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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 24, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Donald Ward of Brewer.

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

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Revise the Biennial Revision of the Inland Fish and Game Laws" (S. P. 496) (L. D. 1369)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Myrtie M. Brown of China (S. P. 502)

Resolve Granting a Pension to Fannie Gushee of Appleton (S. P. 503)

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

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

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Certificates of Approval of Sale of Liquor" (S. P. 140) (L. D. 328) reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Number of Medical Examiners for Cumberland County" (S. P. 334) (L. D. 842) reporting same.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Tuition at State Normal School and Teachers' Colleges" (S. P. 200) (L. D. 537)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House: Report was read.

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

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Line Budget for State Appropriations" (S. P. 239) (L. D. 664)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District (S. P. 76) (L. D. 183)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Providing for Independent Water Supply at Maine Maritime Academy (S. P. 161) (L. D. 406)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Appropriating Funds for Related and Supplemental Instruction under Voluntary Apprenticeship Law (S. P. 346) (L. D. 959)

Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Sale of Liquor in State Stores" (S. P. 225) (L. D. 591)

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams and Quahogs" (S. P. 228) (L. D. 594)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act to Exempt from the Maine Sales and Use Tax Beer, Ale and Other Drinks" (S. P. 332) (L. D. 834)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act to Determine Liability and Responsibility of Drivers of Fire Apparatus" (S. P. 229) (L. D. 603)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting Savings Banks to Invest in Certain Preferred Stocks" (S. P. 292) (L. D. 823)

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

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to the Uniform Health and Accident Insurance Law" (S. P. 201) (L. D. 552) 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. 201, L. D. 552, Bill "An Act Relating to the Uniform Health and Accident Insurance Law."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "charged" in the 3rd line of the 2nd paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 110" the following underlined words and figures:

'provided that clause (1) shall not apply in the case of policy forms approved or disapproved in accordance with the provisions of section 113-D'

Further amend said Bill by inserting therein a new section, to be numbered 'Sec. 1-A.', to read as follows:

"Sec. 1-A. R. S., c. 56, §113, Sub-§1, repealed and replaced. Subsection I of section 113 of chapter 56 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 421 of the public laws of 1949, is here-

by repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'I. Any policy or contract of insurance against death or injury resulting from accident or from accidental means which covers more than 1 person, except blanket accident policies as defined in section 113-A and family accident and sickness policies conforming to subsection I of section 111, shall be deemed a group accident insurance policy. Any policy or contract which insures against disablement, disease or sickness of the insured, excluding disablement which results from accident or from accidental means, and which covers more than 1 person, except blanket sickness insurance policies as defined in section 113-A and family accident and sickness policies conforming to subsection I of section 111, shall be deemed a group sickness insurance policy or contract. Any policy or contract of insurance which combines the coverage of group accident insurance and of group sickness insurance shall be deemed a group accident and sickness insurance policy. No policy or contract of group accident, group sickness or group accident and sickness insurance and no certificate thereunder, shall be delivered or issued for delivery in this state unless it conforms to the requirements of subsection II and the requirement of section 113-B ' '

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

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Inspections by the Insurance Commissioner" (S. P. 290) (L. D. 825) 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. 290, L. D. 825, Bill, "An Act Relating to Inspections by the Insurance Commissioner."

Amend said bill by striking out the following underlined words in the third line of that paragraph designated Sec. 73 "state fire inspector"

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

Ought Not to Pass Recommended

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Legal Length of Lobsters" (S. P. 277) (L. D. 767)

Came from the Senate with the Report and Bill recommended to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Tupper of Boothbay Harbor, the "Ought not to pass" report was accepted in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.)

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Closing Little Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 260) (L. D. 290) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in the House on March 17.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, the House voted to recede from its former action whereby it passed the Resolve to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A".

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve to Repeal Certain Special Resolve Pensions (H. P. 612) (L. D. 732) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by

House Amendment "A" in the House on March 12.

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

In the House:

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

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I move, on Item 20, House Paper 612, Legislative Document 732, that the House insist on its former action whereby it passed this Resolve to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A", and I ask for a Committee of Conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Dickey, moves that, in relation to Item 20, the House insist on its former action of March 12 whereby it passed the Resolve to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" and ask for a Committee of Conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes, at this time, a group of fifty-five students in the balcony of the Hall of the House from the Problems of Democracy Class, Farmington High School, in charge of Mr. Walter Reed, and a group at the rear of the Hall of the House from Saint Croix High School, accompanied by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Leighton.

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

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

Highways

Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Swanville against Reclassification of State Aid Highways (H. P. 1207) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

Remonstrance of Edwin Molison and 71 others against same

(H. P. 1208) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mrs. Lord of Portland, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of the session, in order to permit smoking.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Premises' in Liquor Law" (H. P. 984) (L. D. 1072)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. TABB of Kennebec
BOUCHER of Androscoggin
DENNETT of York
— of the Senate

Messrs. LARRABEE of Westbrook
CHASE of Whitefield
DOSTIE of Winslow
ALBERT of Augusta
— of the House

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle
Messrs. BROWN of Robbinston
ANDERSON of Greenville
— of the House

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, moves that the Majority Report of the Committee, "Ought not to pass", be accepted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart.

Mr. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 1, and Item 2, which are related bills, lie upon the table and be specially assigned for Thursday next.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart, moves that Item 1, Majority Report of the

Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Premises' in Liquor Law," House Paper 984, Legislative Document 1072, and Minority Report of same Committee "Ought to pass", lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report, and be specially assigned for Thursday next.

Would the gentleman be willing to change his assignment date from Thursday because of events scheduled in this House on Thursday?

Mr. STEWART: Tuesday next, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart, that Item 1 lie on the table and be specially assigned for Tuesday next, pending the motion of the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, that the Majority Report of the Committee "Ought not to pass" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Calls of "No")

Mr. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The same gentleman requests a division. As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart, to table and assign for Tuesday next Item 1, 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: Twenty-three having voted in the affirmative and sixty-nine having voted in the negative, the motion to table does not prevail.

The prevailing motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, that the Majority Report of the Committee, "Ought not to pass" be accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart.

