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The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Alfred J. N. Henriksen of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Joint Order

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, May 7, 1951, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, E.S.T. (S. P. 572)

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House

"Resolve in Favor of Emile Couillard, of Auburn." (H. P. 1567) (L. D. 1333)

(In Senate, on May 2nd, "Ought Not to Pass" Report of the Committee was accepted in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A", and now asks for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as members of such a Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs: JACOBS of Auburn
TURNER of Auburn
RICKER of Turner

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and join with the House in a Committee of Conference.

Bill "An Act Relating to Greely Institute." (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 604)

(In Senate on April 14, voted to insist on its former action of March 2nd, whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A", and now asks for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as

members of such a Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs: DOW of Falmouth
PATTERSON of Freeport
BRADEEN of Waterboro

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and join with the House in a Committee of Conference.

Senate Report from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, —Majority Report "Ought to Pass in New Draft (S. P. 561) under the same Title," — Minority Report, "Ought Not to Pass", on Bill "An Act Relating to Open Season for Hunting Deer with Bow and Arrow," (S. P. 357) (L. D. 872)

(In Senate, on May 1, the Majority Report read, accepted, and the bill in new draft passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, the Minority Report, "Ought Not to Pass" accepted in non-concurrence.

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

The Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve, in Favor of George S. Bradbury, of West Franklin," (H. P. 1483) (L. D. 1090) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Comes from the House, the Resolve substituted for the Report, and passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, the resolve was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Uniforms for Members of Police Department of the City of Lewiston," (H. P. 1587) (L. D. 1159) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Comes from the House, the report read and accepted, Committee Amendment "A" (Amendment Filing No. 141) indefinitely postponed, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A". (Amendment Filing No. 325)

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin the re-

port was read and accepted in concurrence, Committee Amendment A was indefinitely postponed in concurrence; House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence; the bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve, in Favor of Helen G. McShea, of Fort Fairfield," (H. P. 1585) (L. D. 1157) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, the report read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B." (Amendment Filing No. 340)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the resolve read once; House Amendment B was read and adopted in concurrence, and the resolve as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issue of State of Maine Building Construction Bonds for the Construction and Equipment of State Buildings," (H. P. 1297) (L. D. 855) reported the same in a resolve under title of "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Clarify the Provisions That Relate to the State's Borrowing Power," (H. P. 1782) (L. D. 1320) and that it ought to pass.

Comes from the House, the report read and accepted, and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A." (Amendment Filing No. 345)

In the Senate, the report was read.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, the report was accepted in concurrence and the bill read once.

Thereupon, Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Senate Amendment A to House Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the Amendment.

Senate Amendment A to House Amendment A: "Amend said amendment by striking out in the second paragraph thereof, the following: 'and to place a limit of ten

million dollars on the right of the legislature to borrow'.

Further amend said amendment by striking out the figure ten million dollars in next to the last line thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: '\$2,000,000.'

Further amend said amendment at the end thereof by the following: "Further amend said resolve by striking out the underlined words 'ten million dollars' in the 6th line of that part designated Section 14 thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'two million dollars.'"

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I certainly would not rise to vote against a tabling motion but I would like to explain the intent of the amendment. It, in honesty, cuts the heart out of the Constitutional Resolve by striking the words ten million dollars out and replacing it with the figures two million dollars which two million represents the figure that now exists in the Constitution. I preferred that motion to the motion of indefinite postponement because the draftsmen have, in my opinion, made an improvement in that section of the Constitution. They have made it a clear issue.

But I do not agree with the theory that we ought to increase from two million to ten million the debt as expressed in the Constitution. I offer no objection to any resolve that states the purposes for which the debt is to be created and if that debt to be created receives favorable consideration of two-thirds of both branches voting on it and then is voted favorably by the people, that is the orderly procedure.

I would recite briefly to you the history of capital expenditures finance in the State of Maine. We have had sufficient general fund income at least in the last seven sessions of the legislature to provide out of general fund surplus, the dollars necessary to finance capital expenditures. Following this new trend, I think it is simply opening up the door whereby this legislature or a future legislature without tax dollars sufficient to finance capital expenditures will continue to increase that limit, first from two to ten, then from ten to twenty and we will have

that finance structure that faces us in our federal government balance sheet, and there is no other words for it in my book than deficit financing.

