) (L. D. 361) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Contracts of Minors," (H. P. 845) (L. D. 483) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Prohibiting Lotteries and Gambling" (H. P. 1022) (L. D. 581) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Membership in State Racing Commission," (H. P. 1019) (L. D. 579) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Waterville to Allow Red Blinker Lights on Motor Vehicles of Callmen of the Fire Department," (H. P. 1054) (L. D. 634) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Regulating Liquor Advertising," (H. P. 1023) (L. D. 582) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Issuance of Liquor Licenses to Places Selling Gasoline," (H. P. 1236) (L. D. 788) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act Relating to Definition of Sporting Camps," (H. P. 1026) (L. D. 585) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Disposition of Costs in Inland Fisheries and Game and Sea and Shore Fisheries Violation," (H. P.

1283) (L. D. 821) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Earl Hewitt of Portage (H. P. 854) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve for State Pension for Mertie Stover of Berwick," (H. P. 1153) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edwin Haris of Mechanic Falls," (H. P. 951) reported that leave be granted to withdraw same.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Grace Pond in Enchanted Township," (H. P. 194) (L. D. 116) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Relating to Flagstaff Pond in the County of Somerset," (H. P. 635) (L. D. 382) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Reciprocal Fishing Licenses with New Hampshire," (H. P. 1162) (L. D. 685) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Presque Isle," (H. P. 1057) (L. D. 685) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Limit, Define and Confirm the Powers and Purposes of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Company," (H. P. 1126) (L. D. 711) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake, Somerset County," (H. P. 636) (L. D. 357) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the re-

solve read once; Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Bar Harbor School District," (H. P. 647) (L. D. 387) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill read once; Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, the rules were suspended and the bill as amended was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Showing of Cattle at Fairs." (H. P. 1507) (L. D. 1102)

Bill "An Act Relating to Licensing of Cats." (H. P. 1508) (L. D. 1103)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Publishing of State Notices." (H. P. 1509) (L. D. 1117)

"Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Compilation of Certain Decisions of Supreme Judicial Court." (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1104)

"Resolve in Favor of Hampden Academy." (H. P. 1511) (L. D. 1105)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing for Merger of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies." (H. P. 1512) (L. D. 1118)

Bill "An Act Relating to Change of Purposes of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies." (H. P. 1513) (L. D. 1119)

Bill "An Act Relating to Loan and Building Associations." (H. P. 1514) (L. D. 1120)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committees." (H. P. 1524) (L. D. 1106)

Bill "An Act Relating to Academies." (H. P. 1525) (L. D. 1107)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Installations in Public Highways." (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1121)

Bill "An Act Relating to Entrances to Highways." (H. P. 1529) (L. D. 1122)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Dumping Waste Material in Public Ways." (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 1123)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clearance Markings on Railroad and State Highway Overpasses." (H. P. 1531) (L. D. 1124)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Crop and Orchard Damage by Protected Wild Animals." (H. P. 1532) (L. D. 1125)

Bill "An Act Relating to Junior Guides." (H. P. 1533) (L. D. 1126)

"Resolve Relating to Closed Season for White Perch in Echo Lake, Kennebec County." (H. P. 1534) (L. D. 1127)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Franklin County." (H. P. 1535) (L. D. 1128)

"Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen on Scott's Brook, Washington County." (H. P. 1536) (L. D. 1129)

"Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at the Outlet of Gardner's Lake at Chase's Mills, in East Machias, Washington County." (H. P. 1537) (L. D. 1130)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Province Lake, York County." (H. P. 1538) (L. D. 1131)

"Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Little Rattlesnake Pond in Town of Raymond, Cumberland County." (H. P. 1539) (L. D. 1132)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Red River and Birch River." (H. P. 1540) (L. D. 1133)

"Resolve Limiting the Catch of Trout or Salmon in Adams Pond in the Town of Boothbay." (H. P. 1541) (L. D. 1134)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Evidence of Offenses Before Grand Jury." (H. P. 1542) (L. D. 1135)

Bill "An Act Relative to Revision and Publication of Municipal Ordinances." (H. P. 1543) (L. D. 1136)

