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## HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Henry M. Larsen of Hebron.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, requests the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Clerk of the House and the Assistant Clerk of the House to the rear of the Hall of the House, for the purpose of presenting to the House, the Governor of Girls' State and the Governor of Boys' State.

Thereupon, the Governor of Girls' State and the Governor of Boys' State were escorted to the rostrum by the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: With considerable pride, and in a sense of privilege, I wish to present to you Miss Christine Ann McKenna of York Village. She is seventeen years old and the next to the eldest in a family of eight, a senior at York High School, a member of the Student Council, the Athletic Council, the Dramatics Club, the Latin Club, Glee Club, Press Club and Girls Octet. She is the present Governor as of 1953 Girls' State Session, and one of the Maine delegates to the 1953 Girls' National Session.

Dirigo Girls' State is sponsored by the Maine Department of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I present to you Miss McKenna, Governor of Girls' State. (Applause, members rising)

I also am happy to present to you Irving King of Derby, Maine, who is attending Milo High School. He has been Class President through Grades Five through Twelve, with the exception of the Eleventh Grade. He has received his varsity letter in baseball and in basketball his Freshman, Sophomore and Junior years at Milo High School. He received his Hugh Casey Memorial for outstanding student in athletic participation. He was a member of the All-tourna-

ment team of the Eastern Maine Tournament in Basketball last year, a member of the National Honor Society, Governor of the 1953 Dirigo Boys' State, Representative of the State of Maine at Boys' Nation in Washington, and has just been appointed to Annapolis by Representative Clifford G. McIntyre.

Dirigo Boys' State is sponsored by the State of Maine Department of American Legion.

I present to you Mr. Irving King. (Applause, members rising)

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes at this time the presence in the rear of the Hall of the House of Mrs. Harold Owen of Milo, Past Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Commander Walter G. Leland of Sangerville, Department Commander, Department of Maine, American Legion.

We are happy to have you with us today. (Applause)

### Papers from the Senate

The SPEAKER: The House is in possession of a paper from the Senate, which is not printed on the Advance Journal. The Clerk will read the paper.

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 24th, 1953, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 498)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Slander and Libel Suits" (S. P. 486) (L. D. 1364)

Bill "An Act relating to Corrupt Practices in Elections" (S. P. 491) (L. D. 1363)

Bill "An Act relating to Submission of Information by State Employees and Candidates for Certain Public Office" (S. P. 492) (L. D. 1362)

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 Providing for Retirement Allowance for Ruth P. Vosburgh of Augusta (S. P. 497)

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 and ordered printed.

#### Tabled

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Permitting the Separation of Cumberland Foreside from the Town of Cumberland" (S. P. 488) (L. D. 1365)

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, the Bill was tabled pending reference in concurrence.

#### Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Sales Tax on Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 421) (L. D. 1133)

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

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

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Bracket Schedule in the Sales and Use Tax Law" (S. P. 191) (L. D. 439)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WIGHT of Penobscot  
CARTER of Oxford  
CHASE of Cumberland  
—of the Senate

Messrs. LOW of Rockland  
WILLEY of Ellsworth  
KEAY of Albion  
—of the House

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ALBEE of Portland  
SEAWARD of Kittery  
SANFORD of Dover-

Foxcroft  
DUQUETTE of Biddeford  
—of the House

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

In the House:

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

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On Senate Paper 191, Legislative Document 439, I wish to move that the House accept the minority report, "Ought not to pass."

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, moves that the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee be accepted in non-concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The merchants of the State of Maine have uniformly accepted the sales tax, done whatever work they had to do on it, and have done their best to do a good job. It is, however, a basic philosophy of our sales tax and every sales tax that the merchants should not pay the tax themselves but that it should come from the consumer.

