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Wednesday, March 18, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. George Wood of Rockland.

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 the Committee on Appropriations be, and hereby is, directed to report on L. D. Department Head Salary Bill, in such a manner that each department head salary, that the committee may desire to report upon, shall be reported in a separate bill (S. P. 495)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Permitting the University of Maine to Provide Additional Educational Opportunities" (S. P. 482) (L. D. 1341)

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 Permitting Reassignment of Justice in Equity Matters" (S. P. 484) (L. D. 1342)

Bill "An Act relating to Immunity for Members of Legislature" (S. P. 485) (L. D. 1343)

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the 1944 Revision and the Session Laws of 1945, 1947, 1949 and 1951" (S. P. 490)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Charles E. Darling of Enfield (S. P. 494) (L. D. 1345)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, the Resolve was received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Nomination for State Senators from Cumberland County" (S. P. 487) (L. D. 1344)

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 Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Repealing the Unfair Sales Act" (S. P. 348) (L. D. 961) reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Establishment of a Fund for Fire Fighters" (S. P. 370) (L. D. 1033) reporting same.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Limitations of Real Estate Holdings of Savings Banks" (S. P. 293) (L. D. 821)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Insurance for Death or Injuries While Hunting" (S. P. 394) (L. D. 1101)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Hunting Within One Hundred Feet of Highways" (S. P. 398) (L. D. 1107) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer" (S. P. 48) (L. D. 76)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Enlarging the Jefferson-Whitefield Game Preserve" (S. P. 246) (L. D. 670)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Signals for Turning Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 215) (L. D. 548) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Facilitate Voting by Members of the Armed Forces of the United States" (S. P. 70) (L. D. 152) 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. 70, L. D. 152, Bill "An Act to Facilitate Voting by Members of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Amend said bill by striking out all of Section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 5. Ballots; delivery and receipt. All ballots cast under the

provisions of this chapter, whether delivered in person or by mail, shall be received by the plantation, town or city clerk before the closing of the polls on the day of election. Any city or town clerk on receiving such a ballot shall, if requested, give to the person delivering such ballot a receipt setting forth the precise date, hour and minute of delivery.'

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment and Senate Amendment

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Secure Uniformity of Assessment of Forest Lands for Purposes of Taxation" (S. P. 36) (L. D. 39) 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 and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 36, L. D. 39, Bill "An Act to Secure Uniformity of Assessment of Forest Lands for Purposes of Taxation."

Amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 157" by striking out the underlined words "**on the capital invested**" at the end of the 1st paragraph, and by striking out the underlined figure "50" in the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '25'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the dollar signs in the 2nd and 3rd lines of section 2 the figures '30,000'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

Senate Amendment "A" was then read by the Clerk as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 36, L. D. 39, Bill "An Act to Secure Uniformity of Assessment of

Forest Lands for Purposes of Taxation."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "Sec. 158." of section 1 thereof.

Further amend said Bill by striking out section 2 thereof.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Place a Bounty on Porcupines" (H. P. 646) (L. D. 661) and Minority Report reporting "Ought not to pass" on which the House accepted the Majority Report and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto in the House on March 12.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Rich of Charleston, the House voted to insist on its former action taken on March 12 whereby the Majority Report "Ought to pass" was accepted and the Bill as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto was passed to be engrossed and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER: With an unusual degree of happiness the Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of 110 students from the University of Maine in the State and Local Government Class under the supervision of Professor Herbert Wood, Professor Gregory MacFarland and Professor Gerald Grady.

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

Orders

On motion of Mr. Ford of Waterford it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Wilbur I. Bull of Waterford, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 1, 1953.

Mr. Potter of Medford presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Committee on Claims be authorized to employ a Reporter to take and transcribe the evidence offered at its hearing held Tuesday, March 24th. (H. P. 1201)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 66) (L. D. 62)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WIGHT of Penobscot
WEEKS of Cumberland
—of the Senate

Messrs. FRECHETTE of Sanford
HARNDEN of Rangeley
BUTLER of Franklin
WATSON of Moose River Pl.
CURRIER of Caribou
VAUGHAN of Hallowell
—of the House

Minority Report of same Committee on same Resolve reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. WHITNEY of Bridgton
—of the House

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Whitney.

Mr. WHITNEY: Mr. Speaker, on this resolve, House Paper number 66, L. D. number 62, I move that the minority report be accepted.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, again we have the lone wolf on this committee. This time we believe we are right and we are going to stay with it and we would like to give you a few of the facts in regard to this lake.

This lake has been closed for about 30 years. I am frank to admit that when this lake was closed to ice fishing I favored it. Before this bill was ever taken up at all, I took it up with the Fish and

Game Department and it was agreed that the best way to draw fish from this lake, or one of the best ways, was through ice fishing. Therefore, the resolve was presented.

As I said before, it isn't as good fishing in this lake as it was 30 years ago. There have been many thousand dollars spent stocking the lake and yet we have pickerel and other undesirable fish cluttering the lake along with the game fish. Therefore we have offered this resolve and we believe that it is for the good of conservation to have this resolve go through, and we ask for your support.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Whitney, that the Minority Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" on Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County, House Paper 66, Legislative Document 62, be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. WATSON: Mr. Speaker, I hate to go against my brother committee member. I did not sign the report for the simple reason that I was not in the committee at the time it came out.

I have no brief for this lake but I think there are enough men in Cumberland County who are interested in this so if they want to do anything about it, it is all right with me. I would like to state that we were down at the Cumberland County Fish and Game meeting as their guests about a month ago and this same bill was brought up there. I do not know the exact number of men who were there at the time, it was quite a large gathering, but there were five for opening this lake and the rest were all against it. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Center.

Mr. CENTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This pond, Peabody Pond, is located more or less in the district which I represent. The greater part of the lake, the shore line of the lake, is in the town of Sebago. This resolve was

before the Ninety-fifth Legislature and, on behalf of the majority of the people in the town of Sebago, I opposed it at that time. It received a unanimous report "Ought not to pass" from the committee.

Last summer, a hearing was held, I believe it was in Bridgton, before the counsel of the Fish and Game Department on evidence we presented but the department failed to open the pond. So, again, before this Ninety-sixth Legislature, we have this resolve and I believe I would not be fair to the majority of the people of the town of Sebago, which I represent, if I did not, on the floor of this House, say that they are opposed to any change in the regulations for fishing in Peabody Pond. I therefore hope the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton (Mr. Whitney) will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Whitney.

