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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 17, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. John Brett Ford of Bangor.

The Members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Control Vesicular Diseases" (S. P. 217) (L. D. 583)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Licensing of Life Insurance Agents" (S. P. 218) (L. D. 584)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Wesley Ramsey of South Portland (S. P. 245)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Court Records and Official Court Reporters" (S. P. 219) (L. D. 585)

Bill "An Act Removing Violations of the Liquor Law from the Criminal Law" (S. P. 221) (L. D. 587)

Bill "An Act Amending the Law Creating the Legislative Research Committee" (S. P. 222) (L. D. 588)

Resolve Authorizing Arthur W. Bushey of Waterville, John Tibbetts, Archie Leeman and Oscar Bradstreet, all of Palermo, to Sue the State of Maine (S. P. 220) (L. D. 586)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Commission Functions" (S. P. 223) (L. D. 593)

Bill "An Act relating to Delisting and Discontinuance of Purchasing Liquor by the Commission" (S. P. 224) (L. D. 592)

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor in State Stores" (S. P. 225) (L. D. 591)

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Commission Discussions and Decisions" (S. P. 226) (L. D. 590)

Bill "An Act relating to Numbers Boards in State Stores" (S. P. 227) (L. D. 589)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams and Quahogs" (S. P. 228) (L. D. 594)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Determine Liability and Responsibility of Drivers of Fire Apparatus" (S. P. 229) (L. D. 603)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Register of Probate of Hancock County" (S. P. 230) (L. D. 602)

Bill "An Act relating to Advances to Officers for Interstate Travel Expenses Incurred in the Administration of Criminal Justice" (S. P. 231) (L. D. 601)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Treasurer of Cumberland County" (S. P. 232) (L. D. 600)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Deputy Treasurer of the County of Cumberland" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 599)

Bill "An Act Repealing Law on Measure and Sale of Charcoal" (S. P. 234) (L. D. 598)

Bill "An Act Repealing Laws on Street Sprinkling" (S. P. 235) (L. D. 597)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Register of Probate of Hancock County" (S. P. 236) (L. D. 596)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Clerks in Office of Register of Deeds, Oxford County" (S. P. 237) (L. D. 595)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ray Morris of St. Francis (S. P. 264)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Colby Whittemore of Sebec (S. P. 265)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Earl Whittemore of Sebec (S. P. 266)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Welfare.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to Manufacture of Non-Alcoholic Beverages" (H. P. 712) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Etna)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Proceeds from Sale of Carcass of Diseased Animals" (H. P. 713) (Presented by Mr. Emerson of Corinna)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing Law relating to Record of Advertised Stallions" (H. P. 714) (Presented by Mr. Taylor of Norridgewock)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bingham (H. P. 715) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Moscow (H. P. 725) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bingham (H. P. 716) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Sullivan (H. P. 717) (Presented by Mr. Butler of Franklin)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Whitefield (H. P. 718) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Whitefield)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Jefferson for Conveyance of School Children (H. P. 719) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act relating to Entrances to Highways" (H. P. 720) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Mexico (H. P. 721) (Presented by Mr. Small of Mexico)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Dixfield (H. P. 722) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of a New Road from Jackman to Holeb (H. P. 723) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl. by request)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Money for Repair and Maintenance of Bridge Over Moose River (H. P. 724) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of South Thomaston (H. P. 726) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Inland Fish and Game Wardens"

(H. P. 727) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Mapleton and Chapman Game Preserve" (H. P. 728) (Presented by Mr. Lovely of Westfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Discharge of Firearms at Humans While Hunting" (H. P. 729) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Hunting Deer" (H. P. 730) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Application for Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 731) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Wearing Red Material While Hunting" (H. P. 732) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Oxford County (H. P. 733) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Jim Pond, Franklin and Somerset Counties (H. P. 734) (Presented by Mr. Harnden of Rangeley by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Chain of Ponds, Franklin County (H. P. 735) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake (H. P. 736) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Kennebago Stream or River, Franklin County, to Fly Fishing (H. P. 737) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Pushaw Pond in the County of Penobscot (H. P. 783) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for Smallmouth Black Bass on Mount Desert Island (H. P. 738) (Pre-

sented by Mr. Peterson of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Water Works Pond in the Town of Brunswick (H. P. 739) (Presented by Mr. Senter of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Sandy Stream in the County of Somerset to All Fishing (H. P. 740) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Heald Stream, Somerset County, to All Fishing (H. P. 741) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing the East Branch of Sandy Stream, Somerset County, to All Fishing (H. P. 742) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Big Indian Pond, Franklin County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 743) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Upper Churchill Stream in Somerset to All Fishing (H. P. 744) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Miss Cormier of Rumford, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Reorganization of Office of Treasurer of State" (H. P. 745) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Repealing the Constitutional Provisions relating to the Office of Treasurer of State (H. P. 746) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Attorney General" (H. P. 747) (Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Repealing the Constitutional Provisions relating to the