Unfortunately, in our State, and in most states, you have or have had a bracket of twenty-four cents. The merchant is not fully recompensed for what he has to pay the State. As you know, the merchant pays the State on all of his sales, in Maine sales from one cent to twenty-four cents are tax exempt. At twenty-five cents the retailer receives one cent and pays the State of Maine half of one cent, and at that point, to be sure, he makes a four per cent profit, but as the sale increases his profit goes down, and when it gets half way to seventy-five cents, his loss begins to accumulate again. Especially among small merchants who make a large number of low-priced sales, this bracket has been a hard-

ship. It has been found in almost every State, where the sales tax is used, that at nineteen cents, if the bracket starts there, the merchants almost uniformly break even. They don't make any money; they don't lose any money. Bear in mind that the merchant is paying the State in full for all the sales between one and eighteen cents.

To be sure, I recognize that at twenty cents the merchant is making five per cent on the sale instead of four per cent, at twenty-four cents, but again he starts to lose very rapidly when it goes up, and below eighteen cents he is just taking a hundred per cent loss. Really, as the thing works out you just break even as a merchant at a bracket starting at nineteen cents. I believe we ought to be fair with the merchants. I can assure you, being one of them myself, that they have plenty of tax problems of their own, leaving out income taxes. All their stock is taxed as personal property and there are all kinds of other taxes going into the cost of doing business. I do not think we should ask them to assume part of the cost of the sales tax which is definitely meant to be paid by the consumer.

I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, does not prevail.

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

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of this Honorable Body: I believe back in 1949 and 1951 I had something to do with this sales tax and I believe I took that before the committee, on small sales, and went very thoroughly into detail on it and was questioned on it. The only merchants who came before the committee were druggists or grocery stores and they had the privilege of going to our Tax Department and getting a classified permit, taking an average of their sales, keeping no books whatsoever, and sending in their average each month.

As it stands now, if this is reduced to eighteen cents it is going to add an extra penny on a frappe or an ice cream soda. In fact, in our restaurant down here you get a slice of bacon and two slices of

bread and a cup of coffee and it is twenty-two cents and we will all pay an extra penny there. In other words, it is giving to the merchant and taking away from the small income groups, and I just hope that we will leave it where it is.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It seems to me that this bill is going to add greatly to the clerical work of the dealers, the merchants. I feel, and I know from some with whom I talked that they feel, that this tax as it is works out very well. They do lose a little, to be sure, on these small sales, but on the other hand the extra work of figuring the tax assessed according to this bill to my way of thinking would make it much harder, and I am not in favor of this bill.

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

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have been working on this bill as late as four o'clock this morning. (Laughter) A lot of these fellows even know that to be a fact. I have talked with a lot of merchants about it. These merchants all tell me they are perfectly satisfied with what this body did two years ago. Personally, I think they did a mighty good job.

Now I was talking just yesterday with a fellow who has charge of the cafeteria in a large hospital—he doesn't have charge of it but he knows all of the expenses and all the profits and what not, and he told me that his average sales in this department averaged twenty-six cents. He said, "Leave this thing alone, it is perfectly all right." I just tell you that one instance because that was yesterday but I could go on and tell you a number more.

I have talked with my good friend, Mr. Albee—and I have got another good friend over here, Mr. Low. I hate to say these things because I do not want to disappoint him, but I think he is a little bit off the track; I think Mr. Albee is right, and I do hope that Mr. Albee's motion will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman is referring

to the representative from Portland, Mr. Albee?

Mr. SANFORD: That is right, Mr. Speaker. (Laughter)

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

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, I think if you are able to work until four o'clock at night you should not have to worry about paying the sales tax. (Laughter) I think it is always easy to find exceptions to every good rule, but I think the rule really is that the large majority of retailers are not breaking even on this tax, and I really do not think it is fair that they should pay part of the tax themselves.

As to it being more work, I cannot understand that. Your clerk will simply collect a penny at twenty cents instead of at twenty-five cents, and the whole thing does not affect your paper work or your return to the department at all.

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

Mr. COTE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to go along with Mr. Albee on this bill. We were not satisfied two years ago to go into a two per cent sales tax and take it out of the pocketbook of every citizen of the State, but now we are going to lower it and take it out of the children's pocketbooks when they go into a drugstore to get their soda. Most of these children have a hard time scraping up twenty cents to get themselves a soda and I do not think we should make them scrape up twenty-one cents. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert.

