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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tom G. Akeley of Gardiner.

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
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Clerks of the Judicial Courts by the Chief Justice of the State of Maine" (S. P. 308) (L. D. 914)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Authorizing Arthur W. Bushey of Waterville, John Tibbetts, Archie Leeman and Oscar Bradstreet, all of Palermo, to Sue the State of Maine (S. P. 220) (L. D. 586)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Killing of Dogs Hunting Wild Animals" (S. P. 317) (L. D. 811)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Auctions and Auctioneers" (S. P. 164) (L. D. 434) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 499) (L. D. 1374) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Sheriff, County Commissioners and Judge of Probate, York County" (S. P. 279) (L. D. 768) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 501) (L. D. 1376) under title of "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Commissioners, Treasurer, Sheriff and Judge of Probate, York County" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Sal-

ary of the Judge of the Waterville Municipal Court" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 837) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1375) under title of "An Act relating to Salary of Judge and Fees Paid to Waterville Municipal Court" and that it "Ought to pass"

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

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of State Property Not Needed for Purposes of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 352) (L. D. 1046)

Report of the Committee on Welfare reporting same on "Resolve Providing for Liberalization of Eligibility Requirements for Old Age Assistance" (S. P. 365) (L. D. 975)

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

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with Committee
Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Amending the Law Creating the Legislative Research Committee" (S. P. 222) (L. D. 588) 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. 222, L. D. 588, Bill "An Act Amending the Law Creating the Legislative Research Committee."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last sentence of that part des-

igned as "Sec. 1." and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence:

'In such public hearings, at the request of any interested party or his attorney, common law or statutory rules of evidence shall apply and the attorney-general or any attorney in his department designated by him shall, at the request of the committee or such interested party or his attorney, be present at such public hearings and shall rule on the admissibility of any evidence;'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Recording of Chattel Mortgages" (S. P. 251) (L. D. 673) 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. 251, L. D. 673, Bill "An Act Relating to the Recording of Chattel Mortgages."

Amend said Bill, in the 4th line of the last paragraph, by inserting after the underlined word "payment" the underlined punctuation and words 'whether it is to secure future advances, whether it is to cover after-acquired property'

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Development Credit Corporation of Maine" (S. P. 312) (L. D. 913) 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 then read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 312, L. D. 913, "An Act Relating to Development Credit Corporation of Maine."

Amend said bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

Further amend said bill by striking out all of the emergency clause.

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

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

Amend said bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line thereof the following abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect as of December 1, 1953.'

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Elevator under Board of Elevator Rules" (H. P. 185) (L. D. 180) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in the House on March 3.

Came from the Senate recommit-
ted to the Committee on Labor in
non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted
to recede from its former action
whereby it passed the Bill to be en-
grossed as amended by House
Amendment "A".

The House then voted to recede
from its former action whereby it
adopted House Amendment "A";
and further voted to concur with
the Senate in the recommitment of
the Bill to the Committee on Labor.

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Sea
and Shore Fisheries reporting
"Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act
Repealing Law on Canning of Clams
and Mussels" (H. P. 1112) (L. D.
1247) which was accepted in the
House on March 25.

Came from the Senate with the
Report and Bill recommitment to the
Committee on Sea and Shore Fish-
eries in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-
nizes the gentleman from Brunsw-
wick, Mr. Tondreau.

Mr. TONDREAU: Mr. Speaker
and Members of the House: I move
that we insist on our former action
whereby we accepted the "Ought
not to pass" report of the Commit-
tee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on
Bill "An Act Repealing Law on Can-
ning of Clams and Mussels", House
Paper 1112, Legislative Document
1247.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentle-
man kindly approach the rostrum.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-
nizes the same gentleman.

Mr. TONDREAU: Mr. Speaker
and Members of the House: I move
that a Committee of Conference be
appointed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman
from Brunswick, Mr. Tondreau,
moves that the House insist on its
former action whereby it accepted
the "Ought not to pass" report and
request a Committee of Conference.
Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Sea
and Shore Fisheries reporting
"Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act
relating to Canning of Clams" (H.
P. 1113) (L. D. 1248) which was
accepted in the House on March 25.

Came from the Senate with the
Report and Bill recommitment to the
Committee on Sea and Shore Fish-
eries in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr.
Senter of Brunswick, the House
voted to insist on its former action
whereby it accepted the "Ought not
to pass" Report and to ask for a
Committee of Conference.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting
with Bow and Arrow" (H. P. 1196)
(L. D. 1350) which was passed to
be engrossed as amended by House
Amendment "A" in the House on
March 19.