Mr. WHITNEY: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the meeting that was held last summer, as the gentleman from Standish (Mr. Center) brings out, that meeting was held in Bridgton. It was a very well attended meeting. There were about 30 present who opposed this resolve and four who were in favor of it. Only one of those four took any part in the discussion at all. As far as the people of Sebago are concerned, I feel quite positive that there are many in the town of Sebago that favor this resolve. In fact, there were several who took time to come down here and attend the hearings.

Quite a large portion of this lake is in my own town. Therefore, I feel that probably the fishermen from that locality know the conditions as well as anyone. I think I can almost say that Bridgton would be unanimously in favor of this resolve. There are very few who would oppose it and I do not know of anyone.

I am frank to admit that there are some down in the Portland district who do oppose this resolve. Some of them, I think, oppose it for reasons that I would hate to discuss at the present time. I hope this motion prevails.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Davis.

Mr. DAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Whitney. While the pond is not in the towns that I represent, my towns are adjoining, and the sentiment expressed by the majority of the people in my towns is in favor of opening this lake to ice fishing. I hope the gentleman's motion will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Whitney, that the Minority Report "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" on Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County, House Paper 66, Legislative Document 62, be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "Yes" and "No")

All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Whitney, will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-two having voted in the affirmative and thirty-six in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Thereupon the Resolve was given its first reading.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 66, L. D. 62, Resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County.

Amend said resolve by striking out the period in the last line and inserting at the end of said resolve the following underlined punctuation and words ' , to all fish except trout and salmon.'

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

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

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Lights to Illuminate Wild Birds and Animals" (H. P. 805) (L. D. 889) reporting "Ought to pass" as

amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WIGHT of Penobscot
WEEKS of Cumberland
—of the Senate

Messrs. FRECHETTE of Sanford
HARNDEN of Rangeley
BUTLER of Franklin
VAUGHAN of Hallowell
CURRIER of Caribou
—of the House

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. WHITNEY of Bridgton
—of the House

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg.

Mr. FOGG: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is my bill and I am very happy to see the Committee come out with a majority "Ought to pass" report. However, there is a possible change in the amendment that I might like to make and I would like to have the privilege of tabling this until Tuesday morning while I check up on changing the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg, moves that the two reports of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, Majority "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and Minority "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to use of Lights to Illuminate Wild Birds and Animals," House Paper 805, Legislative Document 889, together with accompanying papers, be tabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Gosline from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Certain Chemicals in Preground Hamburg" (H. P. 604) (L. D. 616) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Edwards from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Rental for Millinocket Municipal Court" (H. P. 859) (L. D. 932)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Clifford Rand of Farmington (H. P. 906)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Claud Nicholson of Athens (H. P. 578) (L. D. 620)

Mr. Hussey from same Committee reported same on Resolve for the Relief of Arnold M. Lehman and Abraham Mandelstam, a Partnership doing Business Under the Name of Camp Wigwam (H. P. 489) (L. D. 573)

Mr. Potter from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Donald Miller of Bridgton (H. P. 799)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Henry J. Frye of Georgetown (H. P. 636)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bailey of Woolwich, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24)

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the town of Cranberry Isles (H. P. 643) (L. D. 658)

Mr. Ludwig from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the towns of Hartland and Athens (H. P. 504) (L. D. 512)

Mr. Turner from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the city of Belfast (H. P. 583) (L. D. 625)

Mr. Butler from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Night Hunting for Wild Birds in York County" (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1017)

Mr. Currier from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act

to Change the Deer Hunting Season" (H. P. 915) (L. D. 1016)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Fish-er and Sable" (H. P. 211) (L. D. 214)

Mr. Frechette from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Methods of Hunting Deer" (H. P. 511) (L. D. 576)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Reimbursement of Bounty on Bears" (H. P. 644) (L. D. 659)

Mr. Harnden from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Hunting from Highways" (H. P. 510) (L. D. 575)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season and Daily Bag Limit on Woodcock" (H. P. 918) (L. D. 1019)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Vaughan from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Wearing Red Material While Hunting" (H. P. 732) (L. D. 750)

Report was read.

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

Mr. LARRABEE: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that my colleague, the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, is absent today, I move that Item 20, House Paper 732, Legislative Document 750, be placed on the table and specially assigned for next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Larrabee, moves that the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Wearing Red Material While Hunting", House Paper 732, Legislative Document 750, together with accompanying papers, be laid on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for Tuesday next, March 24. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

Mr. Vaughan from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Night Hunting for Wild Animals in York County" (H. P. 920) (L. D. 1021)

Mr. Watson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating the Trapping of Martin" (H. P. 585) (L. D. 627)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bobcats" (H. P. 645) (L. D. 660)

Mr. Whitney from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Deer in York County" (H. P. 917) (L. D. 1018)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Liquor Control reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Retail Sale of Vinous Liquor" (H. P. 680) (L. D. 693)

Mr. Chase from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Consumption Sale" (H. P. 683) (L. D. 644)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Permit Taverns to Sell Wine and Spirits" (H. P. 840) (L. D. 879)

Mrs. Christie from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Tavern' in Liquor Law" (H. P. 681) (L. D. 642)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Defining 'Retail Store' in Liquor Law" (H. P. 938) (L. D. 998)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor" (H. P. 758) (L. D. 793)

Mr. Dostie from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Refund on Retail Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 116) (L. D. 118)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Consumption Sale of Liquor" (H. P. 682) (L. D. 643)

Mr. Larrabee from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Changing the Definition of a Hotel for the Purposes of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 678) (L. D. 646)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An

Act relating to Hours for Sale of Liquor" (H. P. 841) (L. D. 880)

Mr. Moulton from the Committee on Natural Resources reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Outdoor Religious Signs" (H. P. 987) (L. D. 1075)

Mrs. Downing from the Committee on Public Health reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Reports and Health Certificates of Chiropractors" (H. P. 278) (L. D. 265)

Mr. Senter from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Students in Schools of Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 761) (L. D. 796)

Mr. Tardif from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Barbering, Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 843) (L. D. 865)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Wylie from the Committee on Public Health reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Transferring Maine School for the Deaf to Department of Education" (H. P. 685) (L. D. 720)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Roundy of Portland, the Committee Report together with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24.)

Mr. Albee from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Ten Cents or Less Under the Sales Tax Law" (H. P. 194) (L. D. 205)

Mr. Keay from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Exempting Towns from Gasoline Tax" (H. P. 765) (L. D. 800)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Low from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Water Used for Domestic Purposes from the Sales and Use Tax" (H. P. 944) (L. D. 986)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Fuller of Bangor, the Committee Report together with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of the Report.)