Mr. ALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I saw the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, in the wee hours of the morning about three o'clock. If my memory serves me correctly, and I think it does, he wasn't working on the sales tax bill. (Laughter) I wasn't either. (Laughter)

I would like to point out to the members of this House that the Governor in his Inaugural Address pointed out that he felt that this sales tax should be lowered, and I think that this is the bill that is

going to take care of it if we are going to do it this session.

Reluctantly, two years ago I went along with you good people and voted for this sales tax. Why don't you go along with us now and cut it down a little bit here and there and make it easier on the merchant? The merchants all want it. They have been very fair towards the State of Maine by collecting it, although they kick a little bit here and there, and justly so. Think it over a bit and go along with us if you can.

Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, through the Chair. The question is: How much more money does this change bring into the State?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low. The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, may answer if he desires.

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, I will say to Mr. McGlauffin that I am sorry I do not know and I do not believe there is any way to find out. I do not believe it would be an important sum of money however.

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer that question, if I could, please.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear any objection to the request of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, that he be allowed to answer the question? The Chair hears no objection and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker, this does not bring in one penny to the State; it does not cut the tax bill one cent. It just adds to the consumer the difference so he can pay the merchant for collecting it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Moulton.

Mr. MOULTON: Mr. Speaker, at home I have one merchant who is always jokingly criticizing the sales tax, but the only constructive criticism that he has made is that in

the law it says a merchant shall not pay a consumer's tax, and under the present set-up he says we are having to do it. I wish we would be consistent.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, that the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee be accepted in non-concurrence. The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert, requests a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, 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.

Fifty-nine having voted in the affirmative and forty-seven having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the minority "Ought not to pass" report was accepted in non-concurrence and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. JALBERT of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I rise to request that we reconsider our action whereby we accepted the minority report on S. P. 191, L. D. 439, the minority report that we have just accepted, and, when you vote, vote against me, and I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that the House reconsider its action just taken whereby it voted to accept the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee in non-concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, for reconsideration 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: Two having voted in the affirmative and sixty-four in the negative, the motion for reconsideration does not prevail.

On motion of Mrs. Downing of North Kennebunkport, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder

of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentlewoman from North Kennebunkport, Mrs. Downing, and the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, to approach the rostrum, for the purpose of escorting Honorary Governor McKenna and Honorary Governor King from the House, with the assistance of the Sergeant-at-Arms, to the Senate.

Thereupon, Honorary Governor McKenna and Honorary Governor King were escorted to the Senate by Mrs. Downing and Mr. Brockway, accompanied by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: Without any further comment except to call to the attention of the members of the House, Rule 22 of Rules of the House:

"Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put where he is not excluded by interest shall give his vote, unless the House for special reasons shall excuse him, and when the yeas and nays are ordered, no member shall leave his seat until the vote is declared; in all elections by the House, or on joint ballot of the two houses, no member shall leave his seat, after voting, before a return of the House is had."

#### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Retiring Allowances or Life Insurance for Officers and Employees of Savings Banks" (S. P. 368) (L. D. 1034)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Revocation of an Insurance Agent's License" (S. P. 369) (L. D. 1035)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Change of Purposes of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies" (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1102)

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting same on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittsfield for Support of Dianne K. Edwards (S. P. 244) (L. D. 668)

Report of the Committee on Public Health reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Promotion of Medical Education" (S. P. 323) (L. D. 813)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Certain Food Products from Taxation" (S. P. 188) (L. D. 429)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (S. P. 336) (L. D. 841)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Clerk and Clerk Hire of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (S. P. 342) (L. D. 838)

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

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

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

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing the Provision that Bells Shall be Attached to Foremost Horses on Vehicles Driven on Snow" (S. P. 150) (L. D. 443)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing Law on Vehicles Approaching Stationary Street Car from Rear" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 550)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Accident Reports" (S. P. 214) (L. D. 549)

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 tomorrow assigned.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey to Portland Water District a Right of Way for a Pipeline Over Land of the State School for Boys in South Portland (S. P. 443) (L. D. 1151) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House: Report was read and accepted and the Resolve had its first reading.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 443, L. D. 1151, Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey to Portland Water District Right of Way for a Pipeline over Land of the State School for Boys in South Portland.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the words "to be recorded in Cumberland County Registry of Deeds, a copy of which plan is made a part hereof," in the 8th and 9th lines from the end, and inserting in place thereof the words "recorded in Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 39, at page 26".