Mr. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, Item 1 deals with L. D. 1072, and it is a very simple bill. It simply relates to the definition of premises

in the liquor law. For purposes of clarity I would like to read that definition: "'Premises' shall mean in case of a licensee the building in which the licensee is to exercise the privilege of the license. 'Premises' in the case of a public or private school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house shall include within its meaning not only the buildings but the grounds of such institutions.'"

Now this provision is related to a section of the law which says that the distance from liquor-licensed premises to these institutions, such as school, school dormitory, church, chapel and parish house, shall be three hundred feet. The purpose of this bill is to extend by its definition that provision, so that if the grounds of the institution are within three hundred feet of the liquor licensed premises, that will be the distance by which a determination shall be made whether or not a new license shall be granted.

Now the provision of the law that this relates to is one that says that no new licenses shall be granted in relation to these premises. It is my feeling that this bill will not, in any way, harm any existing institutions which now have the privilege of operating within three hundred feet of the grounds of the premises. It would be further acceptable to me, if that meaning is not clear, that an amendment, and I think an amendment is not necessary in this case, but if it is necessary for clarity, that an amendment might be added which would except from the provisions of this bill existing licenses or renewals or transfers thereof, but as I stated before, the law now says that no new licenses shall be granted to which these terms shall apply.

As I stated before, it is my feeling that this is a very simple provision, that we feel in many cases schools and churches find themselves closely related in distance to liquor licensed premises for on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages. It is my feeling that the Legislature, in the original passage of the law, intended to set a bound, and a reasonable bound, by which these liquor-licensed premises shall be removed from such institutions that we want to protect such as

schools, school dormitories, churches and chapels. It is my feeling that this clarification would make it possible for us to protect our youngsters, and therefore it is my hope that this House will refuse to accept the majority "Ought not to pass" report, and that they will accept the "Ought to pass" report signed by a minority of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not agree with my friend, the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Stewart) in regard to this bill. It is a good deal more dangerous than it looks. This bill states that the premises could be any part of the grounds of a church, school and so forth. They could buy up plots of land and buildings near establishments and put them out of business, and not only that, but there are many of these institutions, schools and churches, that have premises or grounds scattered all over a city. If this bill were to pass, you would find a good many of the good establishments thrown out of business. I maintain that this is a very dangerous bill.

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

Mr. LARRABEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Your Committee on Liquor Control has given this matter very thorough consideration and a majority of the committee have come to the conclusion that it ought not to pass. I think that Representative Chase has brought the matter out very clearly and I rise in agreement with the committee "Ought not to pass" report, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Stewart, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, that the Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Premises' in Liquor Law," H. P. 984, L. D. 1072, be accepted.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from

Whitefield, Mr. Chase, will kindly rise in their places and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Eighty-nine having voted in the affirmative and twenty having voted in the Negative, the motion prevailed and majority "Ought not to pass" Report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Location of Licensed Premises in Liquor Law" (H. P. 985) (L. D. 1073)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. TABB of Kennebec
BOUCHER of Androscoggin
DENNETT of York
— of the Senate

Messrs. DOSTIE of Winslow
LARRABEE of Westbrook
CHASE of Whitefield
ALBERT of Augusta
— of the House

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle
Messrs. BROWN of Robbinston
ANDERSON of Greenville
— of the House

Report was read.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on this companion bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, moves that the Majority "Ought not to pass", Report of the Committee be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Carroll L. McKusick of Parkman (H. P. 159) (L. D. 733) which was recommitted.

Mr. Nadeau from the Committee on Highways reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Entrances to Highways" (H. P. 720) (L. D. 772)

Mr. Low from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Sessions of Bath Municipal Court" (H. P. 821) (L. D. 852)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Knox County General Hospital" (H. P. 823) (L. D. 854)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Laws of Divorce" (H. P. 44) (L. D. 45) 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. 44, L. D. 45, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Laws of Divorce."

Amend said bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"R. S., c. 153, § 69, amended. Section 69 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:

'An original decree made pursuant to this section granting the care and custody of a minor child to the department of health and welfare shall not extend beyond the time when the child shall reach the age of 18 years. But upon application by the department, the court, for sufficient cause, may extend such decree to the time when the child shall reach the age of 21 years.'

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

Mr. Trafton from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Registration as Voters of Physically Disabled Persons" (H. P. 524) (L. D. 562) 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. 524, L. D. 562, Bill, "An Act relating to Registration as Voters of Physically Disabled Persons."

Amend said Bill by striking out all after the underlined word and punctuation "person," in the 4th line and substituting therefor the following:

'to receive proof that such person possesses all the qualifications of a voter, and to receive in writing the application of such person upon a printed form to be furnished by said board and conforming to the provisions of section 27. Such member shall write thereon the date when and by whom the application is received and shall file the same with the board of registration. The board shall in any open session take action thereon and if satisfied as to the necessary qualifications of the applicant, the applicant shall be enrolled as a voter and his or her name shall then be placed upon the general register of voters and each applicant so registered shall by said board be notified in writing of such registration.'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of a group of twenty-eight students from the American History and Government classes of Bingham High School, in charge of Mr. Jordan.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

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)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Certain Food Products from Taxation" (S. P. 188) (L. D. 429)

Bill "An Act Repealing Law on Vehicles Approaching Stationary

Street Car from Rear" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 550)

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Accident Reports" (S. P. 214) (L. D. 549)

Bill "An Act relating to Promotion of Medical Education" (S. P. 323) (L. D. 813)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (S. P. 336) (L. D. 841)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Tabled

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

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

(On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

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

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Retiring Allowances or Life Insurance for Officers and Employees of Savings Banks" (S. P. 368) (L. D. 1034)

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

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Westbrook Municipal Court" (H. P. 154) (L. D. 150)

Bill "An Act relating to Automobile Travel by State Fire Inspectors" (H. P. 629) (L. D. 688)

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)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Clerk of Courts and Deputy Clerk of Courts of Cumberland County" (H. P. 861) (L. D. 934)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams, Quahogs, Mussels and Worms in the Town of Islesboro" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1030)

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 to Provide Fire Protection for Townships of Silver Ridge and Albany" (H. P. 1203) (L. D. 1371)

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

(On motion of Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow, March 25.)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment to Cumberland County Law Library" (H. P. 1204) (L. D. 1370)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittsfield for Support of Dianne K. Edwards (S. P. 244) (L. D. 668)