Mr. Seaward from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Exempting Medication Used in Agricultural Production from Sales Tax" (H. P. 686) (L. D. 721)

Mr. Evans from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Number of Members of Superintending School Committee of Hermon" (H. P. 872) (L. D. 943)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Town Manager of the Town of Mount Desert" (H. P. 869) (L. D. 940)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Finemore from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Regulation of Motor Carriers" (H. P. 879) (L. D. 871)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Small of Mexico, the Committee Report together with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of the Report.)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Finemore from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Farm Trucks" (H. P. 768) (L. D. 803)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham, the Committee Report together with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24.

Tabled

Mr. Finemore from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth" (H. P. 878) (L. D. 870)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Anderson of Greenville, the Committee Report together with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of the Report.)

Mr. Kelly from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth with Notification" (H. P. 877) (L. D. 869)

Mr. Travis from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Haul Farm Products Over Certain Highways" (H. P. 449) (L. D. 444)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Mrs. Carol Hapworth of Winslow (H. P. 319) (L. D. 390) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 319, L. D. 390, Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Carol Hapworth of Winslow

Amend said resolve by striking out the figure "\$300" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$150'.

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

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Jefferson for Conveyance of School Children (H. P. 719) (L. D. 1368) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 719, L. D. 1368, Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Jefferson for Conveyance of School Children

Amend said resolve by striking out the words "general fund of the state" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words "fund of the department of health and welfare".

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

Mr. Harnden from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Wild Animals Damaging Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 586) (L. D. 628) 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. 586, L. D. 628, Bill "An Act Relating to Disposal of Wild Animals Damaging Motor Vehicles."

Amend said bill by inserting after the underlined "**The**" in the first line of paragraph designated as Sec. 84-B, the underlined word '**resident**'

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and tomorrow was assigned for third reading.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Whitney from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Smelts in Cumberland County" (H. P. 13) (L. D. 7) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee.

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker, Item 54, House Paper 13, L. D. 7, I wish to table this bill until sometime tomorrow for the purpose of preparing an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, moves that Item 54, Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Smelts in Cumberland County", House Paper 13, Legislative Document 7, reported out by the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A", together with accompanying

papers, lie on the table pending first reading and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of some additional groups. I am informed that there is a group of 22 students from Farmington State Teachers' College with Miss Agnes Mantor and Mr. G. R. Roberts as leaders; a group of students from Cape Elizabeth and Standish High Schools in charge of Mrs. Doris Connors and Mrs. Inez McConnell; a group of 48 students from Besse High School of Albion under the direction of Principal Boothby.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Minor Violations by Liquor Licensees" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 321)

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Violations by Liquor Licensees" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 323)

Bill "An Act relating to Allowance to Commissioned Officers for Maintenance of Uniforms and Equipment" (S. P. 195) (L. D. 432)

Bill "An Act relating to Billboard Advertising of Liquor in Dry Municipalities" (S. P. 343) (L. D. 843)

Bill "An Act to Control Vesicular Diseases" (S. P. 465) (L. D. 1296)

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Billboards and Signs" (H. P. 275) (L. D. 262)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Members of Boards of Registration" (H. P. 606) (L. D. 605)

Bill "An Act relating to Non-Registration of Farm Tractors" (H. P. 696) (L. D. 731)

Bill "An Act Relative to Mapleton and Chapman Game Preserve" (H. P. 728) (L. D. 747)

Bill "An Act relating to Renewal of Licenses for Barbering, Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 759) (L. D. 794)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Somerset County Law Library" (H. P. 853) (L. D. 910)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge and Allowance for Clerk Hire of the Pittsfield Municipal Court" (H. P. 854) (L. D. 928)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries and Fees of Western Somerset Municipal Court" (H. P. 855) (L. D. 929)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Western Hancock Municipal Court" (H. P. 860) (L. D. 933)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Northern Aroostook Municipal Court" (H. P. 862) (L. D. 955)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Van Buren Municipal Court" (H. P. 863) (L. D. 935)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Piscataquis Municipal Court" (H. P. 870) (L. D. 941)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, I request that Item 17, House Paper 870, Legislative Document 941, be laid on the table unassigned with the possibility of preparing an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, moves that Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Piscataquis Municipal Court", House Paper 870, Legislative Document 941, lie on the table unassigned pending third reading. It is the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. STANLEY of Hampden: Mr. Speaker - - -

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Stanley.

Mr. STANLEY: I offer Amendment "A" to House Paper 871, Legislative Document 942.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must request the gentleman to defer his

motion because that matter is not before the House at this time.

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Recorders and Judges of Municipal Courts, Clerk Hire and Rentals of Such Courts in Penobscot County" (H. P. 871) (L. D. 942)

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

Thereupon, Mr. Stanley of Hampden offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 871, L. D. 942, Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of Recorders and Judges of Municipal Courts, Clerk Hire and Rentals of Such Courts in Penobscot County."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Sec. 1 thereof, the same being covered by other legislation.

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the remaining sections thereof Sec. 1 to Sec. 5 inclusive.

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Ellsworth Municipal Court" (H. P. 876) (L. D. 947)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Aroostook County to Contribute Funds to the Unorganized Territory Capital Working Fund" (H. P. 997) (L. D. 1084)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Certain County Officers of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 1001) (L. D. 1088)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Eastport Municipal Court" (H. P. 1002) (L. D. 1089)

Bill "An Act relating to the Powers of the City of Calais" (H. P. 1004) (L. D. 1091)

Bill "An Act relating to Manufacturers and Bottlers of Non-Alcoholic Beverages" (H. P. 1195) (L. D. 1348)

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 Hunting with Bow and Arrow" (H. P. 1196) (L. D. 1350)

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

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

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 25, Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow", House Paper 1196, Legislative Document 1350, be tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow pending possible amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow", House Paper 1196, Legislative Document 1350, be tabled pending third reading and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled and so assigned.