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

Report of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Turning Movements and Required Signals for Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 118) (L. D. 315) 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. 118, L. D. 315, Bill "An Act Relating to Turning Movements and Required Signals for Motor Vehicles."

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

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

'Sec. 2. **Effective date.** The provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 1954.'

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

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955" (S. P. 41) (L. D. 54) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 476) (L. D. 1316) 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 as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House: Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, the Report, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report in concurrence and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24)

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Allowed Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" (H. P. 450) (L. D. 445) which was indefinitely postponed in the House on March 12.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed without amendment in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recede from our action whereby we indefinitely postponed the bill and the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that the House recede from its former action whereby it indefinitely postponed the bill and the report. Is that correct?

Mr. TOTMAN: That is the correct motion, Mr. Speaker. May I be permitted to explain the motion?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may speak to the motion.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The intent of this action, in the absence of the House Chairman of the Transportation Committee, is to act on this bill without the amendment in order that we may consider the bill with the original request for a fee of 75 cents. It is not the intent of the Transportation Committee to suggest that we now reconsider the bill for \$1.00. You will notice the Senate removed the twenty-five cent amendment, and therefore we now have before us for consideration a bill for seventy-five cents and that was the original bill.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that the House recede from its former action whereby it voted indefinite postponement of the report and the bill.

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

Mr. SENTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I talked with the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier and also with the sponsor of this bill, my friend, Mr. Alden of Gorham — Miss Cormier is also my friend. (Laughter) I talked with them and they asked me my opinion on this, and I told them that my stand was the same as it was a week ago. We are right back where we were a week ago at this time. I felt that we needed a thorough inspection of our motor vehicles, and that if paying seventy-five cents or a dollar was simply going to give us the same type of inspection which we are now getting I would not be in favor of it. I suggested to the gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Alden, that he take the matter up with the State Police Department to see whether or not they could do anything that would

insure us of a more thorough inspection; in other words, that they would use more care to see that these inspection stations did a better job. I was informed by Mr. Alden, after he had taken the matter up with the State Police, that the existing law is complete, and I take it that they will endeavor to see that the inspection stations do a better job and will clamp down on them. If that is so, I would say that I would go along with the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, for seventy-five cents, and I hope and pray that we get better inspections.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sweden, Mr. Moulton.

Mr. MOULTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: For approximately ten years twice a year my job is inspecting automobiles. Two years ago I had a card from the Secretary of State on that. We also had a bill for a special force of inspectors to check on inspection stations which was licked two years ago. I have not been in on inspections for about five years, but on the cars in my home town that were inspected I know the inspections that we got. I also know the disposition and character of the ones that make the inspection, and until you can change that you won't have any different inspection than you are getting at the present time for fifty cents. Every April and every October the police come around and say, "We are going to make this very strict," but after two or three days we never hear anything more about it.

I hope that we insist upon our former action.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I do not know just how inspections are done in other parts of the State but where I have my vehicle inspected when they start the inspection they say, "Turn on the lights." I do. They are all right. They say, "Try the windshield wiper." I do. That is all right. Then those other things that they ask to have done, if they are all right they just put on a sticker, which takes them probably five or six or ten

minutes, and I think fifty cents is ample. When I turn on the lights, if one of them doesn't dim or if anything happens to it he doesn't say any more; he walks right over, takes out a repair card, punches the clock, and I pay \$2.00 an hour from there on.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that the House recede from its former action whereby it voted indefinite postponement of both the report and the bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, will 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: Thirty having voted in the affirmative and eighty-six in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

The Chair understood that the gentleman from Sweden, Mr. Moulton, used the word "insist." Did the gentleman mean to make as his motion that the House insist on its former action?