Came from the Senate passed to
be engrossed as amended by House
Amendment "A" and Senate
Amendment "A" in non-concur-
rence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-
nizes the gentleman from Green-
ville, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker,
I move that the House recede and
concur with the Senate in the adop-
tion of Senate Amendment "A" to
Legislative Document 1350.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman
from Greenville, Mr. Anderson,
moves that the House recede and
concur. Is this the pleasure of the
House?

The Chair recognizes the gentle-
man from Millinocket, Mr. Gates.

Mr. GATES: Mr. Speaker, I
wonder if they would read that
amendment 187 before I vote on it.

The SPEAKER: The request of
the gentleman from Millinocket,
Mr. Gates, is granted. The Clerk
will read Filing Number 187, Senate
Amendment "A".

Senate Amendment "A" was then
read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-
nizes the gentleman from Milli-
nocket, Mr. Gates.

Mr. GATES: Mr. Speaker, I move
that this bill be tabled pending

adoption of the amendment, if I may be in order.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Gates, moves that Item 16, House Paper 1196, Legislative Document 1350, Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow," with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending consideration of the motion of the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Anderson, that the House recede and concur. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the matter was so tabled.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Closing Little Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 260) (L. D. 290) which was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence in the House on March 24.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Resolve was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence, and asking for a Committee of Conference.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Davis of Harrison, the House voted to insist on its former action and join in a Committee of Conference.

ORDERS

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

Mr. **FULLER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I present an Order, and after the Order is read I would like permission to say a few words.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, presents an order and, after the order has been read, he requests the privilege of saying a few words. The Clerk will read the order.

ORDERED, that permission be hereby granted that the proceedings of the House today be recorded for the purpose of being broadcast by any radio station situated within the State of Maine.

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

Mr. **FULLER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is very sudden, as the Speaker has told you, and as far as I know, it is the first

time in the history of the State that this request has been made. It seems that if the proceedings are recorded for broadcast, it would be the first time that any such thing has been done.

Personally, I do not know what to say and probably a lot of you people do not know what to say, so I think that maybe this thing should be considered quite seriously and maybe we should be given a little more time to think that thing over, so the members will not make me feel badly at all if they vote against the order.

The **SPEAKER**: Does the Chair understand the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves passage of the order?

Mr. **FULLER**: Mr. Speaker, is it possible not to make any motion?

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair would state that it is. The matter may come before the House automatically.

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

Mr. **SENTER**: Mr. Speaker, the order, I believe, reads "the proceedings of the Legislature?" May I have that read again, Mr. Speaker—the order?

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman may. The Clerk will re-read the order.

The **CLERK**: Ordered, that permission be hereby granted that the proceedings of the House today be recorded for the purpose of being broadcast by any radio station situated within the State of Maine.

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

Mr. **SENTER**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Apparently that would not cover a public hearing this afternoon. It seems to my mind that we ought to know the reason. Undoubtedly it is the Carroll case to be heard this afternoon. I do not know of any other subject except possibly the Appropriations Bill that is hot.

The **SPEAKER**: It is the opinion of the Chair that the desire for the recording arises from the possibility of wholesale discussion of the appropriations measure and probably has little or nothing to do with the Carroll case.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree.

Mr. CRABTREE: Mr. Speaker, I think it would be quite enlightening to the House if we knew the source of this order. I don't like to be of a suspicious nature; I don't know that I am; but I cannot help but think that it would be most helpful if we knew the source and the reasons.

The SPEAKER: For the gentleman's information and for the enlightenment of the House, the Chair understands that Station WCSH, located in Portland, Maine, is the particular station that has made the request. The matter has just come to the attention of the House at this time.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, all that we say in this House is public record. So far as I am concerned I am perfectly willing for them to hear anything I say anywhere in the State of Maine.

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

Mr. DICKEY: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire who pays for the recording?

I understood the other day that the House does not have a recording machine. That is the reason for my question.

The SPEAKER: The Chair believes it can help the gentleman somewhat. The recording machine which the House sees in operation directly in front of the rostrum is a recording machine owned by the Clerk himself and is to aid him in future considerations in regard to proceedings of the House from a parliamentary standpoint, among other things. The recording under question is apparently a matter of request of Station WCSH in Portland, Maine, brought to the attention of the House just now, and there is no reason but to assume that WCSH is paying all the expenses in connection with the recording referred to in the order pending before the House at this time.

Mr. DICKEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am in accord with the order.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Order receive passage?

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of forty-five pupils from the Eighth Grade of the Mallett School in Farmington, in charge of Mrs. Lincoln and three student teachers from Farmington State Teachers' College.