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Committee on Aging" (H. P. 1197) (L. D. 1349)

Bill "An Act relating to Speed Regulations for Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1198) (L. D. 1351)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Milo (H. P. 486) (L. D. 506)

Resolve in favor of Rodolphe H. Morais of South China (H. P. 498) (L. D. 1354)

Resolve to Reimburse White & Hayes of Bangor (H. P. 501) (L. D. 1358)

Resolve to Reimburse Clark-Mitchell Funeral Homes of Bangor (H. P. 502) (L. D. 1355)

Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine General Hospital, of Bangor (H. P. 634) (L. D. 656)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Liberty (H. P. 637) (L. D. 1356)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Knox (H. P. 638) (L. D. 1353)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Sullivan (H. P. 717) (L. D. 1352)

Resolve in favor of the City of Gardiner (H. P. 797) (L. D. 882)

Resolve in favor of Ray Spearen of South China (H. P. 908) (L. D. 1357)

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 Bills

Bill "An Act to Amend the Exemption in the Sales and Use Tax Law Respecting Hospitals" (S. P. 72) (L. D. 156)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low.

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, the language of Senate Amendment Number 38 to Senate Paper Number 72 is faulty from a technical standpoint.

I therefore move that we reconsider our action in passing this bill as amended.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, moves that the House now reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that Senate Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment "A" which says the same thing in correct legal language.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, presents House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 72, L. D. 156, Bill "An Act to Amend the Exemption in the Sales and Use Tax Law Respecting Hospitals."

Amend said Bill by adding after the enacting clause, the following:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 14-A, § 10 sub-§ XII-A, additional. Section 10 of chapter 14-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 250 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered XII-A, to read as follows:

'XII-A. Sales to proprietors of unincorporated hospitals. Sales to proprietors of unincorporated hospitals of hospital supplies and equipment. By "hospital supplies and equip-

ment" is intended all tangible personal property bought for the care, treatment and housing of patients of the hospital or any other purpose necessarily incident to the operation of the hospital."

Further amend said Bill by adding at the beginning of the 1st line thereof, the following: 'Sec. 2.'

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Commissioners of Aroostook County" (S. P. 74) (L. D. 158)

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 Requirements for Registration for Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 760) (L. D. 795)

Bill "An Act relating to Earth Movers" (H. P. 769) (L. D. 734)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 267) (L. D. 304)

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

Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Education to Convey Certain Interest of the State to Town of Unity (H. P. 1059) (L. D. 1196)

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

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

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment "A" to House Paper 1059, Legislative Document 1196, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1059, L. D. 1196, Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Education to Convey Certain Interest of the State to Town of Unity

Amend said Resolve by striking out the words "Town of Unity" in the Title thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words 'the Unity Library Association'.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Markers for Motor Vehicle Owners who Operate Amateur Radio Stations" (H. P. 197) (L. D. 213)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes two additional groups in the balcony of the Hall of the House, namely, the Problems of Democracy Class from Newport High School, in charge of Miss Cotton and Mr. Willett, and pupils of the Fifth and Sixth Grades of the Charleston Schools, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Irving Keith and School Committee Member, Mrs. Kathleen Boyer.

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

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Portland re Sinking Fund (H. P. 420) (L. D. 467)

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. 126 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.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Financial Responsibility (S. P. 61) (L. D. 125)

An Act to Prevent Multiple Sales or Use Taxes (S. P. 73) (L. D. 157)

An Act relating to Guaranteed Loans to Veterans (S. P. 80) (L. D. 186)

An Act to Require That a Modern Mortality Table be Used in Inheritance Tax Calculations (S. P. 82) (L. D. 189)

An Act Authorizing the Construction of an Intake Structure and the Taking of Water from Craig Pond, Hancock County (S. P. 115) (L. D. 329)

An Act Amending the Sales and Use Tax Law as Respects Registration and Other Matters (S. P. 116) (L. D. 319)

An Act relating to the Advisory Council of Health and Welfare (S. P. 119) (L. D. 317)

An Act relating to the Bangor Public Library (S. P. 124) (L. D. 333)

An Act to Amend the Charter of Great Northern Paper Company, Formerly Northern Development Company (S. P. 125) (L. D. 334)

An Act relating to the Consolidation or Merger of Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries into Their Parent Corporation (S. P. 126) (L. D. 335)

An Act relating to Number of Signatures on Certain Nomination Papers (S. P. 129) (L. D. 338)

An Act relating to Suspension and Revocation of Liquor Licenses (S. P. 135) (L. D. 322)

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

An Act relating to Corporate Powers of Railroad Corporations (S. P. 171) (L. D. 418)

An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Probate of Kennebec County (S. P. 193) (L. D. 441)

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

An Act relating to Insects and Diseases of Trees (S. P. 210) (L. D. 546)

An Act to Clarify the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax of Prescribed Medicines (S. P. 211) (L. D. 547)

An Act relating to Minimum Speed of Motor Vehicles (H. P. 37) (L. D. 31)

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

An Act relating to the Use of the Prefix "Dr." by Optometrists (H. P. 76) (L. D. 85)

An Act relating to Ballot Clerks in Small Towns (H. P. 104) (L. D. 105)

An Act to Clarify Records as to Tax Mortgages (H. P. 105) (L. D. 106)

An Act relating to State Stipend for Counties (H. P. 113) (L. D. 115)

An Act Regulating the Draggings for Scallops in Harrington River and Bay and Pleasant River, Washington County (H. P. 150) (L. D. 147)

An Act to Provide a Credit Against the Sales Tax when the Price is not Paid (H. P. 152) (L. D. 134)

An Act relating to Arrests on Execution (H. P. 180) (L. D. 175)

An Act Establishing a Water Department of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation (H. P. 190) (L. D. 201)

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

An Act to Create a Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Board (H. P. 244) (L. D. 225)

An Act relating to Salary of Judge of the Winthrop Municipal Court (H. P. 285) (L. D. 270)

An Act relating to Harrison Mutual Fire Insurance Company (H. P. 314) (L. D. 386)

An Act relating to Salaries of Certain County Officers of Washington County (H. P. 359) (L. D. 375)

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

Tabled

An Act relating to Appropriation for Flags in Schools (H. P. 360) (L. D. 376)

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

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

Miss **CORMIER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am advised that there is a bill coming along which incorporates Item 34, Bill "An Act relating to Appropriation for Flags in Schools," House Paper 360, Legislative Document 376. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 34 lie on the table unassigned.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves that Item 34, Bill "An Act relating to Appropriation for Flags in Schools" House Paper 360, Legislative Document 376, lie on the table unassigned, pending passage to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

An Act relating to the Boundary Line Between the Towns of Sanford and North Berwick, York County (H. P. 362) (L. D. 378)

An Act relating to Fees of Jurors (H. P. 440) (L. D. 484)

An Act relating to Fees Payable to Registers of Deeds (H. P. 442) (L. D. 486)