Mr. MOULTON: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the House insist on its former action.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman kindly approach the rostrum?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sweden, Mr. Moulton.

Mr. MOULTON: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House adhere.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Sweden, Mr. Moulton, withdraws his motion that the House insist on its former action and moves that the House adhere to its former action. Is it the pleasure of the House to adhere to its former action on H. P. 450, L. D. 445, Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Allowed Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations"?

The motion prevailed.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Divesting Property in Qualifications for Old

Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 199) (L. D. 209) which was passed to be engrossed without amendment in the House on March 10.

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

In the House, on motion of Mr. Dickey of Brooks, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order relative to Lists of Hearings Scheduled, Made Available to Weekly Newspapers (S. P. 238) which was passed as amended by House Amendments "A", "B" and "C" in the House on February 12.

Came from the Senate with House Amendments "A" and "B" indefinitely postponed and the Order passed as amended by House Amendment "C" as follows:

"Amend said Order by striking out the word "Wednesday" from the fifth line and inserting in place thereof the word "Tuesday."

In the House, on motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, the House voted to insist on its former action.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, to the rostrum, for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, was escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the rostrum, where he assumed the Chair amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

#### Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

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

#### Welfare

Bill "An Act Repealing Town's Share in Aid to Dependent Chil-

dren Expenditures" (H. P. 1206) (Presented by Mr. Cole of Liberty) (Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

Mr. Totman of Bangor presented the following Order and moved its passage.

WHEREAS there is a member of this House whose son is a member of the championship basketball team representing the State of Maine at the New England tournament;

BE IT ORDERED that the members of the House of Representatives extend its congratulations to the gentleman from Ellsworth, to Mrs. Willey and to their son;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the House be directed to send to Mr. Willey of Ellsworth an attested copy of this Order.

The Order received passage amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair announces that a telegram has been sent to the Boston Garden to the Ellsworth Basketball Team, representing Maine, signed by the Governor, the President of the Senate and by the Speaker of the House.

#### House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve relating to the Use of Purse or Drag Seines in Certain Waters" (H. P. 237) (L. D. 219)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BROWN of Washington  
DOW of Lincoln  
LITTLEFIELD of York  
—of the Senate  
Messrs. HANSON of Machiasport  
BILLINGS of Stonington  
STANWOOD of Steuben  
McCLUSKEY of Warren  
—of the House

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following member:

MR. TUPPER  
of Boothbay Harbor  
—of the House

Reports were read, and on motion of Mr. Hanson of Machiasport, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Refer to Committee on Education

Mr. Edwards from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Calais re Term of Office of School Committee" (H. P. 874) (L. D. 945) reported that same be referred to the Committee on Education.

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

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Gosline from the Committee on County Estimates to which was referred the County Estimates from the Several Counties reported a Resolve (H. P. 1205) (L. D. 1372) under title of Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Fifty-three and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four and that it "Ought to pass".

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve was read once.

Mr. Fickett of Naples offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1205, L. D. 1372, Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Fifty-three and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the column headed "1953" opposite the word "Cumberland" the figure "\$430,955.00" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$405,955.00.'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out in the column headed "1954" opposite the word "Cumberland" the figure "\$426,475.00" and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$401,475.00.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Gosline.

Mr. GOSLINE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The county tax, by law, must be assessed by April 1st. It is vitally necessary that this resolve reach the Governor's desk and be approved by him before April 1st.

Each county tax, as set forth in this resolve, has been approved by the members of the County Estimates Committee representing that county, and I understand that this approval was only given after conference and determination by the county delegation.

I now ask that the rules be suspended and the resolve be given its second reading at this time.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the resolve was given its second reading and was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. PETERSON from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Provide Fire Protection for Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 361) (L. D. 377) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1203) (L. D. 1371) under title of Bill "An Act to Provide Fire Protection for Townships of Silver Ridge and Albany" and that it "Ought to pass".