Bill "An Act to Remove Employees' Trusts from the Operation of the Rule Against Perpetuities and Against Accumulations." (H. P. 1544) (L. D. 1137)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Dismissal of Conservators." (H. P. 1545) (L. D. 1138)

Bill "An Act Relating to Notifying County Attorneys and Sheriffs After Shooting a Human Being." (H. P. 1546) (L. D. 1139)

Bill "An Act Relating to Certificates of Devises of Real Estate Filed by a Register of Probate with the Register of Deeds." (H. P. 1547) (L. D. 1108)

"Resolve in Favor of Laura B. Sanborn, of Kent's Hill." (H. P. 1548) (L. D. 1109)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Duty of Department of Labor and Industry Concerning Certain Places." (H. P. 1549) (L. D. 1110)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

"Resolve Authorizing Board of Veterinary Surgeons to Issue License to Charles Bessey of Freedom." (H. P. 1550) (L. D. 1112)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Supervision and Control of Certain State Lands." (H. P. 1551) (L. D. 1111)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Analysis of Water." (H. P. 1552) (L. D. 1113)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Smoking in Buses." (H. P. 1553) (L. D. 1114)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Time of Registration of Voters in Towns." (H. P. 1554) (L. D. 1115)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Publishing Vital Statistics in Town Reports." (H. P. 1555) (L. D. 1116)

(On motion by Mr. Ward of Penobscot, tabled pending reference to a committee.

"Resolve in Favor of Arthur W. McLellan, of Topsfield." (H. P. 1559)

"Resolve Reimbursing Dean E. Wheeler & Sons, Undertakers, of Oakland, for Burial Expenses for Elmer E. Ellis." (H. P. 1561)

"Resolve in Favor of Allagash Plantation." (H. P. 1560)

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Crystal for Pauper Supplies." (H. P. 1562)

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Crystal for the Support of Charles Williams and Family." (H. P. 1563)

"Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Falmouth for Certain Hospital Expenses." (H. P. 1564)

"Resolve in Favor of Solomon N. Blanchard, of Falmouth." (H. P. 1565)

"Resolve in Favor of Verne Kimball, of Berwick." (H. P. 1566)

"Resolve in Favor of Emile Couillard, of Auburn." (H. P. 1567)

"Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Madrid for Burial Expenses for Dave Bussiel." (H. P. 1568)

"Resolve in Favor of C. H. Malory, of Strong." (H. P. 1569)

"Resolve in Favor of Cora and George Reynolds, of Bath." (H. P. 1570)

"Resolve to Reimburse the City of Hallowell for Support of Andrew W. Tuttle." (H. P. 1571)

"Resolve to Reimburse the City of Hallowell for Medical Aid Furnished to Jennie Shaw." (H. P. 1572)

"Resolve to Reimburse Robert Ballard, of Hallowell." (H. P. 1573)

"Resolve Reimbursing the City of Hallowell for Pauper Supplies." (H. P. 1574)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Arthur D. Sawtelle, of Oakland." (H. P. 1596)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Gladys Eaton, of Sedgwick." (H. P. 1597)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mary Saunders, of Sedgwick." (H. P. 1598)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that the Senate reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session, by which it referred bill, An Act Relating to Licensing of Cats (H. P. 1508) (L. D. 1103) to the Committee on Agriculture. If the motion prevails I shall make a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. I have had a chance to look it over since it was read this morning, and it provides that all cats, six months old or over shall be registered each year with the Town Clerk, together with a description of the cat's size, breed, color, marks, and a fee of fifty cents would be charged.

We are supposed to be down here on serious business. It costs the state money to advertise these bills and in this one I can see no virtue whatever. I know that the sponsor introduced it by request.

I therefore move, Mr. President, that the Senate reconsider its action whereby the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The motion prevailed and the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it referred L. D. 1103 to the Committee on Agriculture; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
House of Representatives
Office of the Clerk
Augusta

March 6, 1951.