An Act relating to the Road Repair Tax Fund in the Townships of Alder Stream, Coburn Gore, Chain of Ponds, and Jim Pond (H. P. 444) (L. D. 498)

An Act relating to Rental for the South Portland Municipal Court (H. P. 445) (L. D. 488)

An Act to Clarify the Aviation Laws (H. P. 451) (L. D. 446)

An Act relating to Registration Certificates for Airmen, Aircraft and Air Carriers (H. P. 452) (L. D. 447)

An Act relating to Exemptions for Non-Resident Airmen (H. P. 453) (L. D. 448)

An Act relating to Exemptions for Non-Resident Aircraft (H. P. 454) (L. D. 449)

An Act to Exempt the Sale of Meals by Hospitals and Nursing Homes (H. P. 545) (L. D. 526)

An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Kennebunk Municipal Court (H. P. 548) (L. D. 528)

An Act relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County (H. P. 549) (L. D. 529)

An Act relating to Payment to Lincoln County Law Library (H. P. 551) (L. D. 531)

An Act to Increase the Salary of Deputy Clerk of Courts, Penobscot County (H. P. 552) (L. D. 532)

An Act to Increase the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Penobscot County (H. P. 554) (L. D. 534)

Finally Passed

Resolve Directing Review of Property Tax Statutes (S. P. 189) (L. D. 428)

Resolve in favor of the Dragon Cement Company, Inc. (H. P. 91) (L. D. 95)

Resolve in favor of Clyde Moores of Springfield (H. P. 139) (L. D. 1160)

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)

Resolve in favor of Dr. Bernard R. Marcus of Auburn (H. P. 161) (L. D. 1161)

Resolve Appropriating Money for the Lands Reserved for Public Uses Trust Fund (H. P. 312) (L. D. 384)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sourdnaunk Lake in Piscataquis County (H. P. 413) (L. D. 461)

Resolve Closing Sourdnaunk Lake, Piscataquis County, to All Fishing (H. P. 414) (L. D. 462)

Resolve in favor of W. Lawrence Doble of Milo (H. P. 493) (L. D. 1258)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Friendship (H. P. 503) (L. D. 511)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Hudson (H. P. 505) (L. D. 513)

Resolve Closing Georges River, Knox County, to Taking of Smelts (H. P. 605) (L. D. 604)

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**: The Chair lays before the House the only tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Divided Report, Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age

to Eighteen Years, which is Senate Paper 81, Legislative Document 188, tabled on March 17 by the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, pending consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FITANIDES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The era of responsible government began in Ancient Greece, where the first experiment in democracy was made. It ended some 1700 years later, and did not reappear in the civilized countries of the Western World until some centuries after the Renaissance, and one by one these countries throughout the Western World began their fights for political rights, the right to ballot.

I often go back and read about the period of absolute monarchs in Europe, when slaves were considered property; when these slaves were driven to the battlefields without knowing the reason thereof. These poor men were forced to fight whenever their owners ordered them to, in exactly the same manner that we are ordering our 18-year-olds to fight today, while we substitute in the place of the feudal landlords or the absolute monarchs. What is the difference? Can you honestly say that we are civilized and they were not? These same slaves were hauled into courts and condemned without trial for violations of laws which they had no part in enacting. They were denied their natural rights.

How much voice does the 18-year-old have today in regard to the laws and the policies which he must obey? The 18-year-olds, in many cases, have assumed the responsibility of families and homes. At 18 he is serving in essential wartime capacities, either in war work or in war itself, and women under 21 are in the Wacs or the Waves or the Spars.

At 18 a man contributes to the cost of government in taxes, and I know you all remember the slogan "No taxation without representation." Why don't we fit it here, for it fits very, very well, - "No selective service without representation."

There is no sound reason why the voting age is retained at 21 instead of 18. Historically, there is no adequate basis for it. When the Norman Frenchmen conquered England (and I won't mention the name of the

Frenchman that led the forces) but these Frenchmen brought to England a very strict feudal system and the "full age" was set at 21 for property inheritance, which had no connection whatsoever with the mental maturity for the man 21 or 18, yet it has stayed here through the ages, and today we have no age limit for property inheritance, yet we still set that basis.

At our constitutional convention this question was debated very vigorously. They almost decided that the voting privilege be for property owners only, but Benjamin Franklin objected to this and finally they decided to leave this right to grant the voting privilege to the individual states, and it has remained so since.

Here we are, members in 1953, in what is called the Famous Twentieth Century, just a few years from the Buck Rogers Century. Granted, it was wise to place some limitation on the voting age, back at the time when they did, but why 21? When our State Constitutions were drafted, less than ten per cent of the people could read and write. I believe ten per cent is a bit high. But look at our present situation. In this land of plenty, almost everybody goes to school until they reach seventeen or eighteen, and a very great majority of them can read and write. Their mental growth and the development of the brain itself reaches its maximum peak of capacity at 17 years of age.

The brain is at its highest peak at this point. Look at what science has given us, what it has done for our present civilization. Most of these 18-year-olds know more than we do about a lot of things. Certainly, you cannot compare the so-called "adult" or the man of "full age" of 1778 with the 18-year-old of today. Of course you cannot, and we all know it.

In Ancient Greece the 18-year-olds were allowed to participate in all kinds of politics. In Roman times the youths of 16 and 17 were given this privilege.

Now last week the sponsor of this bill was forced to compromise to "20", and it got through, but was tabled indefinitely by the same gentleman. I cannot go along with that type of reasoning; I think that

if a man is eighteen, a man has a right to vote, not twenty or twenty-one but eighteen, when we consider our present set-up.

In Colonial days males required to equip themselves for the militia were given the privilege to vote for their officers. The 16-year-old was given this privilege. Now how can you explain the inconsistency here? The 16-year-old is allowed to vote for an officer but not for the politician? Why? I see no difference.

In Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay and in Uruguay, the voting age is eighteen. In Mexico it is 18 for married men and 21 for those not married. And may I quote to you from one of the leading Republican members of the Senate in Washington, the late Senator Vandenburg. He said, and I quote: "If young men are to be drafted at 18 years of age to fight for this government, they ought to be entitled to vote at 18 years of age for the kind of government for which they are best satisfied to fight." And I go along with him there.