Resolve relating to Construction of a Road and Terminal in City of Rockland (H. P. 24) (L. D. 19)

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)

Resolve relating to the Taking of Clams in Town of Harpswell (H. P. 850) (L. D. 908)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Turning Movements and Required Signals for Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 118) (L. D. 315)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Registers of Deeds" (H. P. 242) (L. D. 223)

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)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Waldo County" (H. P. 608) (L. D. 607)

Bill "An Act relating to Expenditures of Town Road Improvement Fund" (H. P. 642) (L. D. 657)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Presque Isle Municipal Court" (H. P. 864) (L. D. 936)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Caribou Municipal Court" (H. P. 865) (L. D. 937)

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court" (H. P. 867) (L. D. 954)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court" (H. P. 868) (L. D. 939)

Bill "An Act relating to Clothing Allowance for Detectives of Police Department of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 1000) (L. D. 1087)

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)

Resolve in favor of Clyde W. Tibbetts of Hampden (H. P. 492) (L. D. 574)

Resolve in favor of Flying Pond Improvement Association (H. P. 594) (L. D. 634)

Resolve in favor of Cook & Company, Inc. (H. P. 633) (L. D. 689)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bingham (H. P. 716) (L. D. 741)

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.

Orders of the Day

Mr. JACOBS of Auburn: Mr. Speaker —

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. JACOBS: I wish to take from the table the eighth tabled and today assigned matter.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, requests unanimous consent of the House to take up out of order the eighth tabled and today assigned matter which is Senate Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft, Senate Paper 476, Legislative Document 1316, 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," Senate Paper 41, Legislative Document 54, tabled by that gentleman on March 19 pending acceptance of the report in concurrence. Does the Chair hear objection

to considering the eighth tabled and today assigned matter out of order? The Chair hears no objection and the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, may proceed.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill carries the appropriations for the business of this State for the next two years, coming from the general fund. I tabled this matter last Thursday in order that everyone might have a chance to read it, and, further, to say that there is a rumor that the committee is going to try to railroad this matter through the House, which was not correct.

It is the opinion of the Appropriations Committee after due deliberations of some six weeks in regard to this matter that we all agree to the report, and in order that you all may know where the increases or decreases were made, I am going to read this report so that you may know exactly where the committee stands on this report:

GENERAL FUND

Comparative Schedule showing a Detailed Analysis of the Differences between the Appropriations Recommended by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Appropriations Recommended by the Governor

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>More or</u>	
	<u>Recommendations</u>		<u>Committee</u>		<u>(Less) than</u>	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
ADJUTANT GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF						
Departmental Operations	158,376	161,992	169,786	174,992	11,410	13,000
This increase provides for the following additions in personnel: one state property officer, one clerk, one typist and one stenographer.						
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF						
Animal Industry Division	53,945	55,150	55,703	56,618	1,758	1,468
The increase in this appropriation provides for increased pay ranges necessary to attract veterinarians to State employment. It also provides sufficient funds to paint the egg-laying buildings.						
Control of Livestock Disease	101,198	101,580	111,900	112,271	10,702	10,691
This increase provides for one veterinarian, plus a salary range for veterinarians, and provides for increased cost of test work by private veterinarians.						
Division of Plant Industry	27,617	26,267	23,000	23,000	(4,617)	(3,267)
This decrease is a result of transferring certain entomology functions to the Department of Forestry, Division of Entomology.						
APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL	796	796	1,200	1,200	404	404
This increase is the result of a change in Federal laws requiring the Apprenticeship Council to meet at least once a month, and provides for their necessary traveling expenses.						
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF						
Departmental Operations	95,836	96,596	99,188	99,300	3,352	2,704
This increase provides for increased salary of Assistant Attorneys General and also provides in the first year for a car trade-in.						
AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF						
Departmental Operations	87,305	87,553	90,290	90,253	2,985	2,700
This increase provides for one additional auditor.						

	Budget		Appropriations		More or	
	Recommendations		Committee		(Less) than	
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS						
Public and Private Hospitals, Aid to	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	200,000	200,000
This increase will reimburse the hospitals for 60% of their actual costs on State Aid patients instead of the present reimbursement rate of 50%.						
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS						
Maine Employment Security Comm.	20,000	20,000	—	—	(20,000)	(20,000)
This decrease is brought about as a result of a change in Federal regulations whereby the State is no longer required to appropriate funds for this purpose.						
Employees Retire.-Expense Fund	36,493	37,544	54,493	43,580	18,000	6,036
Due to the rapid growth of the Maine State Retirement System, the Committee felt the above increase was justified to allow the Retirement System to change their present longhand accounting system to machine accounting.						
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, MAINE						
Departmental Operations	400,000	400,000	300,000	300,000	(100,000)	(100,000)
The Committee felt that the above reduction would provide the same number of dollars as was provided by the last legislature and that this would do the job.						
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF						
Student Scholarship Fund	24,782	25,000	50,000	50,000	25,218	25,000
The Committee felt it was more desirable to increase this account to provide for deserving scholars who could not afford the present tuition rate and to leave the present \$100 tuition as is. It was stated before the Committee that the present tuition fee is not objectionable to the majority of the students and that by increasing the scholarship fund in the amount of \$25,000 a year, it would not be necessary to decrease the tuition rate from \$100 to \$50 at a cost to the State of \$56,200 per year.						
I think, Mr. Speaker, that that answers the question of the gentleman from Brooks,						
Mr. Dickey.						
Farmington State Teachers' College	124,078	125,311	130,035	130,621	5,957	5,310
This increase provides additional funds for general maintenance and repair.						

