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Thursday, March 12, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Father Leonard Frechette of Skowhegan.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order,

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to Archie La-Coote, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, on account of compensation, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and also mileage — the same as received by the Passamaquoddy Indian Representative to the 95th Legislature (S. P. 481)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve relating to Winter Sports Development at Mount Blue State Park (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1310)

Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Purchase, for the State, Land in Fairfield (S. P. 468) (L. D. 1311)

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 relating to Loan and Building Associations" (S. P. 469) (L. D. 1312)

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:

Bill "An Act relating to the Commitment to Mental Hospitals" (S. P. 470) (L. D. 1313)

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 Open Air Drive-In and Summer Stock Theaters" (S. P. 471) (L. D. 1314)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Additional Probation Officer for Cumberland County" (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1315)

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.

Senate Reports of Committees Tabled

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Exempt from the Sales and Use Tax Water Sold for Home Consumption" (S. P. 187) (L. D. 430)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Martin of Augusta, the Report, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report in concurrence.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of fifty pupils from the Eighth Grade of the Lincoln School in Augusta, under the supervision of Mrs. Evers, Mr. Arnold Selwood, Principal, and Mr. Joseph E. Blaisdell.

In behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a cordial and hearty welcome. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair is extremely proud and happy today to call to the attention of the House the fact that on his left there are two possible future Maine Speakers of the House of Representatives in the presence of his two sons, Howard Anthony Bates and Bruce Preston Bates. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Out of order and under suspension of the rules, the

Chair is informed that the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, wishes to present an order and move its passage.

Thereupon, Mr. Low presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that Howard Anthony Bates and Bruce Preston Bates serve as Honorary Pages during today's session.

The Order received passage amid the applause of the House.

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to a Revolving Fund to Satisfy Judgments from Motor Vehicle Accidents" (S. P. 280) (L. D. 771) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Authority of Insurance Commissioner to Make Regulations re Health and Accident Insurance" (S. P. 163) (L. D. 409)

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

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Requirements of Group Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies" (S. P. 288) (L. D. 826)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Circuses and Traveling Amusement Shows" (S. P. 239) (L. D. 831)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Cash Reserves in Banks" (S. P. 291) (L. D. 824)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Permitting Savings Banks to Loan on Life Insurance Policies" (S. P. 294) (L. D. 822)

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting same on Resolve to Reimburse the City of South

Portland for Support of Margaret Dawson (S. P. 243) (L. D. 669)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing Law on Measure and Sale of Charcoal" (S. P. 234) (L. D. 598)

Report of same Committee reporting same on 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)

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

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Fire Wards" (S. P. 262) (L. D. 685)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing Laws on Inspection of Leather" (S. P. 278) (L. D. 769)

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

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bills read twice, the Resolve read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Insurance Coverage Required under the Financial Responsibility Law" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 316) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 460) (L. D. 1259) 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 assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Deductible Fire Insurance Policies" (S. P. 107) (L. D. 307) 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. 107, L. D. 307, Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Deductible Fire Insurance Policies."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "and" in the Seventh line thereof the underlined words 'under which he'.

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of a group of Seventh Graders from the Pettengill School in Rumford under the supervision of Mrs. Banas and Mr. Pappas.

In behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a cordial and hearty welcome. (Applause)

On motion of Miss Steeves of Lincoln, Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of the day, in order to permit smoking.

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act to Make Uniform the Legal Hours for Sale of Liquor" (S. P. 137) (L. D. 325) 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" and Senate Amendment "A".

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

(On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, the Bill, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending first reading and was specially assigned for the next legislative day)

Indefinitely Postponed

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Commission Discussions and Decisions" (S. P. 226) (L. D. 590) reporting: "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report and Bill indefinitely postponed.

In the House, Report and Bill were indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Town of Medway (H. P. 63) (L. D. 1176) and Minority Report reporting "Ought to pass" on which the House accepted the Minority Report and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on March 4.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter.

Mr. **POTTER**: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House insist on its former action whereby we accepted the Minority "Ought to pass" report and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, moves that the House insist on its former action whereby the House accepted the Minority Report "Ought to pass" and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on March 4th, and requests a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Town of Freeport (H. P. 500) and Minority Report reporting "Ought to pass" on which the House accepted the Minority Report and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on March 4.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House insist on its former action whereby we accepted the Minority Report "Ought to pass" and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, moves that the House insist on its former action whereby the House accepted the Minority Report "Ought to pass" and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on March 4th and requests a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: At this time there are two papers from the Senate which have been received since the Journal was printed. If there is no objection, these papers will be taken up at this time.

From the Senate: the following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 17, 1953, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 489)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Repealing Resolve Authorizing a Reclassification of Highways. (S. P. 351)

In the Senate today, the Resolve was taken from the Senate table, referred to the Committee on Highways and ordered printed.

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

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bill and Resolve (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:

Claims

Resolve in favor of Francis M. Carroll of South Paris (H. P. 1191) (Presented by Mr. Small of Maine) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Undesirable Political Activities" (H. P. 1192) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford) (Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Albert of Augusta it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to prepare and have printed a list of the members of the 96th Legislature, including therein their seat and auto plate numbers.