Office of Attorney General (H. P. 748) (Presented by same gentleman) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act Designating Fluorosis and Fluoride Poisoning as an Occupational Disease" (H. P. 749) (Presented by Mr. Senter of Brunswick) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Elevators" (H. P. 750) (Presented by Mr. Turner of Auburn) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Medical and Legal Expenses Under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 751) (Presented by Mr. Letourneau of Sanford) (750 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 752) (Presented by Mr. Hand of New Limerick) (1000 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Employer's Experience Classification" (H. P. 753) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook) (1000 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Benefit Eligibility Conditions" (H. P. 754) (Presented by same gentleman) (1000 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Maine Employment Security Law as to Definition of Employing Unit" (H. P. 755) (Presented by same gentleman) (1000 Copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Town, City and Village By-laws and Ordinances relating to Buildings and Structures" (H. P. 756) (Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Pari Mutual Pool Contributions and Night Running Racing" (H. P. 757) (Presented by Mr. Gilman of Portland) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor" (H. P. 758) (Presented by Mr. Higgins of Scarborough by request) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Health

Bill "An Act relating to Renewal of Licenses for Barbering, Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 759) (Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland) (750 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements for Registration for Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 760) (Presented by same gentleman) (750 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Students in Schools of Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 761) (Presented by same gentleman) (750 Copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act relating to Fluoride in Public Water Supplies" (H. P. 762) (Presented by Mr. Senter of Brunswick) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Compulsory Plugging of Lobsters" (H. P. 763) (Presented by Mr. Gilman of Portland by request) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Sea and Shore Fisheries Coastal Wardens" (H. P. 764) (Presented by Mr. Stanwood of Steuben by request) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Exempting Towns from Gasoline Tax" (H. P. 765) (Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Amend Sales and Use Tax Law as Respects Manufacturers" (H. P. 766) (Presented by Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Petition for Inspection of Schools" (H. P. 767) (Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Farm Trucks" (H. P. 768) (Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo)

(Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act relating to Earth Movers" (H. P. 769) (Presented by Mr. Clanchette of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act Requiring Certain Truck Owners to File Names of Agents for Certain Purposes" (H. P. 770) (Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve providing for State Pension for Charles E. Rankin of Franklin (H. P. 771) (Presented by Mr. Butler of Franklin)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Pearl Crummett of Newcastle (H. P. 772) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Whitefield)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Stephen G. Johnson of Old Orchard Beach (H. P. 773) (Presented by Mrs. Downing of North Kennebunkport)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Blanche M. Dunlap of Bangor (H. P. 774) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Bangor)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Velma Lawler of Oakfield (H. P. 775) (Presented by Mr. Hand of New Limerick)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Clarence Thomas of Rumford Point (H. P. 776) (Presented by Mr. Kelly of Rumford)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Alice Sirois of Old Town (H. P. 777) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Joseph Chouinard of Old Town (H. P. 778) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Alabama Dumphy of Highland Plantation (H. P. 779) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Maurice Albert of Madawaska (H. P. 780) (Presented by Mr. Wylie of Madawaska)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Laurence Bouchard of St. Agatha (H. P. 781) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Artheline Doucette of Madawaska (H. P. 782) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Tondreau of Brunswick, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Edmund J. Soucy of Brunswick be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 26, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Bridgton, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Emmet W. Rankin of Bridgton, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 8, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson of Hanover, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Charles L. Pendleton of Bethel be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House tomorrow, February 18, 1953.

On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that congratulations be extended to Representative Paul A. Couture of Lewiston on his recent election as Alderman in the City of Lewiston.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to enter in "Appendix A" of the House Journal, which shall be a part of the Journal, the information contained in the communications from the Secretary of State required by Section 19 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes; also appointments made by the Speaker when the Legislature is not in session.

Mr. Fickett of Naples, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the House is informed of the birth of a grandson on February 14, 1953 to Representative Howard W. Call of Cumberland;

AND WHEREAS, the Members of the House are much pleased and wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Call;

BE IT ORDERED, that the baby boy be named Francis Howard Parker, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to send to Mr. Call of Cumberland an attested copy of this Order.

The Order received passage. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Refer to Committee on Public Health

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Law of Manufacture and Sale of Bedding and Upholstered Furniture" (H. P. 147) (L. D. 159) reported that same be referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Public Health and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc., for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 42) (L. D. 43)

Mr. Jacobs from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Bonds of the State to Refund Kennebec Bridge Loan Bonds" (H. P. 40) (L. D. 41)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Claims reported same on Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Pay Certain Claims (H. P. 90) (L. D. 94)

Mr. Potter from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Carroll L. McKusick of Parkman (H. P. 159) (L. D. 733)

Mr. Evans from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act relating to

Payment to Oxford County Law Library" (H. P. 36) (L. D. 30)

Mr. Scott from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Mayor of the City of Augusta" (H. P. 153) (L. D. 149)

Reports were read and accepted, and the Bills and Resolves, having already been printed, the Bills were read twice under suspension of the rules, the Resolves read once under suspension of the rules, and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to State Stipend for Counties and Towns" (H. P. 113) (L. D. 115) 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. 113, L. D. 115, Bill "An Act Relating to State Stipend for Counties and Towns."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined word "towns" in the fifth line thereof.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Bluehill-George Stevens Academy" (H. P. 114) (L. D. 116) 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. 114, L. D. 116 Bill "An Act Relating to Bluehill-George Stevens Academy."

