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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 25, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gordon Buzza of Winthrop.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of the Town of Gouldsboro (S. P. 287) (L. D. 956)

Resolve in favor of the Madawaska Training School (S. P. 345) (L. D. 958)

Resolve Appropriating Funds for Related and Supplemental Instruction Under Voluntary Apprenticeship Law (S. P. 346) (L. D. 959)

Resolve providing for a Study Relative to Use of Television for Educational Purposes (S. P. 347) (L. D. 960)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Repealing the Unfair Sales Act" (S. P. 348) (L. D. 961)

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 Lewis M. Mooers of Gardiner (S. P. 349) (L. D. 962)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve Reimbursing Ira B. Hagan of Ellsworth Falls, for Storage of State Highway Equipment (S. P. 350) (L. D. 963)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Pauper Settlement of Parents of Children Receiving Aid to Dependent Children" (S. P. 299) (L. D. 915)

Bill "An Act relating to Indeterminate Sentences for Certain Crimes" (S. P. 300) (L. D. 916)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Old Town Finance Corporation" (S. P. 301) (L. D. 917)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Fidelity Finance Company" (S. P. 302) (L. D. 918)

Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Weapons by Private Detectives" (S. P. 303) (L. D. 919)

Bill "An Act Declaring all Court Papers, Books and Records Pertaining to Adoption Confidential and Providing for Release Thereof" (S. P. 304) (L. D. 920)

Bill "An Act relating to Arrests Without Warrant" (S. P. 305) (L. D. 922)

Bill "An Act to Create the Waterville Parking District" (S. P. 307) (L. D. 925)

Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Clerks of the Judicial Courts by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine" (S. P. 308) (L. D. 914)

Bill "An Act Amending the Election Laws" (S. P. 309) (L. D. 926)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Aetna Finance Company of Maine" (S. P. 310) (L. D. 923)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Aetna Loan Company of Maine" (S. P. 311) (L. D. 924)

Bill "An Act relating to Development Credit Corporation of Maine" (S. P. 312) (L. D. 913)

Bill "An Act relating to Voting at Cliff Island" (S. P. 314) (L. D. 911)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Cremation of Bodies After Death" (S. P. 353) (L. D. 964)

Bill "An Act Defining the Practice of Law" (S. P. 354) (L. D. 965)

Bill "An Act relating to the Trial Term of the Superior Court in Sagadahoc County" (S. P. 355) (L. D. 966)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the

Governor's Council (S. P. 306) (L. D. 921)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Liberalize Limitation of Municipal Indebtedness (S. P. 313) (L. D. 912)

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 to Clarify the Employment Security Law" (S. P. 356) (L. D. 967)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to State Liquor Warehouse and Wholesale Store" (S. P. 357) (L. D. 968)

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 Amending the Charter of the Waterville Sewerage District" (S. P. 326) (L. D. 927)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Rockland Municipal Court" (S. P. 358) (L. D. 973)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Certain Officers of Knox County" (S. P. 359) (L. D. 969)

Bill "An Act relating to Emergency Municipal Finance Board" (S. P. 360) (L. D. 970)

Bill "An Act to Provide Fire Protection and Public Services in Designated Territory" (S. P. 361) (L. D. 971)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court" (S. P. 362) (L. D. 972)

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:

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Laws relating to Teams Under Motor Vehicle Laws" (S. P. 270) (L. D. 957)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fee for Boat Trailers" (S. P. 363) (L. D. 974)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for Liberalization of Eligibility Requirements for Old Age Assistance (S. P. 365) (L. D. 975)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Anna L. Gagan of Lewiston (S. P. 383)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Lynwood R. Bowden of Orland (S. P. 384)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Arthur Swazey of Bucksport (S. P. 385)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Welfare.

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

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Records of Sale of Malt Liquor" (S. P. 136) (L. D. 324)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Punishment of Liquor Licensees" (S. P. 139) (L. D. 327)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Contracts for Conditional Sale of Railroad Equipment" (S. P. 64) (L. D. 133) re-

porting same in a new draft (S. P. 283) (L. D. 759) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Certain County Officers" (S. P. 46) (L. D. 58) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to S. P. 46, L. D. 58, Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Certain County Officers."