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

On motion of Mr. Fogg of Madison, it was

ORDERED, that Representative Cyr of Fort Kent be excused from attendance on account of illness;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the House be directed to convey to Mr. Cyr the sincere hopes of the Members of the House for a speedy recovery.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, would I be in order to ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a resolve at this time for a State pension?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman that that should come under Orders of the Day. The Chair will try to recognize the gentleman at that time.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Trustee of Wages" (H. P. 341) (L. D. 357)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. REID of Kennebec
HARDING of Knox
WARD of Penobscot
— of the Senate

Messrs. TRAFTON of Auburn
FULLER of Bangor
FITANIDES of Saco

LOW of South Portland
McGLAUFN of Portland
— of the House

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MARTIN of Augusta
CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield
— of the House

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette.

Mr. CIANCHETTE: Mr. Speaker, this bill "An Act relating to Trustee of Wages" I would like to explain briefly, before I make a motion.

As probably you all know, this deals with the amount which can be withheld. In other words, as the law is at the present time, the first thirty dollars of a man's wages cannot be attached on trustee process. Up until two years ago this was twenty dollars. As I understand it, when the act was originally adopted, it was twenty dollars, which was many years ago, and as I understand, it was the purpose of this act to permit a wage earner to retain a sufficient amount of his pay to support his family, and that it was only the excess of that amount which was permitted to be attached on trustee process.

Now as we all know, twenty years ago twenty dollars was adequate to at least maintain a family with the necessities of life. At the present time, even at forty dollars, as this bill proposes — that is, this bill proposes that the present law be amended to increase the amount exempted from thirty dollars to forty dollars. Now I think there is no doubt that even at forty dollars, even a small family cannot more than exist on that amount, and certainly they cannot exist on thirty dollars.

As this thing works, I had a case the other day where I was asked to trustee a man's wages. I trustee his wages. He drew forty-two dollars and some odd cents, so twelve dollars and some odd cents of that was supposed to be attached under trustee process. That man had a family of seven children, nine in the family, leaving him thirty dol-

lars. Certainly that man could not expect to maintain his family on thirty dollars a week.

Now what is the result in these cases? The point is that the man quits his job and in some cases the employers don't like this thing enough so that they will not permit a man to continue if his wages are attached more than once; in other cases the man simply quits and calls on the town, and in a good many other cases people are forced into bankruptcy through this thing, simply because they cannot exist on the present thirty-dollar exemption.

Now when this matter came before our committee there was one proponent and one opponent. The proponent of the bill was the sponsor, the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Small, and at that time he said some very uncomplimentary things about the legal profession. Now I do not want to give the impression that the members of the Judiciary Committee were influenced by anything that he might have said which they might have taken as an affront, but I do not think that he enhanced his chances of getting a favorable report on this bill by the remarks that he made, but I do not think that that should come into consideration of this matter. I sincerely believe, taking into consideration the purpose of this law when it was originally enacted, that forty dollars would be a reasonable exemption. I therefore move the acceptance of the minority "Ought to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, moves the acceptance of the minority "Ought to pass" report.

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

Mr. SMALL: Mr. Speaker, I did introduce this bill, and I did appear for it before the Judiciary Committee, and inasmuch as it was the last bill, and the members of the press had seen fit to go out — apparently this bill wasn't of any great importance as an item of news interest — I may have said things that were not complimentary to members of the Legal Profession. I am sure that as the previous gentleman has stated, I had no personal feeling against any lawyer.

You may have noticed some time ago, when the lawyers were defending a bill, I was the only layman who rose to their defense and in their discussion, and that of the courts.

This bill, I believe, merits your careful consideration, even though it didn't receive that of the gentlemen of the press. Our law regarding exemption of wages—something to do with the garnishee law—not being a lawyer I am not too well versed in all the details—but I studied down in the library beneath this Hall, and I made contact with many business men. The poor bugger that gets his wages attached usually is not in a position to get an audience. Sometimes that man does not deserve an audience. It may be that his judgment has been bad. I don't know what the reasons are—why a man's wages are attached, because lawyers assure me that in most cases that is the last thing they want to do.

But the history in Maine of our law goes back to 1862. At that time an exemption of twenty dollars was set up. Later on there was an amendment made to it that at all times at least ten dollars must be left to the wage earner. This law evidently was passed because of the social and economic effects upon families and upon the employer. I think that exemption was a good exemption, although when you stop and think of it, starting from 1862 down until the present time that exemption was greater oftentimes than the average wage earner's wages amounted to. We only have to think back to the time of the beginning of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's N.R.A. to remember that they set up a forty hour week at forty cents an hour, which gave a man sixteen dollars a week, and many employers thought that they couldn't pay even that large sum. Compared to that, you can see that twenty dollars, the exemption, was greater than that of the average working-man.

Now what has happened? Instead of sixteen dollars for forty hours the average wage in the State of Maine is up somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty dollars and many earn a great deal more than that. It gives a great opportunity

for the unscrupulous business man to take advantage of the honest-to-goodness home town merchant by extending credit, and then you can guess—you don't even have to guess how they collect it.