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Payment to Cumberland County Law Library" (H. P. 693) (L. D. 728) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1204) (L. D. 1370) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

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

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. CAMPBELL from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in Favor of Procuring Testimonials for the Purpose of Marking the Unmarked Graves of the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War (H. P. 485) (L. D. 505)

Mr. DAVIS from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Automobile Travel by State Fire Inspectors" (H. P. 629) (L. D. 688)

Mr. JALBERT from same Committee reported same on Resolve relating to Construction of a Road

Terminal in City of Rockland (H. P. 24) (L. D. 19)

Mr. BILLINGS from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Resolve relating to the Taking of Clams in Town of Harpswell (H. P. 850) (L. D. 908)

Mr. McCLUSKEY from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams, Quahogs, Mussels and Worms in the Town of Isleboro" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1030)

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Westbrook Municipal Court" (H. P. 154) (L. D. 150)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Clerk of Courts and Deputy Clerk of Courts of Cumberland County" (H. P. 861) (L. D. 934)

Mr. PETERSON from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Clerk of Courts and Treasurer, and Clerk Hire in Office of Treasurer, Kennebec County" (H. P. 692) (L. D. 727)

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Peterson from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Sheriff of Waldo County" (H. P. 607) (L. D. 606)

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion of Mr. Clements of Belfast, the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending first reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24.)

#### Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. POTTER from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of the Town of Bingham (H. P. 716) (L. D. 741) 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. 716, L. D. 741, Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Bingham

Amend said resolve by striking out the figure "\$400" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$350'.

Further 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 'funds of the forestry department.'

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

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Clyde W. Tibbetts of Hampden (H. P. 492) (L. D. 574) 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. 492, L. D. 574, Resolve, in Favor of Clyde W. Tibbetts, of Hampden.

Amend said resolve by striking out the figure "\$1,580" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,200'.

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

Mr. Tuttle from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Cook & Company, Inc. (H. P. 633) (L. D. 689) 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. 633, L. D. 689, Resolve in Favor of Cook & Company, Inc.

Amend said resolve by striking out the figure "\$1,467.45" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,122.90'.

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

Mr. Pullen from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Expenditures of Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 642) (L. D. 657) 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. 642, L. D. 657, Bill "An Act Relating to Expenditures of Town Road Improvement Fund."

Amend said Bill by striking out the 1st sentence of that part designated "Sec. 42-C" and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

'The expenditures of this fund shall be for drainage, machine grading, graveling and tarring, but shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000 in any 1 mile.'

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

Mr. Vaughan from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve in favor of Flying Pond Improvement Association (H. P. 594) (L. D. 634) 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. 594, L. D. 634, Resolve, in Favor of Flying Pond Improvement Association.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 1st line thereof the figures "\$1,135.34" and inserting in place thereof the figures '\$152.70'.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out in the 4th and 5th lines thereof the words "dam and fishway" and inserting in place thereof the words 'fish screen'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve was as-

signed for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Caribou Municipal Court" (H. P. 865) (L. D. 937) 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. 865, L. D. 937, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Caribou Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th line of section 1 thereof, the underlined figures "\$3,500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,000'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 7th line of section 2 thereof, the underlined figures "\$1,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,650'.

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

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Register of Deeds, Deputy Register of Deeds and Clerk Hire in Registry Office in Cumberland County" (H. P. 550) (L. D. 530) 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. 550, L. D. 530, Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Register of Deeds, Deputy Register of Deeds and Clerk Hire in Registry Office in Cumberland County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$4,500" in the 5th line thereof, and inserting in place thereof, the underlined figures '\$4,100'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned

for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Edwards from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Registers of Deeds" (H. P. 242) (L. D. 223) 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. 242, L. D. 223, Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Registers of Deeds."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "\$2" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof, the underlined figures '\$1.50'.

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

Mr. Edwards from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Clothing Allowance for Detectives and Police Matron of Police Department of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 1000) (L. D. 1087) 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. 1000, L. D. 1087, Bill, "An Act Relating to Clothing Allowance for Detectives and Police Matron of Police Department of City of Lewiston."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the Title thereof the words "and Police Matron".