Amend said Bill by striking out the word "Bluehill" in the Title thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words 'Blue Hill'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the last line of the fourth paragraph thereof the underlined word "Bluehill" and inserting in the place thereof the underlined words 'Blue Hill.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Tabled

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Town Dumps" (H. P. 73) (L. D. 69) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion of Mr. Moulton of Sweden, tabled pending first reading of the Bill.)

Mr. Stewart of Portland from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Certain City Officials of Eastport" (H. P. 188) (L. D. 199) 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. 188, L. D. 199, Bill "An Act Relating to Appointment of Certain City Officials of Eastport."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following paragraphs:

Referendum; effective date; return to secretary of state. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Eastport at the next regular city election to be held within 1 year of the effective date of this act, an appropriate article being inserted in the warrant for such election. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to Appointment of Certain City Officials of Eastport, passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted?" and the voters

shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Eastport and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided, however, that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 25% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Base Period' Under Employment Security Law" (S. P. 34) (L. D. 37)

Bill "An Act relating to Guide's License" (S. P. 78) (L. D. 185)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Parked Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 289) (L. D. 274)

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 290) (L. D. 275)

Bill "An Act relating to Mirror Attached to Passenger Cars" (H. P. 291) (L. D. 276)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Motor Vehicle License by Operator" (H. P. 293) (L. D. 278)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

(On motion of Mr. Traiton of Auburn, tabled pending third reading.)

Orders of the Day

On motion of Mr. Hand of New Limerick, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, Joint Order relative to Reapportionment of Repre-

sentatives (S. P. 157) tabled by that gentleman on February 10, pending consideration.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should have a committee on apportionment of Representatives from the House. I have not had time to present either an amendment to this Joint Order or have I had time to prepare, perhaps, a new order.

Therefore, I move that this order be retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, now moves that Joint Order relative to Reapportionment of Representatives, Senate Paper 157, be tabled pending consideration and specially assigned for tomorrow morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Joint Order with accompanying papers was so tabled and assigned.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Woolwich, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve relating to the Protection of Smelts in the Montsweag River (S. P. 53) (L. D. 81) tabled by that gentleman on February 12, pending passage to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Fuller of Bangor was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It has been brought to my attention that there appeared in the Portland Sunday Telegram of last Sunday in the column entitled "Maine Politics" the following statement: "The rumors are ugly but persistent that money is being passed around in both the State House and the Augusta House rooms by at least one lobbyist."

If it is a fact that any legislative agent or any legislative counsel has used improper means to influence Legislators or other office holders, there are ways to deal with the situation without reflecting on the

members of the lobby generally. They have a right to resent this statement. By its indefiniteness, it reflects on the members of the Legislature, in general, and also on the members of the Executive branch of the State Government.

Let us hope that we can complete our Legislative duties without this sort of thing being repeated.

Mr. Fuller of South Portland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I am informed that there are in the office of the Director of Legislative Research over two hundred bills and resolves awaiting your signature. The members, I think, know where the office of the Director of Legislative Research is located, Mr. Samuel Slosberg.

Members, your Speaker and your Floor Leaders would appreciate it if you would get those bills, sign them and put them in the hopper so that they may go through the Legislative mill as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, would it be in order to request the Clerk to read the order tabled by the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, at this time?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it certainly is in order and the Clerk will read the order if there is no objection. The Chair hears none and the Clerk may proceed.

The CLERK: The original order with the amendment has been reproduced and distributed to the Members' desks. The amendment was also distributed to the Members' desks.

The original Order: "ORDERED, the House concurring, that a joint select committee be created, consisting of seven on the part of the Senate and sixteen on the part of the House, for the purpose of preparing and reporting to this Legislature on or before March 12, 1953, an enumeration of the number of inhabitants of the state, by counties, and by cities, towns, and plantations within each county, together

with a bill apportioning representatives in accordance with such enumeration of inhabitants; both in accordance and compliance with Sections 2 and 3 of Article IV, Part First, of the Constitution.

“As a basis for recommending the apportionment of representatives among the several counties and within the counties, the committee shall first ascertain the number of inhabitants as of the present time, as provided in Section 2 of Article IV, Part First, of the Constitution, and for this purpose is authorized to use the Federal Census of 1950, with such modifications and adjustments as may be required to reflect accurately the changes in the number of inhabitants since the date of taking of said Federal Census. (S. P. 157)”

The amendment, Senate Amendment “A” to Senate Paper 157, Joint

Order relative to Reapportionment of Representatives, dated February 4, 1953: “Amend said Order by striking out the period at the end of the 2nd paragraph thereof and adding the following: ‘, or to use any other method of enumeration which it may deem more accurate and which is consistent with its duty to report seasonably for deliberate action by this legislature.’”

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

If there is no further business to come before the House at this time, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Butler of Franklin,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.