I am informed that many large businesses circumvent the law in such a way that you cannot trustee a man's wages if he is a good employee in their concern. In my own neighborhood the trustee law has become a nuisance to many employers. Many of you that have any close acquaintance with the law know the bad effect it has and where in some cases men lose there jobs.

I am not going into all these different details because without a doubt many of you are just as well or better acquainted with the workings of this law than I am; but in view of the times, and in view of the economic conditions, I believe that a forty-dollar exemption is certainly a very small exemption to have as replacing the original twenty-dollar exemption which lasted from 1862 until just recently, and I certainly hope that you see fit to go along with this bill.

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

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My good friend, the gentleman from Pittsfield (Mr. Cianchette) seems to be worried about the employees who are trusteeed and about the employers who are bothered by this trustee process. He doesn't seem to be the least bit concerned, however, over the creditor who has extended credit to this man who has had to be trusteeed. And let me assure you, members, from what I know from personal experience and from friends of the legal profession, ordinarily a lawyer does not trustee unless he has to. This law applies to deadbeats and not to honest men who want to pay their debts.

Let me say, moreover, that two years ago the exemption under the trustee process was twenty dollars, and two years ago it was raised to thirty dollars. Now I had an experience just as late as Saturday where a man is working and earning sixty dollars a week. He gave a note to the Casco Bank & Trust Company of Portland and he got behind on

the note, way behind. The lawyers called him up about it. Incidentally, they have another client of theirs to whom this gentleman gave two bum checks, so they were after him for the note and also for the two bum checks. He promised to pay three months ago and he hasn't paid anything since. They wrote to him and they called him, but he still didn't pay anything. He is earning sixty dollars a week. Believe me, this is not an isolated case. So they trusted his pay. He came in to me and told me about it. I happened to know him. I called up the lawyers and they agreed to take ten dollars a week.

Now that is what happens in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred. Sometimes, and usually with these people, you cannot collect unless you trustee them first. They will laugh at your letters, they will laugh at your telephone calls. They won't do a thing until you finally trustee them, then they will come in, and all the lawyers that I know will make an agreement with that person to accept a certain amount of money per week, based upon the man's income and the number of children that he has. I do not know of a lawyer yet, where a man is earning forty or fifty dollars a week, who will insist upon every cent over the exemption. I just don't know such a lawyer, in spite of what I have heard about some lawyers who do that.

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to say at the outset that my experience has been along the same line as that of the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Low) in connection with this particular subject.

To apprise the House a little more in regard to what the situation is in the legal profession, I will say that this law even as it is, is not satisfactory because the method is not satisfactory. In order to collect over a period of time it is necessary to make service every pay day; so you can see that if that had to be resorted to it would be an unnecessary expense to the debtor and the creditor also. I would like to see a change in the whole set-up in this

State similar to what they have in New York and New Jersey, in which jurisdictions after a judgment has been obtained a fixed percentage of the debtor's pay can be reached each week by what is known as garnishee process. That means that notice is served upon the employer by the creditor and from there on it is ten per cent a week in those two states. At any rate, it could be some fixed percentage.

Now until we can go onto some set-up such as that I personally would like to see the law remain as it is, because, as the gentleman has pointed out, it is of more value as a threat than it is as an actual means of operating at the present time. If the signers of the minority report would care to prepare a bill providing for garnishee process as in these other jurisdictions I would be glad to go along with it, but as I say, until such time as that is done I prefer to see the bill remain as it is, and I hope that the minority report is not accepted.

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

Mr. McGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I note two things: that the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, in spite of the fact that he does not believe in trusteeing when the exemption is thirty dollars, he nevertheless did trustee, as he admits. I notice also that the demand for this change could not have been very general when only one man, the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Small, who introduced the bill, appeared for it.

Now in the past I have had some experience in trying to collect bills. My experience has been such as was mentioned by Mr. Low and Mr. Fuller. When a bill is placed in the hands of a lawyer it is no longer in the hands of his client; it is up to the lawyer to decide what he will do towards collecting it. I myself have frequently taken as little as a dollar or fifty cents a week when I found a man was hard up, trying to give him a chance to pay it as he could. But I have repeatedly run across men who had no intention of paying their bills. They have come to my office and defied me to collect it if I could. That, I

might say, has not worked very well for them before I got through.

I want to call your attention to the fact that the men who have had experience, much more experience in this matter than have Mr. Cianchette or Mr. Small, and eight of the men on the Judiciary Committee do not favor this bill. I do not favor it. I think it is a mistake to pass it, and I hope that the motion does not prevail.