Further amend said Bill by striking out the abbreviation and figure "Sec. 1." at the beginning of the 1st line thereof.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 thereof.

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

Mr. Evans from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the

Judge and Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court" (H. P. 866) (L. D. 938) 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. 866, L. D. 938, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 7th line of section 1 thereof, the underlined figures "3,500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,000'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 7th line of section 2 thereof, the underlined figures "\$1,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,650'.

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge and Recorder of the Waldo County Municipal Court" (H. P. 856) (L. D. 930) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion of Mr. Clements of Belfast, the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending first reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24.)

Mr. PETERSON from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court" (H. P. 868) (L. D. 939) 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. 868, L. D. 939, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salary of the

Judge of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title thereof and inserting in place thereof the following title:

'An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court'.

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the 1st line thereof, the underlined abbreviation and figure "Sec. 1."

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, the following:

"Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1899, c. 61, § 3, amended. The last sentence of section 3 of chapter 61 of the private and special laws of 1899, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 203 of the private and special laws of 1915, and as amended by chapter 121 of the private and special laws of 1951, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Said recorder shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of ~~\$700~~ \$800 a year to be paid quarterly from the treasury of the county of Hancock, which will be in full for his services.'

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

Mr. Scott from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Presque Isle Municipal Court" (H. P. 864) (L. D. 936) 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. 864, L. D. 936, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Presque Isle Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line of section 1 thereof the underlined figures "~~\$3,500~~" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,000'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 7th line of section 2 thereof, the underlined figures

"~~\$1,800~~" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,650'.

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Scott from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relative to the Salary of the Judge of the Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 446) (L. D. 489) 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. 446, L. D. 489, Bill "An Act Relative to the Salary of the Judge of the Brunswick Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "~~\$4,000~~" in the 6th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,000'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

(On motion of Mr. Senter of Brunswick the Bill, together with accompanying papers, was tabled pending assignment for third reading of the Bill and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 25.)

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court" (H. P. 867) (L. D. 954) 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. 867, L. D. 954, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 6th line thereof the underlined figures "~~\$3,000~~" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,900'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned



for third reading the next legislative day.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 447) (L. D. 490) 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. 447, L. D. 490, Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Brunswick Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,500" in the 6th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,800'.

(On motion of Mr. Senter of Brunswick, Committee Amendment "A" and accompanying papers were tabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 25.)

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of County Attorney and Register of Deeds, Waldo County" (H. P. 608) (L. D. 607) 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. 608, L. D. 607, Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of County Attorney and Register of Deeds, Waldo County."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Waldo County.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the abbreviation and figure "Sec. 1." at the beginning of the 1st line thereof.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 thereof.

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

#### Passed To Be Engrossed Amended Bills

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

Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Wild Animals Damaging Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 586) (L. D. 628)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Peabody Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 66) (L. D. 62)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Carol Hapworth of Winslow (H. P. 319) (L. D. 390)

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Jefferson for Conveyance of School Children (H. P. 719) (L. D. 1368).

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

(On motion of Mr. Chase of Whitefield, the Resolve with accompanying papers was tabled pending second reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 25.)

Bill "An Act to Secure Uniformity of Assessment of Forest Lands for Purpose of Taxation" (S. P. 36) (L. D. 39)

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

#### Orders of the Day

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

Mr. ALDEN: Mr. Speaker, I understand that An Act Relating to the Fees of Jurors, House Paper 440, Legislative Document 484, has been retained in the hands of the Clerk at my request in order that I might move reconsideration of its

passage to be enacted by the House, yesterday. I move that the House reconsider its action whereby it was passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will inform the gentleman that the Act is in possession of the House. The title of the Act is An Act Relating to the Fees of Jurors, House Paper 440, Legislative Document, 484, and the Chair understands that the gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Alden, moves that the House reconsider its action in passing this Bill to be enacted.