Amend said Bill by striking out the stricken out word "monthly" in the 6th line of section 1 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'monthly or'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the stricken out word "monthly" in the 5th line of section 2 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'monthly or'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the stricken out word "monthly" in the 5th line of section 3 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'monthly or'

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to the Biennial Revision of Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws" (H. P. 151) (L. D. 148) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 11.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes, in the balcony of the Hall of the House, the presence of a group of four girls from Troop 12 of the Girl Scouts, from Brunswick, Maine, and it is our custom to extend to you a very cordial and a hearty welcome, and almost in the same breath I will have to ask you to excuse yourselves, as well as those at the rear of the Hall of the House, for a few minutes in order that the picture of the House may be taken at this time.

However, we do hope the Girl Scouts from Troop 12, Brunswick, will reappear as soon as the picture is taken, as well as the rest of you.

The House may be at ease. (Applause)

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 29) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Revolving Fund for Administration of Social Security for Political Subdivisions of State" (H. P. 1007) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Deception as to Prices of Engine Fuel or Lubricating Oils" (H. P. 1014) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Facsimile Signatures upon Corporate Obligations" (H. P. 1015) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act relating to Reimbursement to Towns for Snow Removal" (H. P. 1016) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Liability of Sheriffs for Acts of Deputies" (H. P. 1017) (Presented by Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Unauthorized Use of Communications" (H. P. 1020) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Political Party Representation on State Boards and Commissions" (H. P. 1021) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Improper Use of Stockholders' Lists" (H. P. 1022) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act" (H. P. 1023) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Requiring Professional Bondsmen to be Licensed and Bonded" (H. P. 1024) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Portland by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Naomi G. Davis of Palermo (H. P. 1018) (Presented by Mr. Cole of Liberty)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of a Special Process Committee to Study All Election Laws (H. P. 1019) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products in Taverns" (H. P. 1025) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Advertising" (H. P. 1026) (Presented by Miss Lawry of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey by Sale Certain Interests of the State in Land in Hallowell, Kennebec County (H. P. 1027) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Tax on Telegraph Companies" (H. P. 1028) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Helen J. Lindsay of Damariscotta (H. P. 1029) (Presented by Mr. Hilton of Bremen)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Travis of Westbrook, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, be requested to immediately appoint a tax panel of five members who shall study our State taxation system and report to the 96th Legislature within 60 days with such recommendations as they deem practical and expedient for improving our present set-up.

The members of this panel shall serve without compensation and be entitled to expenses from the general fund.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. **FULLER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is the order that I told you in Republican Caucus that you might expect.

In the first place, it is an impossible order. You can imagine studying the tax situation in the State of Maine in sixty days, and it would cost a tremendous amount of money and gain no particular advantage, as I see it. Therefore, I move the indefinite postponement of this order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves the indefinite postponement of this order. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Miss Lawry of Rockland, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. George Wood of Rockland, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 18, 1953.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Watson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Upper Dam Pool, County of Oxford (H. P. 264) (L. D. 294) reported leave to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Liquor Control reported leave to withdraw on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Malt Liquor in Non-Returnable Bottles" (H. P. 351) (L. D. 367)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Rich of Charleston, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Liquor Control reported leave to withdraw on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Malt Liquor in Non-Returnable Bottles" (H. P. 350) (L. D. 363)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Edward Carrier of Rumford (H. P. 494)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Currier from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Creating Placentia Island, Hancock County, as a Game Preserve" (H. P. 213) (L. D. 240)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Reynolds of Northeast Harbor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Harnden from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moosehead Lake (H. P. 166) (L. D. 210)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Harnden from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Creating Sutton Island, Hancock County, as a Game Preserve" (H. P. 212) (L. D. 239)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Reynolds of Northeast Harbor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Watson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Closing Little Lary Brook and Evans Brook, Oxford County, to all Fishing" (H. P. 43) (L. D. 44)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Watson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Porter Lake, Franklin County (H. P. 65) (L. D. 61)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Dodge of Strong, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 4.)

Mr. Watson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Gill Nets

in First Debsconeag Lake and Thoroughfare, in Piscataquis County" (H. P. 97) (L. D. 99)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Whitney from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer on Cranberry Isles, Hancock County" (H. P. 410) (L. D. 459)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Reynolds of Northeast Harbor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Requirements of Deeds" (H. P. 28) (L. D. 22)

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Natural Resources reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Slash" (H. P. 276) (L. D. 263)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Moulton from the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory (H. P. 146) (L. D. 144) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 146, L. D. 144, Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory.