Gorham State Teachers' College	149,752	147,380	170,341	170,538	20,589	23,158
This increase provides for two additional instructors, one additional Assistant Professor. It also provides equipment for Science laboratory.						
Washington State Teachers' College	68,031	64,098	69,043	64,933	1,012	835
This provides for some increase in maintenance and repairs.						
Madawaska Training School	53,454	55,023	56,692	58,573	3,238	3,550
This provides for some increase in maintenance and repairs.						
Aroostook State Teachers' College	70,852	71,749	77,577	78,051	6,725	6,302
This provides for the purchase of library books and for one additional housemother.						
Schooling of Children in Unorg. Territory	100,786	104,601	144,371	158,145	43,585	53,544
This increase is primarily the result of increased tuition charges for approximately 250 children now in high school. It also provides for increased conveyance costs.						
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF						
Entomology	82,896	83,553	87,896	88,553	5,000	5,000
This increase is a result of transferring certain entomology programs from the Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry.						
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF						
Passamaquoddy Indians	103,803	103,837	108,803	108,837	5,000	5,000
This increase is provided for the purpose of repairing homes and building new homes for the Indians of Peter Dana Point Reservation and for the Indians of Pleasant Point Reservation, and takes the place of L. D.'s No. 135 and No. 136.						
Aid to the Blind	126,553	126,553	143,500	143,500	16,947	16,947
This increase is a result of passage of a bill raising the maximum grants from \$50 to \$55 in accordance with the Governor's recommendations.						
Old Age Assistance—Benefits	2,676,500	2,685,500	2,869,000	2,878,000	192,500	192,500
This increase is a result of passage of a bill raising the maximum grants from \$50 to \$55 in accordance with the Governor's recommendations.						
Old Age Assistance—Burials	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	25,000	25,000
This provides for an increase in reimbursement to funeral directors for Old Age Assistance cases from \$100 to \$150.						
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION	72,342	72,792	74,250	74,768	1,908	1,976
This provides for the filling of a currently vacant position.						
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, DEPT. OF						
Augusta State Hospital	1,602,694	1,608,775	1,652,694	1,658,775	50,000	50,000
This increase provides an allowance of twenty additional positions and also provides an increase for equipment.						

	Budget		Appropriations Committee		More or (Less) than Budget	
	Recommendations		Recommendations		Recommendations	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
Boys, State School for	183,895	184,367	187,395	187,867	3,500	3,500
This increase provides for one high school teacher.						
Central Maine Sanatorium	529,575	537,000	543,575	537,000	14,000	—
This increase provides for the purchase of a new x-ray machine.						
Operation and Maintenance of New Medical and Surgical Building	—	187,327	—	75,000	—	(112,327)
This decrease is due to the fact that funds were provided for the new building for a full year, and it is now our understanding that the new building will be in operation for only a small part of the year.						
Deaf, Maine School for	141,301	141,354	154,211	149,864	12,910	8,510
This increase provides for one additional fireman, one supervising teacher and for the purchase of a new washing machine.						
Men's Reformatory	187,085	186,295	200,960	197,060	13,875	10,765
This increase provides for the transfer of two employees now being paid from the Farm payroll to the Institutional payroll, this for the purpose of supervising inmates while they are working in our State parks. It also provides for the purchase of a second-hand bus to transport the inmates from the Reformatory to the various State parks where they may be working.						
Military and Naval Children's Home	55,130	55,139	25,000	—	(30,130)	(55,139)
This decrease is a result of the Committee's feeling that the annual per capita cost per child in the amount of \$1,636 is far in excess of that which they felt the people of the State of Maine could afford to pay. Consequently, by drastically cutting the appropriation we felt it would focus attention on something you might want to think about and take action on. There was no feeling to discriminate against any group or against any location.						
Pownal State School	1,072,260	1,088,508	1,118,260	1,116,508	46,000	28,000
This increase provides thirteen additional employees and the installation of a new steam turbine for the first year in the amount of \$18,000.						
Prison, Maine State	400,294	393,669	438,711	422,546	38,417	28,877
This increase provides for six additional guards, it provides \$3,300 for new laundry equipment and \$5,000 in the first year for the repair of roofs of state-owned houses.						
Western Maine Sanatorium	334,886	337,613	339,086	341,813	4,200	4,200
This increase provides for one additional night watchman.						

LEGISLATIVE

Legislative Expense	199,455	199,455	205,605	205,605	6,150	6,150
The appropriation recommended by this Committee is based on the actual expenditures of the previous legislative session and represents our best guess as to the amount we feel is necessary to cover legislative operations.						
Legislative Research Committee	45,463	25,492	48,428	26,777	2,965	1,285
This provides for an estimated increase in printing costs.						

LIBRARY, STATE OF MAINE

Departmental Operations	92,262	92,541	93,452	94,271	1,190	1,730
This provides an increased allowance for travelling expense for the purpose of representatives of the State Library to visit libraries within the state for the purpose of giving advice and assistance in library methods.						

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

	95,000	95,000	102,500	102,500	7,500	7,500
This increase is provided to maintain present operations with an increased enrollment and also provide a more desirable salary structure for employees.						

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, SUPT. OF

Departmental Operations	225,701	223,174	233,810	231,338	8,109	8,164
This increase provides for one telephone operator half-time, one additional painter and one day watchman.						

PURCHASES, BUREAU OF

Departmental Operations	55,256	55,901	51,599	52,157	(3,657)	(3,744)
This decrease cuts out of the Governor's budget one new position—namely, an inspector.						
Central Mailing Room	14,299	14,188	14,965	14,801	666	613
This increase provides salary adjustments for present employees.						
Division of Public Printing	16,856	15,812	17,530	16,256	674	444
This provides for increased printing costs due to increase in volume of work.						

SALARY PLAN—STATE EMPLOYEES

	—	—	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
This item was included in the Governor's budget message and provides for a one-step increase to all State employees effective July 1, 1953.						

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	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>(Less) than</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>	<u>1953-54</u>	<u>1954-55</u>
SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES						
Departmental Operations	178,495	180,111	179,236	181,755	741	1,644
This increase provides for an increase in the Commissioner's salary already approved by Governor and Council and for additional traveling cost.						
Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Comm.	13,587	14,311	16,262	16,262	2,675	1,951
This increase provides for additional part-time, seasonal and per diem help.						
Closed Clam Areas Program	357	8,872	1,077	9,000	720	128
This increase will provide approximately the same number of dollars as is available in this current biennium.						
SECRETARY OF STATE						
Departmental Operations	29,961	33,224	33,461	35,300	3,500	2,076
This increase provides for reprinting of the corporation law pamphlet plus providing for recording by dextragraphing two years' corporation records.						
Elections	35,087	39,146	36,200	41,650	1,113	2,504
This increase provides primarily for increased printing costs.						
TAXATION, BUREAU OF						
Departmental Operations	428,153	436,167	458,152	462,001	29,999	25,834
This increase provides for nine additional employees in the Sales Tax Division.						
TREASURER OF STATE						
Departmental Operations	45,139	45,811	48,152	48,554	3,013	2,743
This increase provides for one additional employee.						
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE						
	1,475,978	1,502,890	1,781,616	1,888,320	305,638	385,430
This increase provides for a more adequate wage scale, replacement of equipment and funds for research and extension service.						