Honorable Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate
State House
Augusta, Maine

Sir:

The Speaker of the House today appointed Mr. Latno of Old Town to the Joint Select Committee on

Reapportionment to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Grover of Brewer as a Member of the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,

HARVEY R. PEASE
Clerk of the House

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Communication

MAINE-NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERSTATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

March 8, 1951

The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Speaker of the House
Ninety-Fifth Legislature
Sirs:

In compliance with Chapter 18, Private and Special Laws of 1937, we are transmitting herewith the Sixth Biennial Report of the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority.

Respectfully submitted,
Interstate Bridge Authority
Maine-New Hampshire
LLOYD B. MORTON, Chairman
(S. P. 488)

Which was read and ordered placed on file.
Sent to the House.

Referred to Committees

The following bills and resolves were received, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

Claims

Mr. Ward of Penobscot presented "Resolve to Reimburse Togue Pond Camps in the Town of Millinocket." (S. P. 484)

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of Peter Spanos, of Portland." (S. P. 485)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of George Panages, of Portland." (S. P. 486)

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Greeley of Waldo presented Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting of Foxes." (S. P. 487)

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Collins of Aroostook, it was

ORDERED, that the Rev. Charles Monteith of Rockland be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the Senate on the morning of March 15, 1951.

On motion of Mr. Crosby of Franklin, it was

ORDERED that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send flowers to Senator Larrabee who is ill and to Senator Boucher who is also ill.

Senate Committee Report

Mr. Dennett from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers," (S. P. 370) (L. D. 898) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A. Committee Amendment A. to L. D. 898. "Amend said bill by striking out in the 4th line thereof the underlined word 'may' after the underlined word 'license' and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'shall', and by striking out in the 4th line thereof the underlined word 'may' after the underlined word 'issued' and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'shall'."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to a Consumer on Maine Milk Commission." (H. P. 8) (L. D. 3)

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Land with Buildings Thereon in Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln." (H. P. 242) (L. D. 136)

Bill "An Act to Provide Training to Organized Fire Companies." (H. P. 377) (L. D. 217)

Bill "An Act Relating to Tuition High School Pupils in Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 458) (L. D. 280)

(On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Qualifications for Admission to Practice Law." (H. P. 638) (L. D. 359)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Reporter of Decisions." (H. P. 639) (L. D. 360)

Bill "An Act Relating to Northern Maine General Hospital of Eagle Lake." (H. P. 741) (L. D. 427)

Bill "An Act Relating to Eastern Maine Orphans' Home." (H. P. 746) (L. D. 438)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Incorporation of the City of Old Town Municipal Building District." (H. P. 752) (L. D. 441)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Incorporation of the City of Old Town High School District." (H. P. 753) (L. D. 442)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Kingfield Water District." (H. P. 757) (L. D. 446)

Bill "An Act Relating to Membership in State Board of Education." (H. P. 816) (L. D. 479)

Bill "An Act Relating to Licenses of Buildings for Dancing Purposes." (H. P. 1020) (L. D. 599)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Bar Harbor." (H. P. 1059) (L. D. 639)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Waterville Sewerage District." (H. P. 1060) (L. D. 640)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Kennebunk Light and Power District." (H. P. 1128) (L. D. 713)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Amending the Auburn Sewerage District." (H. P. 1505) (L. D. 1058)

(On motion by Mrs. Kavanagh, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relative to Game Preserve on Monroe Island." (H. P. 315) (L. D. 173)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Chelsea Water District." (H. P. 329) (L. D. 189)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sales of Property in Lien Cases." (H. P. 533) (L. D. 302)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds in

Cumberland County." (H. P. 763) (L. D. 450)

Bill "An Act Creating the Town of Albion School District." (H. P. 1058) (L. D. 638)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Destruction of Old Records." (S. P. 206) (L. D. 459)

Bill "An Act Changing the Town of Blanchard, Piscataquis County, to a Plantation." (S. P. 348) (L. D. 814)

Bill "An Act Relating to Liens on Insurance Policies for Hospitals." (S. P. 350) (L. D. 817)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Practice of Optometry." (S. P. 465) (L. D. 1076)

Bill "An Act Relating to Estimates for Taxes by County Commissioners." (S. P. 466) (L. D. 1077)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Adoption of Persons." (S. P. 131) (L. D. 239)