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

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First, I would like to point out to the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Crabtree, that although this is probably a lawyer's bill he can readily see that all lawyers do not band together and stick with one another.

I would like to point out also to the House that this bill does not do away with trustee process in any manner. The trustee process is left intact. The only thing that it does is that it recognizes that times have changed and that we are living in an inflationary period. The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, in view of this, felt that an exemption of forty dollars would not be too much to give to the working man to take home for his family. As you are all well aware, the average salary today paid to any working man is in excess of forty dollars. We can use the trustee process and the lawyers will tell you that there are many other processes, such as disclosure, that can also be used. I therefore trust that the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, will prevail.

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

Mr. SMALL: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say one or two more words.

After all, my introduction of this bill was not with any thought of what was best for lawyers. I think also that the lawyers will agree with me that any deadbeat who wants to beat a bill can do it very easily. The next week after he is trustee he will assign his wages to some gentleman, and

what is that lawyer going to do after that to collect the bill? I believe this bill is altogether reasonable. I believe, as the representative from Augusta said, that it is in line with our present economy. I believe that it is a step in the right direction for those who cannot come here and speak for themselves. I do not believe that the merit of the bill is decided by whether a hundred or two hundred or a thousand come down to speak for it: the merit of the bill is in the bill itself. I ask, Mr. Speaker, that when the vote is taken it may be taken by a division.

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

Mr. MCGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker, according to Mr. Small's own admission, there is no need of this bill because we cannot enforce it anyway.

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

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Since the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Small, has taken the floor once more, I will take it for just a minute.

Everybody is worrying about this poor laboring man taking home enough to feed his family, but who is worrying about the creditor who gave that man enough food, enough milk, or enough groceries the week before to feed his family and this fellow is not going to pay him? How is that grocery man, how is that milkman, how is that small business man going to get his pay if this fellow won't pay him? Now it may be that you do not believe that there are people like that but, believe me, there are. They go out with the intention of running up a bill without any intention of paying it. Now you put this up to forty dollars and a lot of these people who are working, they have got their wives working, making forty, forty-five dollars a week and they get about eighty or ninety dollars a week, and they can laugh at you, because if they are working and you trustee them, don't worry, they can't miss it, they are below the exemption and there is just nothing

ing you can do. With that I will agree.

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

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, there is one element I do not think has been brought out so far, and that is that with the rise of inflation there has also been an increasingly active business on credit. I think if this bill is passed the effect will be that the man who is earning around forty dollars a week will be unable, if an emergency hits him, to buy things from the grocer, from the milkman, on credit when he needs them, because the business man knows that if the fellow chooses not to pay there is nothing that can be done to collect it. You may hurt the man you are trying to help by passing this bill.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, in my lifetime I have owed a great many people, and by the same token, a great many people have owed me, and never in my most serious circumstances did I ever approach a creditor and lay my cards right on the table and tell him how I was situated and what I could do, never did he refuse to go along with me and accept the little payment that I could make until I eventually cleaned the thing up. I cannot truthfully say that about the folks who have owed me. Some of them have and some of them have not.

I never have trusted a man and I never intend to. I just feel that if I have been fool enough to let him get away with a bill I just take it on the chin and be careful the next time. But I do know I have had people owing bills today who have no intention to pay them, and I know that if every person doing business and buying things was honest you could repeal this whole shooting-match and not hurt anyone. If you increase it any farther and make the exemption any greater I believe you will do more damage than if you leave it where it is.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, that the Minority Report of the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought to pass" on Bill "An

Act relating to Trustee of Wages," House Paper 341, Legislative Document 357, be accepted. When the vote is taken, the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. Small, requests a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Cianchette, that the Minority "Ought to Pass" report of the Committee be accepted will kindly rise and remain standing in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Eighteen having voted in the affirmative and one hundred and five having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Low, the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Osborne from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of Castine Water District" (H. P. 436) (L. D. 496) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1215) (L. D. 1395) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Hanson from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams and Marine Worms in the Town of Searsport" (H. P. 992) (L. D. 1079) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1216) (L. D. 1395) under title of "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams and Marine Worms in the Towns of Searsport and Stockton Springs" and that it "Ought to pass."

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

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Fickett from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fire Inspection of Hospital and Boarding Homes" (H. P. 961) (L. D. 1051)

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Recommitted

Miss Steeves from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Deception as to Prices of Engine Fuel or Lubricating Oils" (H. P. 1014) (L. D. 1135)

Report was read.