VETERANS AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF

Departmental Operations	81,171	82,256	87,997	91,888	6,826	9,632
This increase provides for one additional field representative and two clerk stenographers.						
World War Assistance	368,000	368,000	409,542	425,923	41,542	57,923
This increase is due to added case loads for World War II veterans and Korean veterans.						
General Law Pensions	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000	(5,000)	(5,000)

Our recommended appropriation provides approximately the same number of dollars spent in the actual 1951-52 fiscal year.

The total increase in the Appropriations Bill is \$1,443,809 the first year and \$1,351,251 the second year more than is shown in the Budget Document on your desks. However, when taking into consideration the Budget Document, plus the Governor's recommendations in the budget message (namely, Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind, raising the maximum from \$50 to \$55, his recommendations for State employees in the amount of \$400,000 each year which we recommend and his recommended decrease in tuition rates at the State Teachers' Colleges which we did not recommend), this difference then becomes an increase of \$778,362 the first year and \$685,804 the second year.

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Now these all added together, Mr. Speaker, represent the differences between the appropriations report and the budget report by the Governor. As a committee we felt justified in meeting these requests. No doubt perhaps if ten more people, members of this Legislature, should be appointed to do this job as the Appropriations Committee has tried to do they might not come very far from our figures. If they want to be fair with the Commissioners who run this State of Maine during the absence of this Legislature and while they are in session, as a member of this Appropriations Committee—and I refer to myself only, having served six times on this Appropriations Committee and three times on the Budget Committee of the State of Maine—it would seem to me, and I believe to you, that having seen and had such service for the State, that that person might be in a fair position to judge what the State needs to run it for the next two years. We are all not infallible to mistakes, but I believe after six weeks of actual service on this Appropriations Committee—the committee as a whole are unanimous on this report, and we feel that it should be accepted by this Legislature. Of course we are only representatives of you, the members of the Legislature, on the committee; but we have tried to do our duty, tried to see the financial setup as it appears on this Appropriations Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I move that this report be accepted and that the Bill be given its first and second readings at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, moves that the House accept Senate Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft, on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954 and June 30, 1955" Senate Paper 476, Legislative Document 1316. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. CAVERLY: Mr. Speaker, under this item of Military and Naval Children's Home, I move the adop-

tion of Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to inform the gentleman that Senate Amendment "A" is not before the House at this time.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish at this time to commend the Appropriations Committee for the fine job they have done with such a complicated bill. I do feel that they did an extra fine job in getting this bill out so early for us to look at.

Now that we have had a look at it, I move that the bill be recommitted to the Appropriations Committee to give them a chance to cut wherever they deem necessary. I think that there is a feeling that there has necessarily got to be a cut. I would suggest if the bill is turned back to the committee that the members either here or before the committee send in writing their opinion as to where the cuts will come. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, moves that the Report and accompanying papers be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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

Mr. BAILEY: Mr. Speaker, this is without doubt or question the most important bill that we have before us this session and it does seem that with the considerable changes which have been made from the original bill that we would only be justified in giving the members of this Legislature an opportunity to study the bill, each one of us, before the report is accepted.

Therefore, I move that this report and bill be laid on the table until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, moves that the eighth tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft, Senate Paper 476, Legislative Document 1316, 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," Senate Paper 41,

Legislative Document 54, lie on the table, pending acceptance of the report in concurrence, and be specially assigned for tomorrow, March 25. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. FOGG of Madison: Mr. Speaker —

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise? The motion to table is not debatable except for the purpose of stating and assigning a time.

The prevailing motion before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, that the eighth today assigned matter be tabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence and specially assigned for tomorrow, March 25.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question through the Chair of the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, if he will be willing to amend his motion to include the issuance to the members of the House of a copy of the same mimeographed data which the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, has just read. I find it, personally, rather difficult to juggle L. D. 54 and the new L. D. which represents the recommended changes without having seen them on one sheet of paper, clearly presented. I believe that last session the Appropriations Committee finally gave the members of the House an over-all aggregate sheet showing the original recommendations, the increases and the cuts and I would like to ask Mr. Bailey if he would be willing to amend his motion to include that distribution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, is not debating the time. Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, is attempting to address a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, on his motion, amendment of his motion?

Mr. TOTMAN: That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that the wheels have already been set in motion for the reproduction of the information he has in mind.

Mr. TOTMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. BURGESS of Limestone: To ask a question through the Chair, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, requests unanimous consent of the House to address a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, and the Chair will state that the gentleman's question must deal only with the time involvement of the tabling assignment. Is it the pleasure of the House that the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, be given unanimous consent to address a question through the Chair? The Chair hears no objection and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that my question will be in order and I will have no feeling if you should rule me out of order. The question I wish to ask is whether or not the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, will withdraw his motion until a few minutes later to give those who wish to express themselves on the particular item an opportunity at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules that the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, may answer that question if he so desires.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BAILEY: Mr. Speaker, I am willing to withdraw it at the present time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, withdraws his motion.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to discuss the mechanics at this time with the members of the House rather than the legislative document which is before you and, in order to discuss those mechanics and do it briefly, may I say to the House that the particular bill known as the Appropriations Bill is predicated on the income to the State from the present existing revenue laws, and that as the session progresses there no doubt will be from the Committee on Taxation reports which will

affect the income to the State. Whether or not those reports will be accepted and the revenue decreased, I cannot answer but I had hoped that at this time the House might see fit to accept the committee report, give the bill its first and second readings, and then table it until such time as the members had determined whether or not you wish to decrease or change in any way the revenue which will be accruing to the State's general fund for the next biennium.

The matter of appropriations must, necessarily, be within and well within the best estimates on income and should your revenue measures change, either up or down, you will then, no doubt, wish to change the figures in the Appropriations Bill in a corresponding manner.