Amend said Resolve by striking out all of those parts which relate to T. 17, R. 5, W.E.L.S., Aroostook county, and inserting in place thereof, the following:

T. 17, R. 5, W.E.L.S., Aroostook county

W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 293 (46.50 acres) and $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided Lot 288 (10 acres) Hanson survey; reference deeds Aroostook Registry, Books 69, page 45 and 89 page 374, containing 56.50 acres, more or less.

Sell W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 293 (46.50 acres) to Paul Guerette for \$73.50; sell balance with parcel in T. 17, R. 5, W.E.L.S., listed below upon the terms noted below.

T. 17, R. 5, W.E.L.S., Aroostook county

Lot 290 (26.36 acres); lot 287 (22 acres); lot 289 (24 acres), containing 72.36 acres, more or less.

Sell with $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided Lot 288 in T. 17, R. 5, W.E.L.S. listed above, to Hampy Theriault for \$252.03.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of those parts which relate to Albany Township, Oxford county, and inserting in place thereof, the following:

'Albany Township, Oxford county

Part lot 8, R. 7, bounded N. by discontinued road; E. & S. by Susan G. Edwards; W. by Valley Road, reference deed Oxford Registry, book 482, page 320, with buildings, containing 0.17 acre more or less.

Sell to highest bidder for not less than \$40.

Albany Township, Oxford county

Part lot 7, R. 4, bounded N. by L. J. Andrews; E. by Albert McAllister and road; S. by road to Andrews place; W. by Town House and Hunt's Corner Road. Reference, deed Oxford Registry, book 415, page 15, with buildings, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Sell to Ray Lapham for \$180.00.

Albany Township, Oxford county

Lot in Lot 8, R. 7 bounded: N. by National Forest, E. & S. by W. H. McAllister, W. by road, with buildings, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Sell to Raynor K. Brown for \$111.35.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out all of those parts which relate to Trescott Township, Washington county, and inserting in place thereof, the following:

Trescott Township, Washington county

In S. Range, W. Division: Lots 10 and 11 Jones' Revised Plan. Reference, deed Washington Registry, Book 476, page 264, containing 200 acres, more or less.

Sell to Ronald E. Denbow for \$267.08 and if he does not pay such amount within 60 days from effective date of this resolve, sell to highest bidder for not less than \$270.

Trescott Township, Washington county

Lot in S. R., E. Division, bounded N. by Heirs of Raymond Denbow, Hazel O. Jones, S. by Cutler Road, W. by George Moores; according to Jones' plan, revised; with buildings, containing 12 acres, more or less.

Sell to Almon Farmer for \$94.54.

Trescott Township, Washington county

S. parts Lots 15 and 16, R. 1, E.; bounded N. by Harry Gilpatrick and Raymond Hall; E. by Fred B. and James E. Jones; S. by own land; W. by Haycock's Harbor Road, with buildings (19 acres); part lot 54, E. of Haycock's Harbor Road (50 acres); part lot 6, R. 2, bounded N. by R. L. Owens; E. by Albert McLaughlin; S. by Lubec Road; W. by Charles McCarty (25 acres); all according to Jones Plan, revised, containing 94 acres, more or less.

Sell to Harmon Jones for \$145.31 and if he does not pay such amount within 60 days from effective date of this resolve, sell to highest bidder for not less than \$150.

Trescott Township, Washington county

Part Lots 35 and 43, R. 2, bounded N. by East Stream, E. by Lauren Pressley, A. R. Card, S. by A. R. Card, W. by McLellan Road, Lauren Pressley and H. E. Saunders; with bldgs. (50 acres); W. ½ Lot 42 and Lot 43, S. Range (110 acres) Jones' plan, revised, containing 169 acres, more or less. Excepting all but W ½ Lots 42 and 43, 110 acres.

Sell to Harmon Jones for \$73.83 and if he does not pay such amount within 60 days from effective date of this resolve, sell to highest bidder not less than \$75.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve was assigned for second reading tomorrow.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Time of Maturity of Negotiable Instruments" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 129)

Was 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 to Require that a Modern Mortality Table be Used in Inheritance Tax Calculations" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 189)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton.