This thing happens to come up on a day following an action of this legislature that in spite of the thing, it probably will produce dollars to build that surplus back to a reasonable figure to permit future legislatures to continue financing capital expenditures out of surplus.

I don't believe at this time, having just taken unto ourselves a new tax source, as substantial as it is, we ought to look with favor upon any bill of such substantial amount seeking to borrow it to further finance the things we haven't got the dollars to finance out of income and this amendment does cut the Constitutional Resolve back to the two million that is in the document now. That is how it has been for 130 years. We have made capital expenditures out of revenues raised by succeeding legislatures and it seems to me that is what we ought to keep on doing. I oppose the ten million dollar proposition.

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I believe this matter is of great importance to the State of Maine. The borrowing of two million dollars in the State of Maine, the right to borrow it, back 130 years ago was a tremendous undertaking. In those days two million dollars would buy what twenty million will buy today. When our founding fathers put that two million in there, they meant to put in a large sum, a sum large enough to build the buildings which were necessary.

We have changed our economy since then. As everybody knows, the things we could build then for a small amount of money, now cost from five to ten times as much.

Therefore this figure is simply bringing the Constitution up to date. Actually it is no increase over what the founding fathers had in mind back 130 years ago. I believe there should be quite a lot of discussion about this bill and a lot of chance to talk it over among ourselves. Therefore, I

move that the amendment and the accompanying papers lie on the table until we have had time to think it over.

The motion prevailed and the resolve and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion of Senator Haskell to adopt Senate Amendment to House Amendment A.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on bill, "An Act to Provide a Plan for the Administration of Certain Welfare Funds" (H. P. 1298) (L. D. 856) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve, to Reimburse the Town of Wells for Support of Laura Gregoire and Louis Lindquist," (H. P. 183) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Relating to Controlled Access Highways," (H. P. 464) (L. D. 284) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge Across the Penobscot River," (H. P. 184) (L. D. 115) reported that the same ought not to pass as it is covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issue of State of Maine Highway Bonds for the Construction of State Highways," (H. P. 1078) (L. D. 681) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Controlled Access Highways," (H. D. 1342) (L. D. 917) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Crop and Orchard Damage by Protected Wild Animals," (H. P. 1532) (L. D. 1125) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same as it is covered by other legislation.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Beano," (H. P. 930) (L. D. 530) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Sunday Stock Car

Racing, Horse Pulling and Harness Racing," (H. P. 931) (L. D. 531) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Students at Opportunity Farm, New Gloucester," (H. P. 205) (L. D. 127) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Structures Used by the Public as Spectators," (H. P. 1651) (L. D. 1221) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Charles Norton Pratt, of Leeds," (H. P. 881) (L. D. 1338) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence and the resolve read once; Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Marine Worms," (H. P. 1131) (L. D. 698) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Senator:

BROWN of Washington

Representatives:

LITTLEFIELD

of Kennebunk

STEVENS of Boothbay

BARTON of Vinalhaven

CLAPP of Brooklyn

KNAPP of Yarmouth

HANSON of Machiasport

BUCKNAM of Whiting

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed)

Senators:

SLEEPER of Knox

LARRABEE of Sagadahoc

Comes from the House, the Majority Report read and accepted.

In the Senate:

Mr. **SLEEPER** of Knox: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the Minority Report Ought to Pass.

Mr. **BROWN** of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate, you will note in the report that this worm question has been argued quite heavily and that it took in the other Body about an hour and a half to go over the story. I am not going to try to say anything very much on those lines, but I will say this.

The Committee heard this and took it under consideration and as you see they passed an eight to two Ought Not to Pass report. Now, as I understand it, the main question here is on the opening of flats in which it affects both worms and the clams. All of these towns from, I guess, Kittery to Eastport, have voted, except one, to close the flats to residents only and they have done so legally. And the worms, as I understand, are just the same. In all the town areas, the towns have voted to close the flats only to resident digging.