Now how about these same young people to whom the other branch of the Legislature refused to grant the privilege to vote? Day after day these 18-year-olds go out and in their hands, with their judgment, they expertly maneuver three and a half million dollars' worth of jet airplanes. Some handle multi-million dollar bombers. This type of work is far more technical and complicated and requires far more serious judgment than that required to cast a ballot. If this slave, who serves his country in supreme sacrifice without right of representation makes one mistake, one wrong switch turned on or off, that ends his stay here on earth and there goes our three and a half million dollars that we have entrusted to him — it will all go up in smoke, or at least the plane does,—I don't know where he goes.

At the ballot box any individual has a 50-50 chance to pick a winner. He cannot fail—he has a 50-50 chance.

In 1940 only 36 per cent of the 18-year-olds were in high school. So that fact eliminates one argu-

ment that was put to me on this question. If you argue that 18-year-olds are not qualified to vote, then tell me what qualifications are required of today's voters? Do we give a current event test? No. Are we graded by any intelligence quotient? No. As a matter of fact, I wouldn't be far from wrong if I should say a good 15 per cent of the people that vote today cannot read and write, and I'm including the members of both parties here. If we require a test to determine mental maturity for one group, why place the test on the 18-year-olds?

What arguments can you produce to show me that since women were allowed to vote our country has slipped to its knees? (Other than the murderous job that they did on the Democrats in the last Federal election). Why, it was only a few years ago that we allowed the women to vote, and I consider this a very, very selfish civilization in regard to this point.

Georgia allows the 18-year-olds to vote, and that state hasn't disappeared from the face of the earth, and it is far more conservative than is the State of Maine.

In all sincerity I am embarrassed and truly ashamed to ask another man to go sacrifice either his arms, his eyes, his legs, his life, or any other part of his anatomy, for the things which I hold more dear than life itself, and then turn my back on him or her when they ask for the privilege to help make and vote for the very things which he is preserving for me.

You surely are without honor if you have the nerve to vote to deny the greatest privilege that America can grant to any individual who does all the things that they do for you, so I move that the minority report be accepted and that the vote be taken by a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, that the minority report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Eighteen Years be accepted. The same gentleman requests that when the vote is taken, it be taken by a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg.

Mr. FOGG: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to say that I wholeheartedly go along with the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, in his view on these 18-year-olds. I know a lot of people have told me that they don't think the young people from eighteen to twenty-one years of age are competent to vote intelligently on political matters. I would like to say this: I believe that young people from eighteen to twenty-one can vote as intelligently as a good many people who are over twenty-one try to vote.

I would like to review some of the things that were said to me before the last political election. I asked one man: "Who are you voting for, for Governor, in this election?" He said "I'm not going to vote for any of 'em. They're all crooked. I wouldn't trust any of 'em." I didn't. He wasn't even willing to investigate any of them, to see which one he would try to put his trust in. Now that man was over twenty-one; he was up in his thirties; and I don't believe he deserved the right to vote any more than anyone from eighteen to twenty-one years old.

There is another young couple in their late twenties. I asked them if they were going to vote, because naturally, as I was running, I was interested in scraping up as many votes as I could. They said: "No, we don't take any interest in politics because we are so busy." I asked them: "Have you registered?" They answered: "Sorry, we never had time to even register." Now I don't think that those people are more competent to vote than anyone eighteen to twenty-one years of age. And I think the very fact that a good part of the potential vote in this State in the last election did not go to the polls and vote when they could have is another indication that there are people who are over twenty-one and have the right to vote who would not vote any more intelligently than the younger people. I think that if the younger people eighteen to twenty-one were given the right to vote, that they would honor that right, that they would dig into the histories and they would dig into

the records of a lot of the candidates more than the older people do. And sometimes I wonder if that might not be the reason why some people don't want the people eighteen to twenty-one years old to vote, because they might be a little too thorough in digging into the history of some of these candidates.

Now there has been a lot of talk about teaching youth responsibility. I have always gone on the theory that the way to teach responsibility is to give responsibility, and I believe that if these young people are given responsibility, they will rise to it. I just cannot see the idea of treating them like children in one instance, and then turning around and expecting them to act like grown-ups in another instance.

Now I certainly hope that the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, does prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, if I am not out of order, I move at this time that L. D. 188, Senate Paper 81, be tabled until Tuesday, March 24, for the purpose of preparing an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that the first tabled and today assigned matter be retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24, pending the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, that the minority report "Ought to pass" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes a slight error in the printed Advance Journal whereby the heading for tabled and specially assigned matters is two items in advance of where it should be, therefore the second tabled and today assigned matter is 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 12 by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, pending acceptance of the report, and the Chair recognizes

that gentleman.

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, the Taxation Committee, at the present time, have some information available which they did not have at the time of the report, and I therefore move that this bill be recommitted to the Taxation Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, moves that the second 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, be recommitted to the Committee on Taxation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the report, with accompanying papers, was recommitted to the Committee on Taxation and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third 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" (H. P. 543) (L. D. 524) tabled on March 12 by the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that the two Reports and Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper.

Mr. TUPPER: Mr. Speaker, this bill received a just and fair hearing before our committee and I see no useful purpose in recommitting it and I hope that the gentleman's motion does not prevail.

This bill attempts to repeal the Washington County law against dragging within the three-mile limit. Those who favor the repeal of this law say that it is discriminatory. Let me say that there are very few Sea and Shore Fisheries

laws that are not discriminatory to some. They discriminate against a few for the benefit of the many. To mention just one law for example, let me cite the lobster license requirements for residents. One must be in the State of Maine three years before he can hold a lobster license. You can vote after six months. It is true that this is discrimination, yes, but it protects six thousand Maine lobstermen.

This Washington County law was enacted because they were dragging lobster pots from the lobster grounds off Washington County. The geography of Washington County is such that most lobster fishing is done of necessity near shore. The tides haul the lobster buoys under water so they are not visible to the draggers. The lobstermen have very small boats compared to the draggers and they cannot go off-shore. If this present law is repealed it means that 800 Washington County lobstermen would suffer; their industry would suffer. If the law is repealed fifty draggers, more or less, would benefit as compared to these 800 lobstermen. Many draggers from outside would take advantage of this repeal. It would mean only one-half of the county, but nevertheless it would hurt a great deal the lobster fishermen. This is a question of the greatest good to the greatest number.

I urge you to consider the economy of Washington County, the 300 families that make their living from lobstering. Nearly two and a half million pounds of lobsters are taken out of Washington County every year, worth nearly \$800,000.

I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Warren, Mr. McCluskey.

Mr. McCLUSKEY: Mr. Speaker, I signed this minority report and I think a little history of the act might be useful at this time.