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

Miss STEEVES: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 5, House Paper 1014, Legislative Document 1135, be recommitted to the Committee on Business Legislation for the purpose of a new draft.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Lincoln, Miss Steeves, moves that the Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Deception as to Prices of Engine Fuel or Lubricating Oils," House Paper 1014, Legislative Document 1135, together with accompanying papers, be recommitted to the Committee on Business Legislation and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Story from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Facsimile Signatures upon Corporate Obligations" (H. P. 1015) (L. D. 1136)

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported same on Resolve in favor of S. Gaudet and Son, of Rockwood (H. P. 402) (L. D. 1390)

Mr. Fogg from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of A. P. Russell of Berwick for damage done by State Wards (H. P. 497) (L. D. 1391)

Mr. Potter from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Robert E. Towle of Portland (H. P. 795) (L. D. 1392)

Mr. Walker from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Reimburse J. J. Blackmore of Berwick for Damage done by State Wards (H. P. 496) (L. D. 1393)

Mr. Stewart of Portland from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Conferring Degrees by

Westbrook Seminary and Junior College" (H. P. 228) (L. D. 215)

Mr. O'Dell from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Addison Point Water District" (H. P. 991) (L. D. 1093)

Mr. Osborne from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Norridgewock Water District" (H. P. 848) (L. D. 952)

Mr. Billings from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating the Digging of Marine Worms in the City of Belfast, Waldo County" (H. P. 193) (L. D. 204) which was recommitted.

Mr. Keay from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Excise Tax on Aircraft" (H. P. 439) (L. D. 483)

Mr. Sanford from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Television Sets" (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 1250)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Blood Tests in Certain Motor Vehicle Cases" (H. P. 1003) (L. D. 1090)

Report was read and accepted.

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

Mr. TONDREAU: Mr. Speaker, I move that Legislative Document 1090 lie on the table and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 2, for the purpose of offering an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Tondreau, moves that the Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Blood Tests in Certain Motor Vehicle Cases", House Paper 1003, Legislative Document 1090, together with accompanying papers, be tabled pending first reading and be specially assigned for Thursday, April 2. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. Edwards from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Gray to Contribute to the Rebuilding of the Dam in Little Sebago Lake" (H. P. 857) (L. D. 931)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Town of Windham to Contribute to the Rebuilding of the Dam in Little Sebago Lake" (H. P. 858) (L. D. 953)

Mr. Hilton from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in Sherman Lake" (H. P. 852) (L. D. 909)

Mr. Peterson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Gouldsboro" (H. P. 998) (L. D. 1085)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

Recommitted

Mr. Scott from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Aroostook County" (H. P. 691) (L. D. 726)

Report was read.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 22 be recommitted to the Committee on Towns and Counties and I might add for the information of the House that I have discussed both this item and the following item with the House Chairman of that committee and have been told that in both instances further consideration is needed. So, I now move that Item 22 be recommitted to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves that the Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Aroostook County," House Paper 691, Legisla-

tive Document 726, together with accompanying papers, be recommitted to the Committee on Towns and Counties and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Recommitted

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers in Aroostook County" (H. P. 610) (L. D. 609)

Report was read.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, for the same reasons I stated on the previous item, I now move that Item 23 be recommitted to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves that Item 23, report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers in Aroostook County," House Paper 610, Legislative Document 609, together with accompanying papers, be recommitted to the Committee on Towns and Counties and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Response of Fire Departments for Aid from Other Municipalities" (H. P. 1117) (L. D. 1251)

Report was read and accepted, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Emerson from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Manufacture of Non-Alcoholic Beverages" (H. P. 712) (L. D. 736) 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. 712, L. D. 736, Bill "An Act Relating to Manufacture of Non-Alcoholic Beverages."

Amend said Bill, by adding at the end the following underlined words thereof, "**Except that the commissioner shall have the power to issue a special permit and promulgate regulations for the manufacture, labeling and sale of special dietary beverages containing such artificial or non-nutritive sweetening agents.**"

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

Miss Steeves from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Licensed Small Loan Agencies" (H. P. 1078) (L. D. 1245) 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. 1078, L. D. 1245, Bill "An Act Relating to Licensed Small Loan Agencies."

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

"Sec. 2. R. S., c. 55, § 196, repealed and replaced. Section 196 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 196. False statements as to rates, etc., distributed by licensee. In the soliciting of loans in any manner or advertising the business in any manner, no person, copartnership or corporation licensed under the provisions of section 191 shall print, publish, broadcast, telecast or cause to be printed, published, broadcast, telecast or distributed in any manner whatsoever, any written or printed statement with regard to the rates, terms or conditions for the lending of money, credit, goods or choses in action, in amounts of \$2,500 or less, which is false, misleading or deceptive.'

Further Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined figures

"2,500," in the fourth line of section 197 the following underlined words and punctuation: **'any lower limitation of amount in its charter notwithstanding'.**

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

Mr. Fogg from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Fred E. Shapleigh of Lebanon (H. P. 1081) (L. D. 1389) 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. 1081, Resolve in Favor of Fred E. Shapleigh, of Lebanon.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "\$1,200" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$800'.