On motion of Mr. Ford of Watford, it was

ORDERED, that Thursday, March 26, 1953 be designated as "Welcome Back" Day in the House of Representatives,

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that all former Speakers of the House, and every former member of the House of Representatives in Maine are hereby extended a cordial invitation to be the guests of the House of Representatives of the 96th Maine Legislature in session on that date,

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that each individual member of the present House assume the privilege of urging all House members from his district who have ever served in the House to avail themselves of the opportunity of renewing once established friendships,

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that a Committee consisting of the Speaker and three others be instructed to further the plans for this occasion.

Mr. Whitney of Bridgton presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the 96th Maine Legislature wishes at this time to take official notice of the merited promotion and the honor that has come to a son of Maine, Honorable

Karl L. Rankin of Bridgton, son of a former member of the House of Representatives, Honorable Emmet W. Rankin, who has been many years in the State Department, having been appointed and confirmed as Ambassador to Nationalist China;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that this House of Representatives extend to Mr. Rankin its congratulations upon his selection by the President of the United States to represent his country in the high official position of trust so well merited by his long years of patriotic service;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the House be directed to send to Honorable Karl L. Rankin and Honorable Emmet W. Rankin an attested copy of this Order.

The Order received passage.

Mr. Fuller of South Portland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs be directed to present forthwith such Act and/or Resolve or Acts and/or Resolves as should be considered in relation to the generous offer of former Governor Percival Proctor Baxter for the more complete utilization of Mackworth Island. (H. P. 1193)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Marking of Containers of Skim-milk" (H. P. 310) (L. D. 382)

Mr. Center from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Exhibits of Agricultural Fair Associations" (H. P. 898) (L. D. 981)

Mr. Low from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Admission to Practice Law" (H. P. 175) (L. D. 171)

Mr. Tardif from the Committee on Public Health reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Educational Requirements and Fees for

Chiropractors" (H. P. 232) (L. D. 216)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Delivery of Ballots by Absentee Voters" (H. P. 271) (L. D. 299) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 271, L. D. 299, Bill "An Act Relating to Delivery of Ballots by Absentee Voters."

Amend said bill by inserting in the 2nd line thereof after the word "section", the words "whether delivered in person or by mail".

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

Mr. Kimball from the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Leave of Absence Under the Military Law" (H. P. 952) (L. D. 1006) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 952, L. D. 1006, Bill "An Act Relating to Leave of Absence Under the Military Law."

Amend said Bill by striking out the words "national defense act" in the tenth and eleventh lines and inserting in place thereof the words "national defense act or".

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Repealing Bartlett Island as a Game Preserve" (S. P. 168) (L. D. 435)

Bill "An Act to Permit Guardians and Trustees to Invest in Insurance Policies and Annuity Contracts" (S. P. 205) (L. D. 542)

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 to Place a Bounty on Porcupines" (H. P. 646) (L. D. 661)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Moose River Plantation, Mr. Watson.

Mr. WATSON: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment "A" to House Paper 646, Legislative Document 661, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Moose River Plantation, Mr. Watson, presents House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 646, L. D. 661, Bill "An Act to Place a Bounty on Porcupines."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the third line of the paragraph designated "Sec. 2-A" the underlined word "nose" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'forefeet'

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Butler.

Mr. BUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A", and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Butler, offers House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A". The Clerk will read House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A".

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 646, L. D. 661, Bill "An Act to Place a Bounty on Porcupines."

Amend said Amendment by striking out the word "forefeet" at the end thereof and inserting the words 'four feet'.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House to adopt

House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A"?

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

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

My point is: How can we adopt House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" when House Amendment "A" has not been adopted?

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted House Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A"?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to lay this matter on the table, subject to an amendment. Now when I was a young fellow we liked to catch porcupines. Once in a while I would get one with three feet so if they are going to keep the four feet I think we ought to be able to keep the tails. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman's motion is out of order as the House is proceeding under Bills in their Third Reading.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its third reading, and was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Engrossed (Cont'd)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Act Providing for the Incorporation of the Town of Chelsea School District" (H. P. 530) (L. D. 567)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Hopkins Pond, Penobscot County (H. P. 99) (L. D. 101)

Resolve Regulating Bass Fishing in Washington County (H. P. 169) (L. D. 165)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rancourt Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 220) (L. D. 247)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Ell Pond, York County (H. P. 330) (L. D. 398)

Resolve Opening Certain Waters in Sagadahoc County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 587) (L. D. 612)

Resolve in favor of Joseph A. Di-Donato (H. P. 641) (L. D. 1331)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Whitefield (H. P. 718) (L. D. 1332)

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

Amended Resolve

Resolve to Repeal Certain Special Resolve Pensions (H. P. 612) (L. D. 732)

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

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Dickey of Brooks, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A".

Mr. Dickey then offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A", which was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 612, L. D. 732, Resolve to Repeal Certain Special Resolve Pensions.

Amend said Amendment by striking out from the end thereof the following:

"Kenneth Martin Hunt, Burnham"

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair proceeds first with unfinished business of yesterday and lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, House Divided Report, Majority "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and

Minority "Ought not to pass" Report on the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act relating to the Town's Share in Aid to Dependent Children," House Paper 80, Legislative Document 75, tabled on March 3 by the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Bibber, pending acceptance of either report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements.

Mr. CLEMENTS: Mr. Speaker, I move we accept the majority "Ought to pass" report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements, moves that the majority "Ought to pass" report of the committee be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Calls of "No" and "Yes")

The SPEAKER: The House will be in order. The Chair will put the question again.