This was passed in the last Legislature about four o'clock in the morning on the last day. It restricts trawlers from going into Washington County and Washington County alone in the State of Maine. It restricts about 150 to

175 square miles of our seacoast for this type of fishing. Now there are a lot of lobstermen up there and they claimed that these trawlers destroyed some of their traps but they produced no evidence that it was the trawlers that were doing this. It stands to reason some of their traps were destroyed for various reasons.

The coastline of Maine, I do not know how long it is, but we will say that 150 miles is one-fifth of it. That means that trawlers from Portland or Rockland cannot go into these waters. It also means that the trawlers of Washington County can go into the waters of any other county and fish. So it does discriminate. I think that these lobster traps are not covering the whole 150 square miles of our coast. I think that something should be done and I believe this law should be repealed and have it put on a statewide basis or not at all.

The **SPEAKER**: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, that the two Reports and Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. **WINCHENPAW**: When the vote is taken, Mr. Speaker, I request that there be a division on my motion that this bill be sent back to the committee.

The **SPEAKER**: The pending motion is the motion of the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, that the third 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" (H. P. 543) (L. D. 524) be recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, and the same gentleman requests that when the vote is taken it be taken by a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, that this matter be recommitted to the

Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The **SPEAKER**: Thirty-four having voted in the affirmative and forty-six in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper.

Mr. **TUPPER**: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the majority "Ought not to pass" report.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper, moves the acceptance of the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. **WINCHENPAW**: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say just a few words on this bill. I did not intend for the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper, to get ahead of me because I intended to make a different motion. He says that this bill had a fair hearing. There is one thing that I would like to point out: maybe when certain people on that committee testified before that committee in public, perhaps that is not a fair hearing, I don't know. This bill was put on, as the gentleman from Warren, Mr. McCluskey, said, four years ago. This is a part of the law; it is hidden in here, it is not a special law, it is hidden in the dragging law, Section 40, Page 20: "The use of either otter trawls or beam trawls within the territorial waters of Washington County is prohibited." This law is part of Section 40, Page 20 of the revised Sea and Shore Fisheries statutes, 1951, and was passed in 1949.

I want to explain why I think this should be repealed. This is a discriminatory law. Otter trawls and beam trawls are used from Kittery to the Washington County line. This law was passed to benefit the lobster fishermen and it is a discrimination against others.

This law was brought about by draggers catching fewer lobsters in Washington County. Now I am told that at certain times lobsters

have been known to school. Infrequently but occasionally lobsters have been known to school and many fishermen will tell you that they have even seen a school of lobsters swimming on the top. Well, it seems that this must have been the case because the draggers on the average do not scrape up too many lobsters, although of course they scrape up a few. But this time they caught quite a number of lobsters. These draggers will tell you that they caught their lobsters all right, that is a matter of record, but where they made their mistake was that they took them into Washington County and sold them. I do not believe that they intended to destroy any traps in Washington County. They drag where other lobstermen fish in all the other counties that border the seacoast.

This is not a conservation measure. If it were, I would not ask to have it repealed. But due to the coastline of Washington County and Canada there are Canadian boats dragging at this moment. I would be willing to guarantee. That was brought out at this hearing and no one at the hearing protested that. That is one reason why Hancock County and Knox County draggers should have the same rights as the Canadians, because the Canadian national boundary comes down between Grand Manan and Eastport, and it is very easy for Canadian draggers to switch over into Washington County, make a drag or two, and then when the cutter shows up they hike back home and they are safe, but you have a Knox County or a Hancock County boat go down there and there is no place to go. He cannot go into Canada, he cannot go into Washington County territorial waters. Now what do the Washington County draggers do? They come up into Knox County and Hancock County and drag. Washington County fishermen also come up into Knox County and Hancock County and catch our herring in the summer time. There are no restrictions against that.

I believe that this is a very unfair and discriminatory law and that it should be repealed. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from

Boothbay Harbor (Mr. Tupper) does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Machiasport, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This theory of Canadian draggers in Washington County is all shoo-fly. (Laughter). We do not have any Canadian draggers. And I can give you two or three illustrations of what has happened in regard to the experience of the fishermen with the draggers in Washington County.

We have a fisherman in my town, his name is James Sprague, who fishes about one hundred traps. He went out to haul his traps one morning and about half of his traps were missing. He cruised around and endeavored to find the traps. He found some little wreckage. Going on shore, he called up the keeper of the Libby Island light which is situated in the mouth of Machias Bay, and inquired of the keeper if he had seen a dragger in that vicinity lately. The keeper assured him that the dragger came in in the evening, the night before, circled the bay and went out. We put those two matters together and we decided what became of Mr. Sprague's lobsters.

Parties in Eastport were so situated that they existed through the winter by taking and peddling in the near towns scallops. After three trips of the draggers in that water the scallop bed had disappeared. Those parties had to go out of business.

Now in regard to selling those lobsters in Eastport. I have it on pretty good authority those lobsters were taken chiefly in St. Andrews Bay. These are only a few of the experiences that the fishermen of Washington County experienced prior to the enactment of the Washington County law. Now we are getting back on our feet there; the fishermen are beginning to get back that which they had lost during the non-protection of the county, and I trust that we are not going back again for the benefit of a few draggers which happen to come down into our waters at the expense and cost of the fishermen.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Warren, Mr. McCluskey.

Mr. McCLUSKEY: Mr. Speaker, I just have a few more words to say, and they are this: it is like the farmer who closes his land to all hunting, both to himself and to his neighbors and then says, "I will go over on your land and hunt."

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper.

Mr. TUPPER: I cannot deny that Mr. McCluskey's remarks about trying to get the family support are not probably proper but I think we should respect the will of the people of Washington County. Knox County, fortunately or unfortunately, as the case may be, has most of the draggers, and we can expect Mr. Winchenpaw and Mr. McCluskey to try to repeal this law.

Yesterday over five hundred lobstermen came up into this House and expressed themselves very volubly against a measure that would hurt their industry. I think that we ought to respect their wishes in this matter.

When the vote is taken I ask for a division of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from St. George, Mr. Robinson.

Mr. ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this matter, L. D. 524, and have it specially assigned for next Wednesday morning, for the purpose of offering an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from St. George, Mr. Robinson, that the third 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" (H. P. 543) (L. D. 524) be retabled and specially assigned for next Wednesday, pending the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper, that the House accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

As many as are in favor of the motion to retable will please signify

their desire by saying aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Thirty-four having voted in the affirmative and fifty-seven in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper, that the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to the Use of Trawls in Washington County" (H. P. 543) (L. D. 524) be accepted; and the same gentleman requests that when the vote is taken it be by a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say just one or two more words in answer to what the gentleman from Machiasport, Mr. Hanson, has said.