The bill opens it up, as I understand it, to anybody digging anywhere in the area. They can dig worms. They can dig clams. They can dig anything else. I don't believe that they are going there to dig clams but the idea is that it will break down this idea of protecting town areas, both clams and worms, and so forth. Now, we pass these laws to help clams and other things. This worm business doesn't affect anything down my way. We don't have them down my way. I don't know why. I wish we did.

I don't think it is a good precedent to break these rules of opening these counties indiscriminately to digging so that they can go in anywhere these counties and operate and I hope that the Ought Not to Pass Report will be accepted.

Mr. **PALMER** of Lincoln: Mr. President, I must make apologies at the outset that I am not a worm digger or a lawyer. So when I speak on them, I am not speaking as an authority. I am speaking only by my common sense in this matter.

I do not want to take issue with Senator Brown in his statement that this opens the flats along the coast to clams as well as worms. That is not the intent of the bill at all. The bill opens all of the flats along the coast of Maine to worm diggers for the digging of worms. I do know probably 100 diggers along the coastal area and I have never known any of them to dig clams. They are after the marine and sand and blood worms and that is what this bill is for.

This worm industry is a relatively new industry in Maine. It has grown rapidly and I am sure that this measure here is one which is going to help it keep on growing.

Moreover, as I said at the outset, I am not a lawyer but I do question the constitutionality of this measure, which, I suppose is a good way of clouding the issue but it doesn't seem to me right that a town can restrict its area or its flats to just residents of that town any more than Aroostook County could come down here and legislate that no other county in Maine could raise potatoes. It seems to me that is just as simple. So, I want to support at this time the motion of the Senator from Knox, Senator Sleeper, to accept the Minority Ought to Pass Report.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I think this is an important measure. I want to vote right on it, and I think the way I vote will be pretty much determined by whether or not the Senator from Knox, Senator Sleeper, can answer one very vital question, and I am serious. How do the worms feel about it?

Mr. SLEEPER of Knox: Mr. President and fellow Senators, I don't have any idea that this bill is quite as important as the one we voted on yesterday afternoon but there are a lot of people who are very vitally interested in it and I feel sort of beholden to my Sea and Shore Fisheries Committee to which I was made the Chairman to try to take the right viewpoint on it.

We had a very controversial hearing and there were no opponents to the bill at the hearing ex-

cept a few town officials who objected and one or two Representatives who had bills in the closed towns on the clams.

The Sea and Shore Fisheries Department have informed me that they would favor the opening of the state to worm digging.

I will have to explain to you the digging of worms. It is altogether different from clams. I understand that worms are dug with a fork with one tooth in it and the worms are collected in a pail and the warden can easily tell whether a man is digging for worms or whether he is digging for clams because they dig with a different instrument and they have a pail instead of a roller.

It is getting to be quite a profitable business for several people and they are very sincere in their desire not to be hampered by these conflicting town laws.

I don't want to take issue with the Senator from Washington but I am a little nettled. As the Chairman of the powerful group one afternoon, I was doing business somewhere else and they met and the House Chairman passed out all of our controversial bills eight to two and the only friend I had left was Senator Larrabee. However, I don't blame them. I admire their ingenuity of passing the bills out that way but out of deference to the job, and I do try to take some things seriously, I really think that bill ought to pass.

I listened with a great deal of interest to the hearing and I thought the proponents offered a much better case than the opponents and I have been assured by the Sea and Shore Fisheries Department that this is not a difficult law to enforce.

There is a great deal of difference between worm digging and clam digging and I hope that the Senate will help the majority of the senators and accept the minority report which comes from the majority of the senators.

Mr. ALLEN of Cumberland: Mr. President, I am not supposed to know anything about marine worms. I am certainly not up here this morning to put an amendment on or to put hand signals on the marine worm bill.

Nevertheless, seriously speaking, there are a number of my constituents in Cumberland County who are vitally interested in this bill and I know it comes as a great shock to the Senator from Washington to find me on the same side as he happens to be on this measure, but it happens to be that this bill is very worthwhile and I would like, on behalf of my constituents in my county, to support the motion of Senator Palmer to accept the Minority Report of the Committee.