What I have said would also be in reply to the gentleman on my left, who wished that the bill be recommitted. I am speaking only for myself and not for the committee because we have not discussed it in executive session but it would seem to me that recommitment of the bill would be unwise at this time until the House has had ample opportunity to express its wishes in the form of amendments offered, if you have them; it will at least give us a full discussion so that if you should recommit it at a later date the Committee on Appropriations will have the benefit of your thinking. I have no objection to the mechanics which the House uses. I am only pointing out what seems to me to be the best mechanics in order to accomplish what you wish to get with all of the information at hand at the time you vote.

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, the report that I have just read carries with it the budget recommendation and the Committee on Appropriations recommendation. I did not read those figures because I thought that it was not necessary but I will have a stenographer put them in the report, the whole figures, of the Budget Committee, of the Governor's budget recommendations and the recommendations of the Appropriations Committee. I read the

differences between the two in my report.

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

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I arise to concur with what the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, has said. The gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, has stated that he thinks this should be recommitted at once if I understand him correctly.

It is my opinion that this bill is the result of six weeks' work by your committee and if there are any changes to be made it is my opinion that each item should be considered on its merits so I would suggest that perhaps this bill should be given its first and second readings and then taken from the table and discussed, item by item, so that we might know the feeling of the House in regard to the matter.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am very pleased that the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, discussed with you the possibility or feasibility of recommitting or not recommitting the bill at once. At least it gave the members of this body an opportunity to discuss and state their wishes.

In answer to the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, and I am speaking for myself, I am sure that other members of the committee also would certainly go along with his thinking that this manuscript which was read by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, should be reproduced so that the members can get a clearer picture of the figures. The figures that Mr. Jacobs stated gave the budget recommendations and the full amount of the Appropriations Committee recommendations and full amount of each year of the biennium and also shows in the last two columns the increases and decreases.

Before I sit down, I would like to call the attention of the membership, bearing in mind that an editorial is often times called the opinion of one man, if it is displeasing, and sometimes it is a great editorial if it is pleasing. I con-

tributed in a very small part to this editorial that was reproduced and distributed on your desks this morning. If experience is any criterion to go by, this editorial is as clear and concise and condenses the figures as well as possible and before you start operating on the budget, up or down, I feel very strongly and I am sincere when I say this, regardless of the fact that it was printed in my home city, that you could educate yourself further by reading this thing thoroughly than you could further educate yourself after this manuscript is reproduced and distributed on your desks as was Mr. Totman's suggestion.

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

Mr. BAILEY: Mr. Speaker, may I approach the rostrum?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman has that privilege.

The motion pending at this time is the motion of the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, that Senate Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft, Senate Paper 476, Legislative Document 1316, 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," Senate Paper 41, Legislative Document 54, be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

Is the House ready for the question?

All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase, will please manifest their desire by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, I move that we retable this proposition until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, moves that this matter be now retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

and the Chair requests the gentleman to state his purpose.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, it is only a matter of time. Such a voluminous report as this, it is very questionable to me whether a tabling of only one day would give ample opportunity for the members to study the figures involved. I wonder if the gentleman from Auburn (Mr. Jacobs) would be willing to table it for a longer length of time. I realize that Thursday, too, is not an opportune time because of the ceremonies planned for that day.

The SPEAKER: Without any further comment, the Chair wishes to state that this matter has been available to each member since March 11.

Does the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, wish to answer the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne?

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, I want everyone to have opportunity but if they have been given six weeks to consider this matter as this committee has done and tried to present an honest representation of the facts of the financial situation to this Legislature, I don't know—it doesn't make any difference to me—any time that is designated but it seems to me that tomorrow morning, they will have all afternoon to look over the figures and the more you look over the figures, the more confused you will be.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, and wishes the gentleman to state his question.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, again as a matter of time I will withdraw my request and bow to the wish of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, if he feels that the figures which I understand we are going to get, this additional data, is not too voluminous to study it sufficiently so that we can talk on it intelligently tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, and requests the gentleman to state his reason for addressing the Chair.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, must address his remarks to the

time of tabling the matter now before the House.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, I would ask through the Chair that Mr. Jacobs withdraw his motion until I have made a few remarks.

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

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman wants to take it away from me he has a perfect right and I will withdraw my motion and he can do what he wants to, if the members of the Legislature here agree with him. I can see no reason why this should be delayed, really.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, withdraws his motion only for the purpose of explanatory remarks on the part of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, and not for the purpose of making a motion.

Mr. JACOBS: That is right, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not intend or want to take anything away from Mr. Jacobs. I just want to say that we do have a lot of new members in this House, I believe 86, and above all else we want to be fair, we want each one to be well-informed on this bill. As some gentlemen have said, it is probably the most important bill that is before us. I hope that this bill may have its first and second readings. I want to concur with the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell, that before it has its third reading that if not taken up item by item that it can be taken up department by department and thus give each member a chance to offer amendments or ask questions or whatever he may wish to do. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, now wishes his motion to be the pending motion before the House?

Mr. JACOBS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House at this time is on the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, that the eighth tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" in New Draft, Senate Paper 476, Legislative Document 1316, 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," Senate Paper 41, Legislative Document 54, be re-tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 25, pending acceptance of the report in concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled.

The gentleman from Corinna, Mr. Emerson, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. EMERSON: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to introduce a bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Corinna, Mr. Emerson, requests unanimous consent of the House to introduce a bill. Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears none and the Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Newport School District."

Thereupon the Bill was received by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Sales and Use Tax Law," Senate Paper 141, Legislative Document 341, tabled by the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Peterson, on March 17 pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Peterson.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, it was voted that the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee on Taxation be accepted in concurrence.

Thereupon the bill was given its two several readings.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 141, L. D. 341, Bill, "An Act

to Clarify the Sales and Use Tax Law.”

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 thereof and inserting in place thereof, the following:

“Sec. 2. R. S., c. 14-A, §2, amended. The 3rd sentence of that part of section 2 of chapter 14-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 250 of the public laws of 1951, which defines “retail sale” or “sale at retail” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The term “retail sale” or “sale at retail” does not include an any sale by an executor or administrator in the settlement of an estate, unless such sale is made through a retailer, or unless such sale is made in the continuation or operation of a business; nor does the term include any other isolated transaction in which any tangible personal property is sold, transferred, offered for sale, or delivered by the owner thereof, or by his representative for the owner’s account, such sale, transfer, offer for sale, or delivery not being made in the ordinary course of repeated and successive transactions of a like character by such owner or on his account by his representative, such transactions being elsewhere sometimes referred to as “casual sales”; provided, however, that “casual sale” shall not include any transaction in which tangible personal property is sold, transferred or offered for sale by a representative for the owner’s account when such representative is a registered retailer, in which event such registered retailer shall have the same duties respecting such sale as if he had sold on his own account.”