Most of us know that these draggers carry depth instruments, and also carry compasses, some also have ship to shore telephones and some maybe have radar. If this law were repealed they would not have to drag in there in the night, they could see where the lobster traps were. I do not believe this law keeps too many draggers out of Washington County. I was told that if a dragger had enough money and went down there and was caught dragging and took it to the Supreme Court he would win anyway. That is the situation now. The reason the lobster traps are scraped up is because the draggers have to go in there in the night and fog to drag so they cannot see the buoys very well. There are fish in there and the only way to catch them is with draggers.

When we had this hearing, flounder and gray sole were quoted down at Southwest Harbor at 17 cents a pound. We know these draggers from Washington County like to drag those flounders. Those are small boats. It is the big boats that this law tries to keep out, but it doesn't do it.

The gentleman just stated that the dragger came in there in the night and made a circle or two and took out a hundred traps or so. The

traps were gone whether the dragger took them or not. That is what is happening. They drag there in the night and they drag there in the fog.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Machiasport, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have heard it said that a drowning man will grasp at a straw. (Laughter) We are willing to accept this law and take our own chances as to the night hunting. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Tupper, that the majority "Ought not to pass" report 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, be accepted will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Seventy-six having voted in the affirmative and eleven in the negative, the motion prevails.

Thereupon the majority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Low of Rockland was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, on March 27, 1949, while the State was still paying deer damage claims, one of my constituents, Ervin E. Hustus of Rockland, got tangled up with a deer to the tune of \$81.75. At the proper time, he presented his papers to former Senator Sleeper and somehow or other his papers all got lost and the claim was not in the Ninety-fifth Legislature.

This year, on January 25, he wrote to the Department asking what had happened to his money. That was, of course, in plenty of time to enter the resolve and he received a letter from the department on February 5, which was still time to put the resolve in but I didn't hear about it and none of the delegation heard about it until last week.

It seems to me that this is a genuine hardship case and I ask unanimous consent to introduce this resolve.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve in favor of Ervin E. Hustus of Rockland.

Thereupon, the Resolve was received by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Center of Standish, the House voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of Bert W. Paul of Skowhegan, (S. P. 488) (L. D. 508) tabled on March 11 by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair now recognizes Mr. Center.

Mr. CENTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Since this resolve had its public hearing before the Claims Committee, verification of some of the evidence presented there has been accomplished and some new evidence, I believe, is available and with the permission of the Chairman of the Claims Committee and some other members of that committee, I move that this matter be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Standish, Mr. Center, moves that Resolve in favor of Bert W. Paul of Skowhegan, Senate Paper 488, Legislative Document 508, be now recommitted to the Committee on Claims. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Claims in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gates of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Millinocket for Supplies Furnished the Warren Dorr Family, (H. P. 62) (L. D. 59)

tabled on March 4 by the same gentleman pending acceptance of the Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Gates.

Mr. **GATES**: Mr. Speaker, I have discussed this matter with Senator Silsby, the Senate Chairman of the Claims Committee, and Mr. Potter, the House Chairman of the Committee on Claims, and I now wish to have this recommitted to that committee with all papers for their reconsideration.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Gates, moves that House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Millinocket for Supplies Furnished the Warren Dorr Family, House Paper 62, Legislative Document 59, together with accompanying papers, be recommitted to the Committee on Claims. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

On motion of Mr. Anderson of Greenville, the House voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis County," (H. P. 363) (L. D. 379) tabled on March 11 by that gentleman pending further consideration.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. **ANDERSON**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If you will take a quick glance at Legislative Document 610, you will find that 610 covers Legislative Document 379 and, believing that I should not have more than one matter on the table at a time, I now move indefinite postponement of Legislative Document 379.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, moves that Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis County", House Paper 363, Legislative Document 379, which appears on today's House Advance Journal as the ninth unassigned matter, be now indefinitely

postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve in favor of the Town of Medway, House Paper 63, Legislative Document 1176, and Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Freeport, House Paper 500, Legislative Document 1177, the Speaker appoints as House representatives for the Committee of Conference, the gentleman from Medway, Mr. Potter; the gentleman from Pownal, Mr. Tuttle; and the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Gates.

The Chair appoints at this time, as authorized in the House Order of last Thursday, the gentleman from Waterford, Mr. Ford, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs; and the gentleman from Machiasport, Mr. Hanson, to serve on the committee to function particularly a week from tomorrow on the occasion of "Welcome Back" Day.

At this time, the Chair calls to the attention of the House an excerpt from the order on today's printed notices and wishes to inform the Members that they may get copies of the entire order in the Speaker's office from the secretary there for distribution to those Representatives who formerly served in this House from the respective districts.

If there is no further business to come before the House at this—

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford.

Mr. **SANFORD**: Mr. Speaker, I have got a little business; I have been asleep, I guess, but I would like to ask a question as to what the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, said, that this L. D. 379 was taken care of there.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson. The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, may answer if he so desires.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In answer to my good friend, the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, if you will look at Legislative Document 379, you will note that it pertains to the salary of the county attorney of Piscataquis County and it pertains to that alone. Now, if you will look at Legislative Document 610, you will find that it pertains to the county officers of Piscataquis County and that bill includes again the salary of the county attorney.

Now, we all want to see the county attorney get an increase in salary but I do not think it is necessary to pass two bills to see that he gets it. Therefore, that is my reason for making the move to indefinitely postpone Legislative Document 379.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford.

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think there is a mix-up somewhere. I thought that at hearings before that committee down there on different things that Sam Slosberg told me that a county attorney would have to be put in in a separate bill. So, this is a separate bill, and, if it is not too late, I would like to reconsider that and table that thing for another day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, moves that the House reconsider its action

whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis County", House Paper 363, Legislative Document 379, and that this motion for reconsideration lie on the table and be specially assigned for Thursday, March 19. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, am I in order in withdrawing my motion to indefinitely postpone?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman is not in order because the House has already taken action on that matter.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, that the House reconsider its action whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis County", House Paper 363, Legislative Document 379, and that the Bill be tabled pending his motion for reconsideration and be specially assigned for Thursday, March 19. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

On motion of Mr. Watson of Moose River Plantation,

Adjourned until 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.