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be tabled before the third reading, for the purpose of offering an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton, moves that Bill "An Act to Require that a Modern Mortality Table be Used in Inheritance Tax Calculations" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 189) lie on the table unassigned, pending third reading. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Bill was so tabled.

Bill "An Act relating to Violations of Use Fuel and Motor Carrier Tax Laws" (S. P. 83) (L. D. 190)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Revising and Amending Provisions of Tax Exemptions on Property" (S. P. 142) (L. D. 342)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Tax Exemptions for Amputee Veterans" (S. P. 55) (L. D. 83)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Mortgages and Other Disposition of Corporate Property" (S. P. 60) (L. D. 126)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 49) (L. D. 50)

Bill "An Act relating to Oaths, Acknowledgments and Nominations of Guardians in Probate Court" (H. P. 72) (L. D. 68)

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 and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Elevator under Board of Elevator Rules" (H. P. 185) (L. D. 180)

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

(On motion of Mr. Travis of Westbrook, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 3)

Bill "An Act relating to Funeral Expenses of Deceased Recipients of Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 198) (L. D. 208)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Stacyville" (H. P. 239) (L. D. 220)

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

(On motion of Mr. Potter of Medway, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for the next legislative day)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerks for Voting District in Town of Cranberry Isles" (H. P. 240) (L. D. 221)

Bill "An Act relating to Clarification of Secondary School Tuition" (H. P. 252) (L. D. 282)

Bill "An Act relating to Length of School Year" (H. P. 253) (L. D. 283)

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 Until Later in Today's Session

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Schools" (H. P. 254) (L. D. 284)

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

(On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, tabled pending third reading and made a special order of business for later in today's session.)

Bill "An Act Repealing the School Building Assistance Commission" (H. P. 255) (L. D. 285)

Bill "An Act relating to Rental for the Winthrop Municipal Court" (H. P. 284) (L. D. 269)

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

Amended

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Judge and Recorder of Bath Municipal Court" (H. P. 286) (L. D. 271)

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

Mr. Legard of Bath presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 286, L. D. 271, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of Judge and Recorder of Bath Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the 1st line thereof the following underlined abbreviation and figure: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof a new section to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Retroactive to January 1, 1953. The provisions of this act

shall be retroactive to January 1, 1953.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act relating to School Bands and Other Organized Activities" (H. P. 287) (L. D. 272)

Bill "An Act Repealing Simpson's Pond Bird Sanctuary" (H. P. 327) (L. D. 395)

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Purposes of New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company and Changing Its Name to Somerset Telephone Company" (H. P. 437) (L. D. 497)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Waterford (H. P. 92) (L. D. 979)

Resolve in favor of Henry J. Deabay of Ashland (H. P. 140) (L. D. 977)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Kennebunkport (H. P. 162) (L. D. 161)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Ponds in Hancock County (H. P. 168) (L. D. 212)

Resolve Regulating the Taking of Smelts in Oxford County (H. P. 331) (L. D. 353)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey the Interest of the State (Maine Forestry District) in a lot of Land in the Town of Brownville (H. P. 352) (L. D. 368)

Resolve Changing Name of Lily Pond, Waldo County (H. P. 353) (L. D. 369)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey the Interest of the State in Lot 102, in St. Agatha (H. P. 354) (L. D. 370)

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

Amended

Resolve in favor of the Town of Waldoboro (H. P. 406) (L. D. 980)

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

Mr. Ludwig of Hope, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 406, L. D. 980, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Waldoboro.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the word "Bridge" in the last line and inserting in place thereof the word 'Mill'.

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Resolve was given its second reading, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Leon C. Roberts and Sons of Winthrop (H. P. 495) (L. D. 978)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in the Kennebec River (H. P. 1013) (L. D. 976)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Divesting Property in Qualifications for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 199) (L. D. 209)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Hospital Aid" (H. P. 334) (L. D. 380)

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

(On motion of Mr. Clements of Belfast, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 4.)