Mr. ALDEN: I do, Mr. Speaker, and I further move that my motion be tabled and be specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Alden, moves that his motion to reconsider the passage to be enacted of An Act Relating to the Fees of Jurors, House Paper 440, Legislative Document 484, be laid on the table and be specially assigned for Tuesday, March 24. Is this the pleasure of the House.

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Driving of Deer", House Paper 94, Legislative Document 87, tabled on March 17 by the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Roberts, pending acceptance of the Committee Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Roberts, the Committee Report with accompanying papers was retabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 25.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Examination of Insurance Agents" Senate Paper 106, Legislative Document 306, tabled on March 17 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be given its third reading and, at the same time, I ask if the Chair will inform me if it would be in order to amend this bill if it should come back here to be enacted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, moves that Bill "An Act relating to the Examination of Insurance Agents", Senate Paper 106, Legislative Document 306, be given its third reading.

The Chair will inform the gentleman that after a bill is engrossed, it is not subject to amendment.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion. I was trying to speed up the legislative action. I am somewhat embarrassed by having to ask to have it tabled again but inasmuch as the Insurance Commissioner has asked me to hold this up until Wednesday, I move that it be retabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, next, March 25.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, now moves that Bill "An Act relating to the Examination of Insurance Agents", Senate Paper 106, Legislative Document 306, be retabled pending third reading and be specially assigned for Wednesday, March 25. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Smelts in Cumberland County", House Paper 13, Legislative Document 7, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker, I note the absence from the House of the gentleman who presented this bill and I wish to request the privilege again of retabling this and having it unassigned as I do not know when he is returning.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Al-

bee, moves that the third today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Smelts in Cumberland County", House Paper 13, Legislative Document 7, together with accompanying papers, be retabled pending first reading and be specially assigned for next Tuesday, March 24. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow", House Paper 1196, Legislative Document 1350, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I now move that this bill have its third reading together with House Amendment "A" as presented today. I call the attention of the House to the fact that this bill has had two strike-outs and I hope that the pitching of this amendment will help save the game.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1196, L. D. 1350 Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow."

Amend said Bill by striking out the two deleted sentences at the end thereof and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:

'No bow shall be strung while carried in any vehicle. No deer shall be shot from a raised platform or standing tree.'

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned

matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Piscataquis County," House Paper 363, Legislative Document 379, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, pending his motion to reconsider indefinite postponement; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SANFORD: Mr. Speaker, this must be the one I tabled yesterday. They say I was up until four o'clock this morning. Yes, I guess that's it. I find that we have a bill in here for two— I first want to make a motion to take the matter off the table.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that the matter is already before the House for consideration.

Mr. SANFORD: That is the only thing I want to know, Mr. Speaker. We have two bills in here for salary for county attorney and we only need one so I make a motion that we indefinitely postpone this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion made yesterday by the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Sanford, that the House reconsider the indefinite postponement of the bill.

All those in favor of the motion to reconsider the indefinite postponement of the bill will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House now recurs to the motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, to indefinitely postpone the bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

At this point, Speaker Bates returned to the rostrum.

Speaker BATES: Representative Low, I know I express the pleasure of the House in having served under you as Speaker pro tem and I personally thank you for having taken over.

Mr. LOW: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, Mr. Low was escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to his seat on the Floor amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Speaker Bates in the Chair.

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

In the matter of a progress report to the Legislature, the Chair thought that each of the members might be interested in a comparison between the 96th Legislature and the 95th Legislature in the matter of reports of committees received in the two bodies of this Legislature.

At the eleven-week period, with thirty-two working days on the part of the 96th Legislature and forty working days in the eleventh week of the 95th Legislature, committee reports to the number of 416 have been received in this House, whereas the number reported to the

House in the 95th Legislature for the same corresponding time was 302. There have been 162 Senate Reports received from committees in this Legislature as compared to 131 in the eleventh-week period of the 95th Legislative Session.

The Chair urges the cooperation of all House members in paying particular attention to the item on the notices in regard to the parking problem that the Superintendent has brought to your attention. I know that each member will try to cooperate with their usual team work and good spirit.

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

On motion of Miss Steeves of Lincoln,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 24, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.