The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements, moves that the majority "Ought to pass" report of the committee, as amended by Committee Amendment "A", be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements, will kindly rise and stand in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

Mr. CRABTREE of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. CRABTREE: Mr. Speaker, for a point of information. It doesn't seem to me that we have had a chance to discuss this bill yet.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman wish to discuss the matter?

Mr. CRABTREE: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed. The House will be in order.

Mr. CRABTREE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Large bodies move slowly, and I guess it was so in this case. I didn't move quickly enough.

One of the mysteries of life is why we get old so quickly and wise so slowly. I cannot understand why some of us hadn't thought of this very sensible way of spreading the ADC load long ago, on a population basis. It seems to me

that it is one of the fairest and most proper ways of spreading this load that could be devised. If my memory serves me correctly, there is some little thought and discussion among us now relative to the matter of reapportionment, and if my memory still serves me, the Constitution provides that we use as a basis for that reapportionment the matter of census or population.

Now it seems to me that the school of thought that thinks this is proper, and I do not say that I don't, insisting on the matter of population, can hardly have their cake and eat it too, and I don't know that they want to, but it seems to me if it is right there, it is right here.

The matter of cost and the time consumed in establishing settlement in these cases doesn't do these children one bit of good. It is a costly procedure, and the time consumed by the staff in the Health and Welfare Department in determining the settlement might much better be spent in perhaps apprehending the straying fathers who have left the burden with the community. I suspect that sometimes the fathers haven't strayed very far. There is only a limited amount of money and time available, and it would look to me as if the children in our whole State would be better off if more effort could be spent in that regard.

If the School Subsidy Plan which we adopted in 1951 is right, and I think most of us agree that that was right, then this is right.

It is true, of course, that on a basis of the present local loads in ADC, it varies. This plan might cost some communities a little more or a little less at the moment, but the individual community loads of ADC can vary with the year. The advantage that some communities might have now very likely might disappear in another year or two, but on the basis proposed in this bill the cost to each community would be the same, spreading the \$400,000 on a population basis.

There is some advantage to a town, in arranging their budget, in knowing exactly how much their ADC load would be. I suppose that

it is human and understandable that those communities which might be affected adversely at the moment might think that they should defend their situation. That is understandable; but I think that the effort of all of us should be, I believe, to keep principles above personal considerations, and in this case I cannot see any other way but to think that the principle of this even spread on a population basis is right.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Small.

Mr. SMALL: Mr. Speaker, as representing two towns which both will have to spend more money under this plan, I want to say that in all fairness I believe that it is a good plan, it will take a lot of the uncertainty out of the amount of money to be raised, and although it costs both of my towns more money than at present, I am going to vote for this ADC proposal.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My good friend, the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree, mentioned the fact that we accepted the Plan Eight, so-called, a few years ago, the Subsidy Program based on population. Now that may be so, but let us bear in mind that in that bill there were very, very few, no more than five or six, communities that were affected. Also the plan, the General Education Aid plan, certainly did not call for Lewiston paying for Island Falls or Island Falls paying for Lewiston. I very definitely feel that it should be based on assessment. I think it is a fair way. I do not think it is fair for Rumford to aid Auburn or Auburn to aid Rumford.

Regardless of the fact that this measure is costing my community thousands of dollars, I feel that this bill smells a little bit along the line of viciousness. As far as some of the communities it affects, industrial communities, I assure you that for the moment it may cost us this much money but in other moments it would cost us more and I don't see the ADC load weakening,

at least in Lewiston, and I very definitely feel that in fairness to those communities that are being very, very bitterly hurt on this thing, that we should not go along and accept the majority report, and more in jest than anything else, I certainly appreciate Mr. Crabtree's feelings. They didn't need to hire lobbyists for this bill—just print this and float it around and you take a peek and you know where you are going. The garden spot of Maine is being benefited to the tune of \$80,000. I should think they would go along on that stand with the majority report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole.

Mr. COLE: Mr. Speakers and Members of the House: I rise in support of this measure even though my town is benefiting quite a bit, but in reply to my colleague, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, I will say that the large payment that it is costing the county of Androscoggin—I think the whole total is around \$3,000—that hinges, of course, on the population. The potential demand for ADC is there, and in case conditions change, they very well could make up this \$3,000.

Now a great many have said that this account will mushroom. Now, to prove the point I don't think it will, you will remember some of the older members two years ago were wondering as to the ADC account, wondering as to its getting out of hand, and your Commissioner, whom I have absolute faith in, recommended to the Appropriations Committee that we give the Attorney General more money and that an Assistant to the Attorney General be assigned to his department to help work on these ADC fathers who, in my opinion, are getting away from their duties which they should perform. In doing so, we did, as you know, allot them more money, and we all know that Roscoe Grover was assigned to the Department and I think he is doing a fine job and has saved his salary many, many times. For proof of that you can look in your Budget Document on page 188, and you will see that to prove this the ADC account lapsed \$342,000 into the general fund. Now that

goes to show that this account is not mushrooming.

I like this bill because it gives the local officials in the towns and cities something to budget on very wisely because they know just how much to budget for each year, where now, due to the fact that there are so many unsettled cases in these illegitimate children, that some of these bills come bouncing into towns two or three years from the time that the ADC allotment has been granted. I know towns where bills for as much as eight or nine hundred dollars have already been poured into the towns. Now they certainly cannot budget in those cases. In my opinion, it would save money, give us better supervision and be a big help.