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

Mr. Tuttle from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of the Town of Benedicta (H. P. 318) (L. D. 352) 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. 318, L. D. 352, Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Benedicta.

Amend said Resolve by striking out all after the first line thereof and inserting the following in place thereof.

'That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$1,052.60 from the general highway fund to be paid to the town of Benedicta as part payment for the state's share for snow removal for the fiscal year 1951-1952; and be it further

Resolved: That the state highway commission is hereby authorized to pay to the town of Benedicta the sum of \$507.15 at such time as said town is able to finally settle and pay the amounts due on the snow removal contract for 1951-1952.'

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

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Moses A. Dolley of Vassalboro (H. P. 1126) (L. D. 1394) 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. 1126, Resolve in favor of Moses A. Dolley, of Vassalboro

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 'general highway fund'.

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

Mr. Crabtree from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries and Travel of Superintendents of Schools" (H. P. 325) (L. D. 393) 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. 325, L. D. 393, Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries and Travel of Superintendents of Schools."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "Sec. 71" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 71. Annual return; appropriation; expenses. The chairman and secretary of the joint committee, provided for in the preceding section, shall, upon the election of a superintendent of schools as provided by the preceding section, certify under oath to the commissioner, upon the forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to said union or municipality and employment of a superintendent. Annually, and whenever a new superintendent is chosen, said chairman and secretary shall make return of a similar certificate. Upon approval of said

certificate, the superintendent so employed shall, on presentation of proper vouchers, receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of municipalities or towns comprising school unions a sum equal to the aggregate sum paid by the municipality or towns comprising the union, provided that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single municipality or union of towns shall not exceed ~~\$1,350~~ \$1,600 in one year nor shall any municipality or school union receive less than \$1,150 per year. The commissioner annually shall cause an investigation to be made of the conditions of supervision in municipalities or unions of towns, including the relative financial support for supervision by towns, the relative distances required to be traveled, and the relative amounts of expenses to be paid by superintendents of schools directly in connection with the supervision and administration of schools in municipalities or unions of towns. When it appears to the commissioner that the efficiency of supervision in any municipality or union is or may be lessened because of the financial burden to towns, expenses for travel and other purposes required to be paid by the superintendent of such municipality or union because of the number and location of schools, geographical or other conditions, said commissioner, annually in August, shall issue to the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto and on the approval of said recommendation, the state controller upon the approval of the governor and council may draw a warrant for payment out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of municipalities or towns comprising school unions in favor of the superintendent or superintendents of schools employed in said municipality or union within the school year ending June 30th immediately preceding, provided, however, that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single municipality or union shall not exceed ~~\$250~~ \$400 annually and shall be in addition to other payments made to said superintendent as provided in this section, and provided further, that the amount so available for the equalization of such expenses shall not exceed 1/5 of the appropriation for superin-

tendence of municipalities or towns comprising school unions.’”

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

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Education on Bill “An Act relating to Minimum Salaries for Teachers” (H. P. 324) (L. D. 392) 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. 324, L. D. 392, Bill “An Act Relating to Minimum Salaries for Teachers.”

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 striking out in the 13th line from the end thereof the underlined figures: “3 \$2,300 \$2,700 \$2,700” and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures:

“3 \$1,900 \$2,300 \$2,700 \$2,700”

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined sentence at the end thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence:

‘Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph no town shall be required to increase the salary of any teacher more than \$300 in any one school year.’

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

‘Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1954.

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

At this point, Mr. Fuller of South Portland assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Bates retired from the Hall of the House.

Mr. Tuttle from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill “An Act to Incorporate the Castine Water District” (H. P. 435) (L. D. 495) 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. 435, L. D. 495, Bill “An Act to Incorporate the Castine Water District.”

Amend said Bill by striking out the punctuation and word “, or” which appears after the word “Company” in the 2nd line of section 8 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following punctuation and words ‘, Said Water District is hereby further authorized and empowered’.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the punctuation and word “. If” which appears after the word “Castine” in the 9th line of section 8 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following punctuation and words ‘, and if’.

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in sections 9, 15 and 17, wherever they appear, the dates “January 1, 1954” or “the first day of January, 1954” and inserting in place thereof the date ‘July 1, 1953’.

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in sections 9, 15 and 17, wherever it appears, the date “July 1, 1954” and inserting in place thereof the date ‘November 1, 1953’.

Further amend said Bill by adding after the word “thereof” in the 12th line of section 11 thereof the following punctuation and words: ‘, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of \$150,000’.