Mr. BROWN of Washington: Mr. President and members of the Senate, the only thing I will say in rebuttal is just the story that our Honorable Chairman wasn't there perhaps all of the time but we passed that eight to two and my only argument is that it breaks this whole thing down of protecting the town laws. They all have worm laws and they all have clam laws.

If we pass this bill as it is, it makes a precedent and breaks the story and when the vote is taken, Mr. President, I ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Knox, Senator Sleeper that the Senate accept the Minority Report "Ought to Pass," and a division has been requested.

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-three having voted in the affirmative and five opposed, the Ought to Pass report was accepted in non-concurrence, the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of the C. C. Smith Company, Inc.," (S. P. 475) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Aurora," (S. P. 210) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Smart from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Henry J. Deabay, of Ashland," (S. P. 501) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. McKusick from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Town's Share of Aid to Dependent Children Grant," (S. P. 44) (L. D. 46) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Howard P. Fairfield, of Skowhegan," (S. P. 144) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Julius Moskowitz, of Presque Isle," (S. P. 142) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Eathel F. Rowe, of Aurora," (S. P. 471) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, and the resolves laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Timothy J. Murphy of Hallowell," (S. P. 298) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolve laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

The Majority of the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Joseph T. Sewall, of Wiscasset," (S. P. 146) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Senators:

SMART of Hancock
WEEKS of Cumberland
TURGEON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

FOGG of Madison
HALL of Calais
GOWELL of Berwick
POTTER of Medway
INGRAHAM of Rockport

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter

reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Representatives:

GAY of Damariscotta

HAMILTON of Hartland

On motion by Mr. Palmer of Lincoln, the resolve and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending acceptance of either report.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Provide Fire Protection for Connor Township." (H. P. 394) (L. D. 230)

Bill "An Act Relating to Running Horse Racing in the Daytime." (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 580)

Bill "An Act Relating to Power of Private Vocational Schools to Hold Property." (H. P. 1257) (L. D. 831)

Bill "An Act Relating to Rules and Regulations Issued by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game." (H. P. 1791) (L. D. 1360)

Bill "An Act Relating to Use and Possession of Gill Nets in the Fish River Chain of Lakes." (H. P. 1792) (L. D. 1259)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Trespassing on Commercial or Residential Property." (S. P. 411) (L. D. 971)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Aroostook County." (S. P. 420) (L. D. 980)

Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Dentists and Dental Hygienists." (S. P. 567) (L. D. 1361)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

Bill "An Act Relating to Elevator Inspection Fees." (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 577)

Bill "An Act Relating to Boards of Registration in Towns Under Three Thousand Five Hundred Inhabitants and to Time of Registration of Voters in Towns." (H. P. 1688) (L. D. 1263)

Resolve, in Favor of Guy L. Chretien, of Westbrook." (H. P. 815) (L. D. 1327)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, tabled pending final passage.)

"Resolve, in Favor of Arthur H. Molasky of Gorham." (H. P. 880) (L. D. 1328)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, tabled pending final passage.)

Resolve, to Reimburse Percy E. Severance, of Hampden, for Taxes, Etc." (H. P. 965) (L. D. 1329)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, tabled pending final passage.)

"Resolve, to Reimburse Freeport Grain Company for Damage Done by Escapee." (H. P. 1523) (L. D. 1331)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, tabled pending final passage.)

Resolve, in Favor of Arthur W. McLellan, of Topsfield." (H. P. 1559) (L. D. 1332)

"Resolve, in Favor of C. H. Mallory, of Strong." (H. P. 1569) (L. D. 1334)

"Resolve, in Favor of Dwight D. Dixon, of Clinton." (H. P. 1604) (L. D. 1335)

"Resolve, in Favor of Florence Goodwin, of Clinton." (H. P. 1625) (L. D. 1184)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, tabled pending final passage.)

"Resolve, in Favor of W. I. Hamilton, of Bath." (H. P. 1648) (L. D. 1336)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, tabled pending final passage.)

Which bills were severally passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Committee Report "Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment A" from the Committee on Education on bill, An Act Providing for General Purpose Educational Aid to Cities, Towns, Plantations and Community School Districts (S. P. 263) (L. D. 551) tabled by that Senator on March 15th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. MCKUSICK: Mr. President, I am taking this from the table

this morning for the purpose of offering an amendment and after I explain the amendment I am also going to request that it be retabled in order that there may be discussion if desired at the beginning of next week.