Bill "An Act relating to Propagating Wild Rabbits" (H. P. 409) (L. D. 458)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Madawaska Water District" (H. P. 438) (L. D. 482)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Mosquito Brook, Metallic Brook and Mill Brook, County of Oxford (H. P. 263) (L. D. 293)

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

Bill "An Act Regulating Liquor Advertising" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 202)

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

**Passed to be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

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

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 132 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Financial Provisions of Rockland School District (H. P. 32) (L. D. 26)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 135 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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

An Act relating to Closed Season on Bass in Inland Waters of Cumberland County (H. P. 14) (L. D. 8)

An Act relating to the Power of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation to Install Parking Meters (H. P. 75) (L. D. 71)

An Act relating to Material Borrowed from State Library (H. P. 108) (L. D. 110)

An Act Authorizing City of Old Town to Use Certain Lands of State of Maine (H. P. 109) (L. D. 111)

An Act relating to the Protection of Alewives in the Town of East Machias (H. P. 119) (L. D. 120)

An Act relating to Classification of Coastal Wardens (H. P. 149) (L. D. 146)

An Act relating to Field Trials for Retrieving Dogs (H. P. 163) (L. D. 162)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Tabled and Assigned

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

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Burgess of Limestone, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for the next legislative day.)

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

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

Finally Passed

Resolve relating to the Protection of Smelts in the Montsweag River (S. P. 53) (L. D. 81)

Resolve Authorizing State Librarian to Dispose of Certain Newspapers (H. P. 115) (L. D. 117)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Adams Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 174) (L. D. 169)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Fish from Moosehead Lake," House Paper 27, Legislative Document 21, tabled on February 19 by the gentleman from Moose River Plantation, Mr. Wat-

son, pending acceptance of the report.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Report was 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. 27, L. D. 21, Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Fish from Moosehead Lake."

Amend said bill by striking out all of the last two lines of said bill.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading at the hour of convening tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Joint Order relative to Budget of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and allowing the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game to report to the Legislature recommendations to accomplish maximum efficiency in the Department, tabled on February 24 by the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, pending passage.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I think we are all cognizant of the fact that the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee is, without question, the busiest committee of the Legislature.

This order would relieve them quite a bit and also would not give the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game a blank check, which they now have and which the officers do not want. I, therefore, hope that this order may receive passage.

Thereupon, the Joint Order (H. P. 1031) received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE (of Presque Isle): Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request that the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, defer her motion. The Clerk calls at-

tention to the fact that the House has a specially assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Schools," House Paper 254, Legislative Document 284, tabled for later in today's session by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, pending third reading.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, the House voted to take from the table Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Schools" (H. P. 254) (L. D. 284). The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 254, L. D. 284, Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Schools."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the next to the last line thereof, the underlined punctuation and word "terms".

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter and I would like to speak briefly in regard to that bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, moves to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Divided Report, Majority "Ought not to pass" and Minority "Ought to pass", of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses", House Paper 192, Legislative Document 203, tabled by that gentlewoman on February 19 pending acceptance of either report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman may continue.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, on inquiring of the Liquor Commission in regard to the matter of issuing licenses, I find that they have no restrictions whatever as to population in relation to the number of licenses allowed. Their only restric-

tions are in the matter of the desirability of applicants for licenses. For that reason, it seems to me that there should be something done about this matter.

In the State of Maine, they may have as many licenses as the people who want to secure licenses apply for and it seems to me that this is not a good situation. The more outlets we have, the greater sales we will have in our State and I feel that that is not good. The more sales, the more alcoholism and we find from the report of the Liquor Research Commission issued in 1950 that there are at least 5,000 alcoholics in the State of Maine as of the time of that report.

The Commission also said that they are very much disturbed about the great increase in drinking, they are alarmed, that is the word they used, about the increase in drinking among the young people.

If we were to have fewer outlets or, at least, were not to have more outlets, we would reduce the temptation for alcoholics to drink. Sometimes, just passing by a place where liquor is sold and getting the odor of that liquor is enough to make an alcoholic want to drink where, perhaps, if he were not so closely in contact with that odor he would not drink so much.

According to the figures, I have found that Maine has 2,077 liquor outlets at the present time, places where they can sell on the retail level. In the Town of Ashland, they have 2,370 members and yet, in that town, they have one spirituous and vinous liquor license, that is, a cocktail lounge, one club license, three restaurants, and eight bottled beverage licenses. You can readily see that this makes altogether too many outlets for a small town like that.