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Divided Report, Majority Report “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” and Minority Report “Ought not to pass” of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill “An Act relating to Use of Lights to Illuminate Wild Birds and Animals”, House Paper 805, Legislative Document 889, tabled on March 18 by

the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Fogg, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Fogg, the House voted to accept the Majority Report “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A”.

The Bill was then given its two several readings.

Committee Amendment “A” was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H. P. 805, L. D. 889, Bill “An Act Relating to Use of Lights to Illuminate Wild Birds or Animals.”

Amend said bill by striking out the underlined word “deliberate” in the first line of Sec. 67-A.

Further amend said bill by striking out the period in the fourth line of Sec. 67-A and inserting at the end of said bill the following punctuation and underlined words, ‘except as lights may now be used by coon hunters.’

Committee Amendment “A” was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Report “Ought not to pass” of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Henry J. Frye of Georgetown, House Paper 636, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the “Ought not to pass” Report of the Committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report “Ought not to pass” of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill “An Act relating to Wearing Red Material While Hunting,” House Paper 732, Legislative Document 750, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Larrabee, pending acceptance of the report.

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

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I feel that the committee considered this bill

very carefully and I agree with the opinion of the committee that the way to promote greater safety is not through legislation but through education. I considered attempting an amendment proposing a hat rather than a cape but I feel that our greatest hope of safety next fall is through education and I am willing to accept the recommendation of the committee.

I move the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, moves that the House accept 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. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act Transferring Maine School for the Deaf to Department of Education", House Paper 685, Legislative Document 720, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROUNDY: Mr. Speaker, there are a number of matters up for consideration in this act and I move you, sir, that it be retabled to be assigned for a week from today, Tuesday, March 31.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, moves that the fifth tabled and today assigned matter be retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 31. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee, together with accompanying papers, was retabled and so assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the

Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Farm Trucks", House Paper 768, Legislative Document 803, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I have been requested to ask to have this bill, Legislative Document 803, recommitted to the Committee on Transportation.

I have discussed this with the committee and I now move you that it be so recommitted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis moves that the sixth tabled and today assigned matter be now recommitted to the Committee on Transportation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the seventh 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, Senate Paper 81, Legislative Document 188, tabled on March 18 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, to accept the Minority Report. (Division requested)

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I request that we accept the minority report and, if we do accept the minority report, accept my proposed amendment. I would like to make a few brief remarks.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may speak to the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, which is before the House, to accept the minority "Ought to pass" report of the committee.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, we all realize what the actual issue is here,

that is, should the voting age be lowered at all? First, we must determine what the yardstick is for determining whether one is old enough to vote when one has reached that stage in life that he should be able to have some say in the affairs of our country.

In 1919, the 19th Amendment was proposed by Congress, subsequent to that it was ratified by the states and in 1920 it became law. The 19th Amendment says: "The rights of citizens shall be not denied or abridged in regard to voting because of sex." Apparently Congress and all of our states at that time certainly believed that sex was no indicator in regard to whether one should vote or not. I also believe that age is not the indicator. I certainly realize that although age is not a true system, no other system could be true which involves so many millions of people. It certainly is a practical system and it looks like it is the only one we could use.

Article X of our Constitution states that the powers not delegated to the United States or the State by the Constitution are reserved respectively to the people or to the State, therefore the Constitution has not mentioned voting. We, the State Legislators, are in the position to determine just what the age will be.

Let us also remember that Congress has passed an act which says in effect that eighteen-year-olds should go into the Service, and would go into the Service. I don't like to argue this from the standpoint that just because a person shall fight for his country he is old enough to vote. My proposition is that Congress, by saying that he is old enough to fight for his country, has also said he certainly is in a position to be mature enough to leave his home to fight for his country and to think for himself.

Also these same youngsters, eighteen, nineteen, twenty and twenty-one, before they enter the Service now, they are taught the basic fundamentals of our government in schools. They know what current events are, through television and newspapers and radios. A hundred years ago this opportunity was afforded to few, and there were thousands of votes which were cast in

complete ignorance of what any of the issues were.

Now we are in a position to have thousands of votes cast wisely, and I certainly do not think we ought to deny ourselves these benefits. I certainly do not believe that this is a political issue. I have heard certain Republicans and other members say that this particular age group has known no administration but the Democratic Administration. But my question is, is it good or bad?

Also we should remember in the State of Maine they have known no administration but the Republican Administration. I do not believe that actually it is a political issue and I cannot argue it on that point.

Now it seems like I am drawing a very fine line when I put the amendment from eighteen to nineteen, but actually I think a fine line should be drawn right here. Over the week-end, I made a few inquiries in the local high schools, and I find that if we had the age voting at eighteen, that we would be involving about forty per cent of our graduating classes in high schools. I do not like that. I do not believe we should bring politics into our high schools at that stage; but if we brought it up to nineteen, we would be involving about ten per cent, which is relatively small in comparison with the number of prospective voters.

I say to you all, in conclusion, that I hope we do not deny this particular age group and ourselves in their wisdom and their interest and their right to vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Lincoln, Miss Steeves.

Miss STEEVES: Mr. Speaker, speaking as a high school teacher, I would very strongly like to support the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, in his amendment. Even though I am much more in favor of the age of eighteen, I will go along and add to his idea that nineteen will be the amendment that he will present.

Of course the strongest argument for lowering the voting age is the idea that everyone has, that if a person is too much of a child to vote at the age of eighteen, nineteen or twenty, he is certainly too much of a child to be forced into

fighting against his will or without even being requested, as far as his opinion is concerned. It seems as though it must be a man's job; it is just about the biggest job that a man could have, if he is going to be asked to go out and fight for his country.