Now all big towns are not being penalized. Someone has told me that the small communities are going to benefit from this. Now this is not so. Now Portland is being benefited, so is Augusta, and Bangor and Waterville, also Rockland. Of course it is unfortunate that the town of Lewiston is being hurt. I am sorry for them, but under the School Subsidy law the same thing happened.

If as the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree, has said that the School Subsidy law is right, why I maintain that this is right, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements, prevails.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take up two points. As far as the School Subsidy program is concerned and Lewiston benefiting let us bear in mind that I sat on that committee that okayed Plan 8. So far as money is concerned, as my colleague from Mexico (Mr. Small) well knows, I myself was part and parcel of the group on that phase of the bill along the line of three dollars a person as far as school children were concerned that was returned to the cities or towns. Those of you who were here will remember that bill, that the State would return three dollars for every student in the schools including parochial schools. I said nothing

about that. Well, the City of Lewiston with some 4500 pupils in parochial schools lost by that deal over \$17,000.

The second point I would like to bring out is that my friend, the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole, stated that all big towns are not affected. He mentioned Portland. My inquiry is: Since when is Portland a big town?

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is well recognized that this is put forth as an economy measure, and if I were satisfied that were really the case I should hesitate to oppose it even though my town and in fact the whole of Franklin County with the exception of three small towns is being adversely affected by it. But there is a question in my mind as to whether this is going to turn out to be an economy measure.

I think it is generally agreed that there are still a good many ADC eligibles who are not yet receiving ADC. I do not mean by that to imply any of the desperately needy cases but people who are eligible for receipt of that form of charity who, from pride or otherwise, have so far refrained from calling for that form of charity.

I mentioned before the committee the other day a case that I knew of in my own town where a widow whose husband was killed in an accident was earning some money before his death and she continued. She had several small children. She came to me and inquired about the advisability of applying for ADC. She was teaching school and she could have very reasonably left her job and, since her husband was dead, stayed at home and cared for her children, given them the whole of her time, and there was absolutely no doubt but what she was eligible for ADC. I, having in mind the 18 per cent for which the town was liable in that case, pointed out to her certain disadvantages. In fact, I think she did not know that the town was contributing anything whatever toward ADC. She decided not to apply for ADC.

Now I think there are a good many cases of that sort throughout the State. That being the case, I am going to select a town at random here. Here is the town of Falmouth, since Cumberland County has been mentioned. The actual cost based on present population for 1954 would be \$1920. Previous to that that town has been expending between four and five hundred dollars. Now let us suppose that an applicant in Falmouth goes now for advice to his or her health department and inquires as to the advisability of applying. Do you suppose that member of that health department or that overseer of the poor is going to recommend, since the town has got to pay anyway — is he going to recommend any economy on his part or her part? I do not believe it. It is a Yankee trait that you want to get your money's worth. You have got to pay \$1920 instead of \$400 anyway and you are going to be very liberal in your judgment as to whether this applicant should go further and make application.

Now you will notice the town of Pownall, which stands to gain by this arrangement something like \$800 per year. They have been paying \$1000 and \$1167, and it is estimated that for 1954 it will cost them \$352. Now what is going to happen in that case? It is not going to cost them any more, that is the figure. So what are they going to do? They are going to be very liberal in their judgment and they are not going to advise anybody not to apply for ADC if they are eligible because it is not going to cost them any more. The result of that, it seems to me, will be that it is not only going to mushroom but I will say snowball and the overall cost is going to mount to a point where there will be no saving in the chancing up of settlements and give more time to the Welfare Department to look up errant or erring husbands.

I would like to use Aroostook County as an example. Now, to use a homely example, it seems to me that this economy proposed by this measure is more or less like an Aroostook farmer who is short of help at certain times of the year. In the summer he has two jobs to do and he has got only one

crew. Supposing he says, "I have got to spray my potatoes tomorrow and I have got twenty-five acres of clover that if I don't mow tomorrow is going to rot. I will either spray my potatoes and let the clover go or I will mow the clover and let the potatoes go." I do not believe that he is going to do that. I believe that if he is a successful farmer he will not act that way. I think he will hire another hand and do both jobs when they have to be done and when they come together.

I would go along with letting the Welfare Department hire a little extra help, and I think that is more like true economy.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich.

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker, I do not like to speak in opposition to my good friend, the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell, but he and I see differently on this issue.

If we analyze this carefully we will find that each town will pay about 44 cents per capita toward Aid to Dependent Children. Some of the towns now are paying many times that. For instance, here is my friend beside me, the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin. His town is paying more than two dollars per capita. Here is another town, Stockholm. I don't know anybody in Stockholm but I understand they are pretty good people up there in Stockholm, and they are paying more than three dollars per capita. This matter of apportioning it so that each town will be paying 44 or 45 cents per capita seems like a fair proposition. Furthermore, this sum of money, \$400,000, I understand won't be changed and won't be increased until after the next session, so it will give us a pretty good chance to try out the plan and see whether it works for better distribution of the load of ADC to the towns. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey.