The amendment has two more or less important matters involved. It repeals Section 202 of the school law, which is the school census law, and is offered to bring the new law in conformity with the appropriation bill 1272 in its present condition in which the school appropriations are all in one package. It also provides for the striking out of the paragraph in 551 which provides for the four year levelling off period and offers in place that the allocations made this fall in 1951 shall be made according to the provisions of the present law and that the formula if adopted will take effect in 1952.

I am asking that this bill be laid on the table again in order that the amendment may be reproduced so that it can be compared with the present bill and readily understood. You will also find on your desks this morning this tabulation which I had prepared and which contains some information which may be of interest. It is our desire that this be thoroughly understood and not in any way rushed along. I asked the department to prepare this tabulation in which you will find five columns. The amendment provides for the distribution of the money this fall under the present law, so the first column provides for that distribution under L. D. 1272 which is your appropriation bill. Of necessity this is somewhat of an estimate. Under our present law the classified funds have been allocated, the other allocations are dependent on the returns the superintendents will make June 30th, or July 1st, whichever you prefer.

Mr. Kenney of the department has made as careful an estimate as possible and I have confidence it is reasonably accurate. The second column provides for the distribution as it would occur in 1952 under the formula and in accordance with L. D. 1272, money available. For comparison it is also given in the last three columns. Number three would give the allot-

ment under the formula without the school census, number four would give the amount of the school census, and number five would give the two columns added together. I had that made so that you might be able to compare columns two and five.

I think that with that explanation I would present an amendment and move its adoption and I would also move that the amendment and the bill be laid on the table.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, speaking to the amendment motion, could the Senator from Piscataquis turn to page ten and read for us the summary that goes with each of those five columns? I think the individual amounts of cities and towns are of interest but I think there is more general interest in knowing what the sum-total of each of those five columns is state-wide.

Mr. McKUSICK: Mr. President, I haven't at hand the figures for the school census. I think in column one very closely conforms to 1272, the appropriation for that year, and I think in columns two and five the total would be very close to the appropriation for that year. Does that answer the question?

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I am sure I am confused on it and very likely the sensible procedure is to talk with the Senator after adjournment.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Piscataquis, Senator McKusick, moves that the Senate accept the Ought to Pass report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The Ought to Pass report of the Committee was accepted and the bill was given its first reading.

Committee Amendment A was read: "Amend said bill by striking out the underlined word 'and' after the underlined figures '1950' in the 19th line thereof. Further amend said bill by adding before the period at the end of the second paragraph of that part designated 'Section 201' the underlined words 'and financial reports for that school year'."

Thereupon the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending the motion of the Senator from Piscataquis, Sena-

tor McKusick, that the Senate adopt Senate Amendment A.

The PRESIDENT: It is understood that Senate Amendment A will be reproduced.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways (S. P. 564) (L. D. 1357) tabled by that Senator on May 3rd pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. CROSBY: Mr. President, in 1949 we sent out a referendum to the people and it was accepted by them so that at the present time we do not have to amend the Constitution to issue bonds for highway and bridge construction. It simply goes to the people for ratification. We had the Bangor-Brewer resolve rewritten and I have an amendment on the highway bond issue that will make that conform with the act passed in 1949 and the bond issue as carried in the Bangor-Brewer project. I present Senate Amendment A and move its adoption.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now recess for a few minutes.

The motion to recess prevailed.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, that Senator was granted permission to withdraw Senate Amendment A; and on

further motion by the same Senator the bill was retabled pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Vital Statistics (S. P. 401) (L. D. 949) tabled by that Senator on April 25 pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House in the passing of the bill to be engrossed, as amended by House Amendment D.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Imposing a Personal Income Tax (H. P. 1133) (L. D. 666) tabled by that Senator on May 3 pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report Ought Not to Pass from the Committee on Taxation on bill, An Act Proposing an Additional Corporate Franchise Tax (H. P. 1031) (L. D. 602) tabled by that Senator on April 19 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator the Ought Not to Pass report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin

Adjourned until Monday, May 7 at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time.