I would like to add a story which would give a little more information and light on the idea that these people are in high school and are at this particular time more interested in politics than they have ever been before in their lives, and are not only interested but are enthusiastic. Last September, our United States Senator, Margaret Chase Smith, came to Lincoln, and it was my privilege, and of course it was a pleasure, to be able to spend the day with her, and a part of the program was the fact that she addressed the students of Mattanawook Academy. When she had finished giving her address, she gave them a chance to ask questions and she answered their questions and she answered them very directly. They did not ask any foolish questions at all. In fact, they wanted to know what she thought of universal military training; they wanted to know what she thought about Passamaquoddy; and they even wanted to know what she thought about lowering the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen.

When Senator Smith finished and left the building she said to her executive aide—she didn't say it to me, being polite—"That was the most intelligent group of questions that have ever been asked of me any time, any place, whether it is a group of children or a group of adults."

So, I think that those people, at that age, are in a thinking mood, and especially these last few years they have been made vote-conscious, and if we take them from that age of eighteen and nineteen and give them a two-years' vacation, many of them lose all interest altogether in politics. So I would like to present that as one of the arguments for lowering the voting age, and I hope that, if we do vote, we can show that we want to take a step forward anyway in giving these

young people a chance to vote earlier. Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Beal.

Mr. BEAL: Mr. Speaker, I have been sitting here for eleven weeks in silence and I have listened with considerable interest to all of the opinions and ideas that have been expressed, and I might add that I have listened with considerable patience to the words that have been spoken from time to time, and I would continue to sit here and listen were it not for my conscience.

I think you will recall that the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Crabtree) earlier in the session, said in substance that he had to sleep with his conscience. The only difference between him and me is a matter of time. My conscience never bothers me when I am asleep — I am expert at that — but I assure you that my conscience would certainly torment me in my waking hours if I didn't rise here and put myself definitely on record for lowering this voting age, and even though I realize we are approaching the lunch hour, I would be very grateful if you would bear with me while I raise one or two points in regard to this matter.

I am quite in accord with the gentlewoman (Miss Steeves) when she says that these high school seniors are interested in politics. I believe there is no period in the lives of these young men and young women when they are more civic-minded and socially conscious and politically interested than they are in that senior year in high school and in the years subsequent to their graduation. I am firmly convinced that they would make more discriminating voters in those years between eighteen and twenty-one than they ever will again in their lives. I would not hesitate to say that they will be more discriminating voters than their parents and the older brothers and sisters who sent me over here. (Laughter)

There is one other point too, that I would like to make: I feel very strongly that if we should add this young group to our voting population, it might possibly serve as a very effective antidote to the apathy

and the indifference which we all know exists among voters today. I think possibly their eagerness and their enthusiasm might inspire their elders to take more interest in government and in politics.

And with one more point I finish. I would remind you that this measure simply proposes that we submit this proposition to the people who, by every principle of our democracy, have the right to make the final decision. I think we all profess faith in the collective judgment and the collective wisdom of the people, and I see no reason why we should be reluctant to submit this matter to that judgment. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Bibber.

Mr. BIBBER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am in very much accord with the words spoken by the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Beal. I would like to add a few remarks of my own. We pass to our young people at the age of fifteen a shotgun and tell them to go out in the woods and interpret our fishing and hunting laws, we pass them a driver's license and ask them to interpret the laws of our highways, and the same with our other laws that we legislate. I feel, at the age of nineteen or eighteen, they are also equally able to interpret the way to vote in their good judgment.

I cannot but help think of the young people who have been in this gallery during this session and who have sat intently and listened to the debate and the workings of this Legislature. I also cannot help but think of that hundred and five young people from the University of Maine who were here last Wednesday when we tabled this matter for further debate, and without a doubt they are waiting with interest as to the outcome of it, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, and the proposed amendment by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Whitefield, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I just call attention to the headlines here from the Bangor Daily News today. It says "At least one out of every three men drafted for military service next month will be under twenty years of age, an Associated Press survey showed today. The proportion may be much higher."

If these boys can be sent over to do our fighting for us, they can certainly vote, to my way of thinking, and I most enthusiastically want to go along with the minority report on this bill.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides, that the minority "Ought to pass" report of the committee be accepted. A division has been requested.

As many as are in favor that the minority "Ought to pass" report of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Eighteen Years, Senate Paper 81, Legislative Document 188, be accepted will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Ninety-two having voted in the affirmative and eighteen having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the minority "Ought to pass" report was accepted in non-concurrence.

Thereupon, the Resolve was given its first reading.

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

Mr. GATES: Mr. Speaker, before putting this to a further vote, I have sat here quietly and listened, hoping I could find out something about this bill without reading it. Obviously, I have not done so. I didn't find out and I wanted to ask through the Chair, or ask the Chair or the proponents of this bill if it contains any provisions for collecting a poll tax from these young men.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Gates, addresses a question through the Chair to anyone who can give him the in-

formation as to whether or not this bill provides for the collection of a poll tax.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Fitanides.

Mr. FITANIDES: Mr. Speaker, there is no provision in this bill, and I thought of it at the time, but I thought that this could be corrected with later legislation.

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

Mr. GATES: Mr. Speaker, I just want to announce that I am going to vote against this bill for only that one reason. I am a municipal officer and of course I am vitally interested in collecting that three dollars. I shall vote against it for that reason and for that reason only.

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, to try to clarify that matter, the rights of the matter of who is an elector and who is not an elector is a constitutional matter, but who pays a tax or who does not pay a tax is a matter for the next Legislature to decide upon if this amendment should be accepted by the people.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that House Amendment "A" to Senate Paper 81, Legislative Document 188, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Eighteen Years, be adopted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, offers House Amendment "A" to Senate Paper 81, Legislative Document

188, and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 81, L. D. 188, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Eighteen Years.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the word "Eighteen" in the 2nd line of the Title thereof, and inserting in place thereof, the word 'Nineteen'.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out the underlined word "eighteen" in the 7th line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'nineteen'.

Further amend said Resolve by striking out the word "eighteen" in the last line of the 3rd paragraph from the end thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'nineteen'.

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

(Calls of "No.")

As many as are in favor of the adoption of House Amendment "A" will kindly manifest their desire by saying aye; as many as are opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had.

Eighty-four having voted in the affirmative and twelve having voted in the negative, House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Resolve was assigned for second reading tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland,

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.