Mr. BAILEY: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think we have had some experience in the allocation of towns in getting the population over a ten-year period and we find that in that period there is quite a dif-

ference in population. One town or city perhaps will have a higher population now and four or five years from now it will drop. There are some towns that will perhaps be hurt a little under this program but before the time is over it will change whereby without doubt they will be benefited enough to offset the amount which they are hurt at the present time. In other words, those which are hurt now will be benefited.

Now in looking this program over I couldn't help but think that two years ago, when we were here and looking over the accounts of Aid to Dependent Children, I know that many of us were not fully satisfied with the way that that department was working and we had considerable controversy here on the floor of the House. In that time this program has been worked out. I was talking with the Commissioner this forenoon on the subject. One of the questions which was a little doubtful in my mind was—you will see at the bottom of the page in 1952-53 they expect the amount to be \$501,499. Under the present program in 1954 it would be \$560,000, and under this new program it shows it to be under \$400,000.

In looking that over I was a little skeptical as to just how that was going to be worked, and I asked the Commissioner if it was going to be worked through more efficient service in the department or whether those dependents had got to sacrifice services which they are getting now. He assured me that, as near as they could tell, they would get the same services as they are getting now, there would be none dropped from the list of dependents, but he felt that it would take less assistance and that it could be worked to better advantage under this program whereby they would save quite a portion of that amount in the clerical work and the rest would be picked up more or less from the fathers of these dependent children.

Now if there is any such program that we can adopt whereby the State will gain from any of our dependents I think by all means we should accept that and try it for a few years at least.

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

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I want to let you know how I am going on this one. I am opposed to the motion of my good friend, the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements. I think that this is one of the most vicious, bureaucratic and unfair bills that we have had presented before us, especially coming out of the Department. I do not know as you all know it, but this bill was fathered by the Department of Health and Welfare, and it looks to me as if they figure they are falling down on the job. I wonder how many of the members in this House have got one of these documents here. I know it is quite a job to get one. I would like to know, Mr. Speaker, if everyone has had one of these documents. Well, that answers it.

If this bill passes there are 280 towns that are going to benefit by this new Santa Claus bill, and there are 107 towns and cities that are going to pay more, and there are 91 more towns that haven't any ADC now that are going to be Santa Claus and help pay the other fellow's freight.

Now there are two counties, the counties of Penobscot and Aroostook, that are going to be benefited by about \$110,000. They are all good fellows and I like them and probably if I was in their county I would want to vote along with them. But you know the other night I was sitting at my desk and it came over the radio on the Old Gold hour "A treat instead of a treatment." Well now, I think there are about three counties that are getting the treatment where the rest of them are giving the treat. (Laughter)

Under this treatment, on these cases where they have to pay eighteen dollars on a hundred, there are towns that are going to pay \$4.50 a hundred and there are some other towns that are going to pay as high as \$50 per hundred. Now do you call that fair? I do not look at it that way. But how are these towns that are affected going to pay this extra ADC? They have got to pay it out of taxation on real estate. Now the sales tax was passed

here last session and it was understood it was to relieve the real estate tax burden. Now for my money I would like to see an amendment put on this bill and let the State take care of the whole of it. Everybody is going to be affected all over the State, so why let three counties pay an extra tax on real estate to give Aroostook County and Penobscot County \$110,000? I do not think that makes sense.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I think one of the main points involved here, that we have not been able to get to, is not in dollars and cents. Of course, I asked the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Crabtree) if it were true that this bill if passed would eliminate litigation between towns over the pauper settlement of these children, and he says that is so and I gather from the other remarks that have been made that that is right. Well, that would mean, of course, that any money that had heretofore been expended on that would be saved to the towns and cities. It would also mean that any money that the Department of Health and Welfare spent by having its field workers work on that question would also be saved. It does seem to me that before the House should be asked to accept this proposition we might get a little more of an idea on how much that saving is going to be and then we would be in a better position to know just what to do here.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as several members of the House have never received this pamphlet showing just how it affects their individual communities and counties, I would like to make the motion that this measure lie on the table until such time as this pamphlet can be reproduced and distributed to the members for their study.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, moves that the two Reports and Bill "An Act relating to the Town's Share in Aid to Dependent Children", House Paper 80, Legislative Doc-

ument 75, with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Clements, that the majority report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Welfare be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter, that the matter lie on the table will manifest their desire by saying aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if Item 17 on yesterday's calendar entitled "An Act Authorizing Appointment of Special Guardians" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 55) is in the hands of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to inform the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, and the House that this matter has been retained at your request for further action.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I apologize for taking such late action on this matter, but I move that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it passed this bill to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday, March 11, whereby it passed to be enacted "An Act Authorizing Appointment of Special Guardians" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 55). Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 3 whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion of the same gentleman the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second item of unfinished business of yesterday,

House Divided Report, Majority "Ought not to pass" and Minority "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to License Plates for Motor Vehicle Owners Who Operate Amateur Radio Stations", House Paper 197, Legislative Document 213, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton, pending the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, to accept the Majority Report.

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

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, this bill is to provide that ham radio operators may have license plates showing the call signals of their particular radio stations. There are two arguments in favor of it.

First, that ham operators in times of emergency provide considerable service for the State of Maine in operating the radio sets and passing through police barriers to convey messages and similar matters. Some of them have portable radio sets and they can go right to the scene of emergency and operate. A distinctive license plate would enable them to pass and repass through lines.