In connection with this, I would like to tell a little story that was told to a member of my family by a teacher in the town of Ashland. She said, one day, a little boy came into the school and he said: "I can't buy any dinner today." He said: "My mother drinks and she is in bed drunk and she couldn't give me the money to buy the dinner."

I am sure that this case could be multiplied a thousand times or more in our State of Maine and it is a bad situation. She said that conditions in the schools in Ashland are terrible.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation records show a disturbing increase in crime. Drunkenness accounts for a major part of the duties of the police. To learn about this, read your police reports.

I would like to tell you about the Town of Houlton. In 1941 and '42, they had some liquor outlets. The arrests for intoxication in 1941 were 427, for drunken driving 17. In 1942, arrests for intoxication were 378, for drunken driving 15. In the fall of 1942, Houlton voted dry all across the board and beginning in January 1943 they had a dry period of two years. In 1943, arrests for intoxication were 129 and for drunken driving 11. In 1944, for intoxication 79 and drunken driving 8. You see, it dropped from a high in 1941, a wet year, of 427 to a low of 79 in the second dry year. Then, in 1944, Houlton very unwisely, in my opinion, voted in a liquor store and in 1945, the first year under the liquor store, there were arrests for intoxication of 494, for drunken driving 21, and in 1946, for intoxication 603, and drunken driving, 29.

This clearly indicates that even one community voting dry helped greatly in the police problem of that area. Of course, this is better than having just reduced outlets. This got rid of the outlets for two years and a very marked decrease in police activities resulted.

Now, we are not inclined to think very much about sob stuff but I do want to read some quotations from a letter that I received some time ago from a woman in this city. She said: "I feel a new strength whenever I see your name because I associate it with the abolishment of drink or trying to abolish drinking. My vitality has been so sapped by all that has happened that I cannot even write that which is in my mind. My own grief is terrible but there is still room in my heart to pray for young mothers with drinking husbands, old mothers with drinking fathers and sons." That is only part of the letter which was written to me and I have received

other letters from this same city in regard to the problem in the home because of the drinking of alcoholic beverages.

To my way of thinking, this bill would, at least, put some restriction, not too much, but a little restriction, on the number of outlets and thus, perhaps, reduce a little bit the temptation to drink on the part of a great many people who are spending money for alcoholic beverages that they should be spending in their homes. I move the acceptance of the minority report.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, moves that the Minority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses," House Paper 192, Legislative Document 203, be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No" and "Yes")

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that the minority "Ought to Pass" Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses," House Paper 192, Legislative Document 203, be accepted will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-seven having voted in the affirmative and seventy having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of information.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his point.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask who is responsible for the inserting of the third item under today's notices.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has no knowledge at this time.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, is it all right for me to ask the Clerk who is responsible for having this inserted? To my mind there is no

Committee on Apportionment at this time.

The SPEAKER: For the gentleman's information, under Orders of the Day, the Chair intends to announce the House membership of Apportionment.

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I further ask in my point of information, inasmuch as we do not have a Committee of Apportionment, I am highly desirous of inquiring who inserted this item for the committee to meet when we do not have a committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state at this time that provisions for such a committee have been made by means of a joint order, (S. P. 157) seven on the part of the Senate and sixteen on the part of the House.

The House is continuing under Orders of the Day.

The Chair at this time will make appointments to the Committee on Apportionment on the part of the House. The Clerk will read the appointments.

The CLERK:

JACOBS of Auburn

(Androscoggin)

HAND of New Limerick

(Aroostook)

CENTER of Standish

(Cumberland)

CASWELL of New Sharon

(Franklin)

BUTLER of Franklin

(Hancock)

MARTIN of Augusta

(Kennebec)

WINCHENPAW of Friendship

(Knox)

CHASE of Whitefield

(Lincoln)

FORD of Waterford

(Oxford)

LATNO of Old Town

(Penobscot)

CAMPBELL of Guilford

(Piscatauis)

CAVERLY of Bath

(Sagadahoc)

CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield

(Somerset)

DICKEY of Brooks

(Waldo)

HANSON of Machiasport

(Washington)

BIBBER of Kennebunkport

(York)

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

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

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Bangor.

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.