Bill "An Act Relating to Serial Numbers of Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 329) (L. D. 727)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to the Blind." (H. P. 172) (L. D. 103)

Bill "An Act Relating to Opaque Substances for Windows in Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 343) (L. D. 200)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Continental Mills." (H. P. 447) (L. D. 276)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation." (H. P. 451) (L. D. 326)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Penobscot Valley Water Commission." (H. P. 547) (L. D. 298)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Ellsworth School District." (H. P. 644) (L. D. 385)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Trenton School District." (H. P. 646) (L. D. 386)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Buxton School District." (H. P. 650) (L. D. 389)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalties for Violation of Outdoor Advertising Law." (H. P. 750) (L. D. 440)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Deeds School District." (H. P. 755) (L. D. 444)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Eliot Water District." (H. P. 1061) (L. D. 641)

Bill "An Act Relating to Parsonsfield Kezar Falls Village Corporation." (H. P. 1294) (L. D. 806)

Bill "An Act Relating to Voters in Unincorporated Places." (S. P. 99) (L. D. 158)

Bill "An Act Relating to Employment of Certain Persons in Premises Licensed to Sell Liquor." (S. P. 107) (L. D. 160)

(On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Filing of Liens on Buildings and Lots, Wharves and Piers." (S. P. 132) (L. D. 237)

Bill "An Act to Alter the Charter of Nasson College." (S. P. 187) (L. D. 398)

Bill "An Act Relating to Membership of Maine Development Commission." (S. P. 242) (L. D. 512)

Bill "An Act Relating to Slash and Brush Disposal." (S. P. 257) (L. D. 555)

Emergency Measures

Bill "An Act Appropriating Monies for Continuation of Civil Defense and Public Safety Agency Due to Insufficient Funds." (H. P. 675) (L. D. 411)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Howland School District." (H. P. 748) (L. D. 439)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 26 members of

the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Frenchville School District." (H. P. 754) (L. D. 443)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Bill "An Act Relating to Non-Profit Medical Service Plans." (S. P. 46) (L. D. 56)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair welcomes in behalf of the Senate, the students of Lewiston High School who are in the balcony at the moment and to whom the attention of the Chair has been called by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Kavanagh.

Orders of the Day

Mr. WEEKS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I rise to inquire whether bill, An Act to Provide for a Town Manager Form of Government for the Rumford is in the possession of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that the document is in the possession of the Senate having been recalled at the request of the Senator.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed and that Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

Senate Amendment A to (H. P. 540) (L. D. 325) bill An Act to Provide for a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Rumford. "Amend said bill by changing the word Australian wherever it appears and inserting in place thereof the word 'secret'."

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate bill, An Act Relating to Sales of Liquor to Minors (H. P. 848) (L. D. 487) tabled on March 6 by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, pending second reading, and especially assigned for today.

Mr. CROSBY of Franklin: Mr. President, my seat mate and Minority Floor Leader from Androscoggin has been stricken with the flu bug as have many others, and cannot be here this morning. He is very desirous of making his stand known on this bill. I therefore move that bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Liquor to Minors (H. P. 848) (L. D. 487) lie upon the table.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending second reading.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, it is proposed to erect a television tower in the City of Bath to receive television signals from Boston. When they arrive at the tower they will be weak and the tower will amplify them, and relay them to homes and apartment houses who desire the service.

Arrangements have only recently been made with the power companies and telephone companies in the area for joint use of the facilities and that is why the bill which I propose to introduce was not put in until this time. I think there is nothing controversial about it and I do not think it will delay the session any.

Therefore, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce bill, An Act Relating to Transmission of Television Signals by Wire.

The only purpose of the legislation is to give the television companies the authority, the same as the power companies and telephone companies, to ask for permits to have wires put across streets and so forth.