The second argument in favor of the bill is the fact that these men are giving the State the use of their equipment free gratis in the case of Civilian Defense work and some token of appreciation should be shown them. They are willing to pay whatever the cost of such a special plate might be.

It is my request that the House consider favorably the bill and vote against the committee report "Ought not to pass".

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis.

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen; I will very briefly outline the position of the majority of the committee. The same bill was heard two years ago and at a hearing this year it was brought out by a spokesman for the Maine Medical Society that, if we were disposed to grant the radio operators special plates, they definitely wanted them also.

Two years ago, the Transportation Committee told the ham radio operators that they would con-

sider favorably a special plate which could be affixed over their plate, it would be an accompanying plate, and would accomplish the purpose which they wish, identification. We were told that they did not want that. At the hearing again this year, we were told by a spokesman that again they did not want this permanent plate.

I hope that the House will go along with the majority of the committee and accept the "Ought not to pass" report.

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

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, I request that when the vote is taken it be taken by division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I believe that we should support the "Ought not to pass" report. I can see very readily where there would be some advantage for them to have a special plate and the committee took that into consideration. In fact, we proposed to them that they have this special plate, which would be in addition to their regular plate but, no, they would not have it. If they had this little special plate, it would do the trick, just as they want. But, somehow, they wanted to be set apart and I don't see just why they should. It seems to me that they could accomplish their purpose by going along in that other way because if you open the door as the previous legislature did by granting themselves an extra plate, pretty soon you will have all of the cars decorated like Jacob's coat and you won't know who is who. If you open the doors, the next thing will be the doctors, the next thing the dentists, the next thing the farmers and so on. I think a plate of registration is there for a definite purpose and it serves that definite purpose as is.

If the ham operators think they can do a job for the State by having some sort of designation, we would be very happy to go along with them but to establish something for themselves and to change their plate entirely, which would cost a

very extensive amount of money to set up a new die it would run into many thousands of dollars and I think it is just a sort of selfish idea.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As one of the two members of the House who signed the minority report, I wish to state very briefly the reason I did so regardless of how you vote.

Frankly, I have a lot of appreciation for the wonderful, excellent and unselfish job that the ham operators have done and I feel that something should be spread on the records as to exactly how much they contribute.

Frankly, until this bill came up, I had no idea of what real investment the amateur radio operators have made in the State of Maine. To give you a brief example: In one city, there are thirteen mobile auto vehicle transmitters. Of those thirteen transmitters, nine can be used only, for all practical purposes, in Civil Defense. In other words, they are not just playthings for some man to go out in a car and drive back and forth. They are on a band that allows them to participate only in Civil Defense and the cost of each unit, for the equipment alone, runs around \$200 or \$300. Furthermore, if the State were to duplicate this equipment, they would also have to find men who would be qualified to repair the equipment. I might point out to you that we have our State Police Department equipment but if the radios have difficulty, I don't believe the State Police are qualified to repair them; the amateur operators are. Therefore, in view of the fact that they hold weekly sessions in many cities for Civilian Defense, practice sessions, do it without pay, do it without any recognition, it seems a small thing to me, inasmuch as we of the Legislature are willing to buy our own plates, are willing to pay for them, it seems to me a small thing to recognize these people who are so valiantly standing by in case of another state disaster such as we

had in 1947, the case of the forest fires.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is not my intention to hold up legislation in this House but, thoroughly believing, as I do, that some recognition should be given to this group for the time may come and no one knows when or how soon some designation may be of great importance in our Civil Defense program. I am going to ask the House to allow me to table the measure until the next legislative day for the purpose of trying to arrange some sort of designation which would not be a special license plate but would give them the same effect in traffic or for whatever other use they might be for.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that this item be tabled and assigned for the next legislative day for that purpose.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves that House Divided Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to License Plates for Motor Vehicle Owners Who Operate Amateur Radio Stations," House Paper 197, Legislative Document 213, be retabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, to accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report with a division requested by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton, and be specially assigned for the next legislative day, Tuesday, March 17. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third item of unfinished business of yesterday, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Resolve Regulating Fishing for Smelts in Damariscotta Bay, Lincoln County, House Paper 544, Legislative Document 525, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Bremen, Mr. Hilton, pending acceptance of the report.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Penobscot County," House Paper 553, Legislative Document 533, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Roberts, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, the "Ought to pass" Report as amended by Committee Amendment "A" was accepted and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 553, L. D. 533, Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Penobscot County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last 2 lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Penobscot, \$2,500 \$3,000; assistant county attorney, \$1,500 \$2,000.'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth item of unfinished business of yesterday, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Allowed Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations", House Paper 450, Legislative Document 445, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I had no intention of taking issue with this bill until I saw the amendment and I assure you that I shall be very brief in my comments. I do not believe it is necessary to go into the type of inspection which we have now when we take our automobiles in for inspection. I think we have all had that experience.

We all know the kind of inspection that is given us and I don't think that it is anything that we are too proud of. I think that the people who submitted this bill and the people who affixed the amendment to this bill were perhaps cognizant of this and that they have done this in order that we may have better inspection.

However, I would question very much, if I take my automobile in to be inspected and the charge is \$1.00 rather than 50 cents, I doubt if I would have better inspection at \$1.00 than I now have at 50 cents. I take exception to their stand on that point.

When a person buys an automobile he pays a tremendous tax on that automobile, before he puts the automobile on the road he pays another tax on that automobile, or rather on his registration. If he uses his automobile, as we all do, he pays a tax on every gallon of gas that he puts into that automobile. I feel that those who own and operate automobiles do so more from the standpoint of business than pleasure and I think that they have enough taxes on them now. If I felt, in my own mind, that this added \$1.00 or this added 50 cents would mean better inspection, perhaps I would go along with the bill which calls for 75 cents and perhaps with the amendment which calls for \$1.00.

I have talked this over with many of my constituents, I have talked it over with many people who are in service stations and garages. They tell me that it is a nuisance; they don't like these inspections and I don't feel that we would get more for \$1.00 than we are now getting for 50 cents.

In view of those facts, I would move, Mr. Speaker, the indefinite postponement of the report and the accompanying papers.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves the indefinite postponement of House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Allowed Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations, House Paper

450, Legislative Document 445, together with accompanying papers.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis.

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The hour is getting late and I will be brief. It is with some trepidation that I oppose the gentlewoman from Rumford (Miss Cormier). She happens to be a taxpayer in the City of Westbrook so almost any day she might be a voter.

The day that this bill came up for hearing, I was a passenger in the car of the sponsor of the measure, the Representative from Gorham, Mr. Alden, and he said: "I wish I had made that bill \$1.00 instead of 75 cents." So, at the hearing, he presented his thoughts to the committee and the committee, after a thorough discussion of the bill, thought that it was a good amendment, suggesting the fee as \$1.00.

I feel that what the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, has said against the bill is a strong argument for the bill. The Committee on Transportation feels that if the charge is \$1.00 we should insist that the Highway Department be tough on dealers who do not give a thorough inspection. In other words, when you go in and have your car inspected, you don't go in and say: "I want a sticker." You say: "I want my car inspected" and, in the interest of safety, you should see that it is inspected. That is the whole purpose of this inspection system, to see that our lights are in working order, that our brakes function properly, and the whole system is n.g. if we do not insist on the proper inspection.

I hope that you will go along with the unanimous report of the Transportation Committee and I hope you will vote against the motion of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, for indefinite postponement. And, Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken, I ask for a division.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter.

Mr. SENTER: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion to indefinitely postpone.

I do differ with the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier. She called this "an inspection" that we are getting for 50 cents. It is not an inspection. We would probably not get any better at \$1.00. They simply look the car over and sell us a sticker for 50 cents. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hanover, Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. FERGUSON: Mr. Speaker, I also want to go along with Miss Cormier. We all drive automobiles, most of us, and I could drive into a service station or a garage. Not many of us drive into them for an inspection. We generally have some other work done. It is very seldom that the larger percentage of drivers go in just for an inspection. This is something that is left until the last minute and, in general, that is what happens. You drive in and you ask for a sticker. By paying \$1.00, I would feel that I was just paying the garage something extra, 50 cents or a 50 per cent increase over the price of getting a sticker on it.

I hope that the House will support the motion of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Alden.

Mr. ALDEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I introduced that bill because I feel that it is in the interest of better inspection. I admit that there are many stations which do nothing but sell stickers and I don't believe that it should be done and they all know it, but at the present price of 50 cents per car, when you come to pay a mechanic \$1.25 to \$1.50 an hour, the garage is losing money on the deal. A great many of the stations wish they were not in it. They are just simply doing it as an accommodation to the public and I know that they don't get the inspection, in a great many cases, that they should. But I feel that if they get an adequate fee and have a little state supervision from the State Police, that we would get inspections that would be worth something to the

general public and be a safety factor and I want to support the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, in what he said.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Archer.

Mr. ARCHER: Mr. Speaker, in talking with the people up in my district, I believe that they feel that the inspection which we are getting at the present time is very inadequate. Now, looking at it from the service station man's point of view, there is a definite reason why that inspection is inadequate, the reason being that a person who is inspecting the car is usually paying his attendant at the service station \$1.00 to \$1.50 per hour. He also has heating problems in his station when he has to take a car inside, that is, in winter time and that is when the inspection comes, usually, during some part of the cold weather. To open the door, with the present cost of heating, for 50 cents, would certainly not cover the expense of opening that door. (Laughter)

I had better sit down, I guess.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter.

Mr. SENTER: Mr. Speaker, I want to be perfectly clear. I am interested in a thorough inspection and in my opinion the only way we can ever get a thorough inspection of the vehicles is to have the inspections done under the immediate supervision of either the State Police or, at least, a State agency. That is done in some states and, furthermore, you could eliminate this rush at the last minute because the citizens in a given community could be told that citizens, say, with their last name beginning A to D were due to have their vehicles inspected at a certain time. That would take care of them. The next two weeks, another group. In that way, we would be sure that our vehicles were inspected.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis.

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Let us be fair about this measure. I realize that none of us like to pay more

money. However, the average person who drives a car probably spends at least \$30 a month for maintenance. I don't believe that 25 cents twice a year is going to work a great hardship on any of us and if it is going to improve our inspection system, we should, by all means, try it. And I would suggest that if there are any member or members of the House, whose constituents lack the 50 cents, you will request them to go out and try to catch a couple of porcupines. (Laughter).

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

Mr. LEGARD: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. Legard, moves the previous question. In order for the Chair to entertain the motion for the previous question it requires the consent of one-third of the members present.