Thereupon, bill, An Act Relating to Transmission of Television Signals by Wire (S. P. 489) was received by unanimous consent, and on motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, was referred to the Committee

on Business Legislation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Publishing Vital Statistics in Town Reports (H. P. 1555) (L. D. 1116) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Licenses to Operate Motor Driven Cycles (H. P. 397) (L. D. 233) tabled by that Senator on February 16 pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, as I understand it, this bill would provide that youngsters between the ages of twelve to fifteen years may be licensed to operate motor driven cycles with the consent of their parents. I am opposed to the bill as a parent. I would ordinarily feel embarrassed in opposing it because the committee reported it out unanimously ought to pass. However, not too long ago, precedence was established for upsetting such a report, but the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Allen was successful in upsetting a unanimous committee report not too long ago. I feel that this is not too important a measure but I do feel that I want to register disapproval of it.

In my opinion, youngsters twelve to fourteen years old running around the country on motor driven cycles would create a hazard not only to themselves, but a hazard to other users of the highway. These cycles are capable of speed up to twenty five or thirty miles an hour. If the young child riding along the highway does not meet with any crises, he probably would be all right. However, if he should meet with sudden crises he would be unable at that speed to operate the vehicle in such a way as to do no harm to himself or other people on the highway.

I have three children, and I am nervous that they ride bicycles let alone motor driven cycles. I know this bill provides for the consent of the parent, but I also know that one motor driven cycle in any one community would make us parents the victims of our children wanting the same thing. I also know that eventually, children are so persuasive, that we would all succumb to their wishes. I know that because we have three bicycles for three children. Once I had a firm determination that my children would not have a bicycle until they were eighteen years old.

I do not believe that this is a good bill for those reasons, and I move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. ALLEN of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I arise this morning to defend a unanimous committee report from the Committee on Transportation on Legislative Document 233. When I first saw this bill I drew conclusions similar to those expressed by my good friend, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid. After hearing testimony and looking into the thing a little bit, our committee, whether wise or whether unwise, felt that this bill was not as dangerous as has been expressed by Senator Reid. In fact, we could see no objections to it and we reported it favorably. That may sound a little bit startling but we delved a little bit into the records, and according to figures which I was able to pick up at the Registration Bureau, you might be interested to know that in the State there are probably—I do not have accurate figures, but there are probably eight or nine hundred vehicles with what we call “whizzer bikes” attached. They are operated in many parts of the State. We do not see them as much in my town as in some other places, but there are a total of 2,581 motor bicycles and the Department of Motor Vehicles checked through the first one thousand and came up with an average of one to three. Therefore, our estimate is only an estimate and not accurate, but there are evidently eight or nine hundred of these bicycles in the State.

One of the arguments used in the public hearing was that they are being used widely now by youngsters. I am not saying anything should be legalized just because it is being done, but the fact remains that children of this age are using whizzer bikes now. I was unable to find in the record of the State Police headquarters on a state-wide basis,—I have not, of course, records from all police departments in the State, but they have no record of accidents at the State Police headquarters across the river, in spite of the fact they have been used several years. Obviously, there have been accidents of a minor nature, but there are no statistics at all of accidents to whizzer bikes.

As you know, I have arisen on many occasions in support of safety legislation in this Body and in the House, and I would not ever endanger the public safety of our youngsters. I believe there are seventy-five to a hundred thousand bicycles on the road of the State and I agree with Senator Reid that the question of speed is an angle to be considered. On the other hand, our youngsters are in far fewer accidents on the large number of bicycles than you might think. Most accidents come from pedestrians and children running into streets. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope, of course, that the motion of Senator Reid does not prevail.

I would like to make an observation for a member of the Transportation Committee. Senator Boucher, who is ill, is in favor of the measure and wishes me to so state.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN of Washington: Mr. President, I thought I ought to say a word since I happen to be on the committee. That bill was thoroughly gone over and analyzed from end to end and all reports are that boys from ten to eleven ride those whizzer bikes today and we were unable to find a record of any accident. That is why we reported out “Ought to Pass” because I think if we license those bikes we will have a little more check on them and they might be a little more careful.

As Senator Reid said, he worried about his children riding on

bicycles. He has cause to worry. I hate to meet youngsters on a bicycle weaving all over the road.

The fellow on the whizzer bike goes straight. He has nothing to do but steer. This pedaling and wobbling all over the road is dangerous and motorists have to be careful.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Is the Senate ready for the question?

A viva voce vote being doubted.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-two having voted in the affirmative and six opposed, the motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.