All those in favor of the Chair entertaining the motion for the previous question will please rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Obviously more than one-third of the members present having arisen, the motion for the previous question is entertained.

The question before the House now is: Shall the main question be put now? All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the main question was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, that House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Allowed Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations", House Paper 450, Legislative Document 445, and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, will please rise and remain standing in their

places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Seventy-two having voted in the affirmative and twenty-nine having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Report with accompanying papers was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the sixth item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer on Cranberry Isles, Hancock County", House Paper 410, Legislative Document 459, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Northeast Harbor, Mr. Reynolds, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. REYNOLDS: Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I would like to recommit this report to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game for reconsideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Northeast Harbor, Mr. Reynolds, moves that the sixth item of unfinished business be recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the seventh item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act relating to Daily Bag Limit on Rabbits in York County," House Paper 806, Legislative Document 890, tabled on March 5 by the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seaward, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SEAWARD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am very definitely opposed to this bill. I will try to make my remarks very brief. Prior to three years ago, I spent most of my time hunting, which is my hobby during the hunting season. I have hunted for the last 16 years and at no time have I ever seen rabbits so plentiful in York County as they have been this last hunting season. I was very

happy that we could attribute that increase to the men who shot the foxes because foxes are the natural enemies of the rabbit. I was very pleased last Sunday to have a member of the upper House come to me and oppose the bill, saying that he was very sorry he opposed me at the hearing. — — —

The SPEAKER: The Chair must inform the gentleman that no reference should be made to the other branch in any way derogatory for the purpose of controlling the minds of this House. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. SEAWARD: Mr. Speaker, I also talked with the sponsor of the bill and he assured me that he was not opposed to the motion I propose to make and the motion is that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Seaward, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Daily Bag Limit on Rabbits in York County", House Paper 806, Legislative Document 890, be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Exempting Ships' Stores from Maine Sales Tax", House Paper 17, Legislative Document 11, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Low of Rockland, the Report and Bill were retabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 18.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Divided Report, Majority "Ought not to pass" and Minority "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to the Use of Trawls in Washington County", House Paper 543, Legislative Document 524, tabled on March 5 by the gentleman from

Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, pending acceptance of either Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In view of the fact that there are certain members who are interested in this bill who are not here this afternoon, I request permission to retable it until next Wednesday, March 18.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that the second tabled and today assigned matter be retabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 18. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Closing Little Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, to Ice Fishing, House Paper 260, Legislative Document 290, tabled on March 11 by the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Davis, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman. Thereupon, Mr. Davis offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

The Resolve was given its first reading and House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 260, L. D. 290, Resolve Closing Little Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, to Ice Fishing.

Amend said Bill by striking out at the end thereof the words "ice fishing" and inserting in place thereof the following: "the taking of trout and salmon from October 1st to the following April 1st of each year".

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve as amended was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Providing for Dam and Fish Screen at the Outlet of Lake Embden in the town of Embden, House Paper 816, Legislative Document 900, tabled on March 11 by the gentleman from

Madison, Mr. Fogg, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FOGG: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I tabled this bill because a lot of people from my town have cottages and fish on Embden Lake and I felt that if I didn't do something to help Mr. Taylor, the sponsor of the bill, to get them this fish screen I would be skinned when I got home.

I talked with some of the members of the Fish and Game Committee and they tell me that the State biologist said that the lake did not need a fish screen so that there was nothing they could do about it. The lake doesn't build any dams so I guess I just have to go home and get skinned after all. So I move the acceptance of the report.

The SPEAKER: the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg, moves that the House accept the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Providing for Dam and Fish Screen at the Outlet of Lake Embden in the town of Embden, House Paper 816, Legislative Document 900. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report with accompanying papers was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stewart of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at Portland Municipal Airport, Senate Paper 284, Legislative Document 818, tabled on February 24 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart, pending reference in concurrence.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Mr. Vaughan of Hallowell was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. VAUGHAN: There is a rather unfortunate case of an individual in my district who had put in a claim against the Highway Department and it was not entertained. He was told by the members of the Highway Commission, before whom he

appeared, that he should present a claim to this Legislature towards the end of the session because they were not very busy then and they could take immediate action upon it. (Laughter) The gentleman carried out what he was told to do and he waited until Monday evening before he spoke to me about the matter. I said: "Well, I can't give you much chance but I will do my best," and the only point I make on the matter is that if he waits an additional two years to put his claim in, I believe the Claims Committee has sort of rule of thumb that if a claim is not presented to the previous Legislature and could be presented they will not entertain the claim and it is automatically null and void.

So, I present this claim and urge that it be received.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Vaughan, presents a Resolve. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Resolve in Favor of James L. and Christine O. Holbrook of Hallowell.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this Resolve be received by unanimous consent? Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears none and the Resolve is received.

Thereupon the Resolve was referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, the House voted to take from the table the twelfth tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Liability for Wilfully Injuring or Killing Dogs", Senate Paper 128, Legislative Document 337, tabled on March 5 by that gentleman pending acceptance in concurrence.

On further motion of Mr. Turner, the Report was accepted in concurrence and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 128, L. D. 337, Bill "An Act Relating to Liability for Wilfully Injuring or Killing Dogs."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "**wilfully injures or wilfully**" in the 6th line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined words '**wilfully or negligently injures or wilfully or negligently.**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill

as amended was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 17, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.