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

Mr. Hanson from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill “An Act relating to Organization of the Maine Sardine Tax Committee” (H. P. 1114) (L. D. 1257) 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. 1114, L. D. 1257, Bill, “An Act Relating to Organization of the Maine Sardine Tax Committee.”

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "**executive secretary**" in the 6th line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined words '**executive secretary—advertising and merchandising manager**'.

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

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of Various Officers in Waldo County" (H. P. 999) (L. D. 1086) 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. 999, L. D. 1086, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of Various Officers in Waldo County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$1,000**" in the 4th line and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$750**'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$1,000**" in the last line of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$800**'

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

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Costs of Children in Maine School for the Deaf" (H. P. 1064) (L. D. 1201) 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. 1064, L. D. 1201, Bill "An Act Relating to Costs of Children in Maine School for the Deaf."

Amend said Bill by inserting the underlined word '**school**' before the underlined word "**resident**" in the 5th line, and by adding after said underlined word "**resident**" the underlined words '**at the time of admission**'

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

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Aids Employed by Sheriff in Criminal Cases" (H. P. 948) (L. D. 1002) 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. 948, L. D. 1002, Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of Aids Employed by Sheriff in Criminal Cases."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 5th line thereof the underlined figures "**\$8**" and the words "a day" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words: '**compensation at the prevailing rate per day for deputy sheriffs**'

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

Mr. Peterson from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers of Somerset County" (H. P. 1118) (L. D. 1252) 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. 1118, L. D. 1252, Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers of Somerset County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$2,300**" in the 5th line of section 3 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$2,500**'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$1,400**" in the 5th line of section 4 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$1,600**'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$2,800**" in the 5th line of section 5 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$3,000**'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,600" in the 5th line of section 6 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,900'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,600" in the 5th line of section 7 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,000'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,400" in the 5th line of section 8 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,600'.

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

Mr. SCOTT from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Municipal Court of the City of Lewiston re Payment of Expenses" (H. P. 547) (L. D. 527) 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. 547, L. D. 527, Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Municipal Court of the City of Lewiston re Payment of Expenses."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,200" in the last line and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$3,500'.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Crediting of Property Taxes on Books of the State, and Making an Appropriation Therefor" (S. P. 96) (L. D. 228)

Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Actions When Death of Either Party Before Suit Commenced" (S. P. 247) (L. D. 672)

Bill "An Act relating to Temporary Judges for Municipal Courts" (S. P. 249) (L. D. 674)

Bill "An Act relating to the Recording of Conditional Sales Agreements" (S. P. 252) (L. D. 675)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Dismissal and Disciplinary Action Under the State Personnel Law" (S. P. 399) (L. D. 1120)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Absent Voting'" (H. P. 106) (L. D. 107)

Bill "An Act relating to Rights and Stock Options of Stockholders" (H. P. 339) (L. D. 355)

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Personal Property Held in Trust" (H. P. 417) (L. D. 465)

Bill "An Act relating to Employees of University of Maine Receiving Federal Social Security Benefits" (H. P. 418) (L. D. 466)

Bill "An Act relating to Evidence of Intoxication" (H. P. 422) (L. D. 469)

Resolve in favor of Carroll L. McKusick of Parkman (H. P. 159) (L. D. 733)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to the Admissibility of Blood Tests in Criminal Cases" (S. P. 250) (L. D. 677)

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Sales Tax on Isolated Sales of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 282) (L. D. 279)

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

Orders of the Day

At this point, Speaker Bates resumed the Chair and Mr. Fuller of South Portland returned to his seat on the Floor of the House.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to ask unanimous consent of the House to present a resolve for a

state pension for Fred J. Kopishke of Richmond. I might say —

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, requests unanimous consent to address the House. Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that why this was so late in being presented was that his daughters have been able to take care of him but because of very unfortunate circumstances in their families they are unable to contribute entirely to his support although they will be able to help some. They gave this to me about two weeks ago but, as I did not know him, I have made an inquiry of the Health and Welfare Department and the rehabilitation people and neighbors and the town fathers and I find that this is a very worthy case so, with your permission, I would like to present it at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, asks unanimous consent to introduce a resolve under the unanimous consent rule. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

Does the gentleman have a title for the resolve? Does the gentleman have a resolve prepared?

Mr. CURTIS: No, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, withdraws his request.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first 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, I have had a conference with the House Chairman of the Committee on Public Health and together we had conferences with others interested in this matter and I move that this bill and the accompanying

papers be recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, moves that the first 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, together with accompanying papers, be recommitted to the Committee on Public Health and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Police Officers in Uniform Stopping Motor Vehicles for Examination", House Paper 270, Legislative Document 298, tabled on March 25 by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, pending further consideration, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker, I move that L. D. 298 be retabled and I will attempt to dispose of the third assigned matter, which is a similar bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, moves that the second today assigned matter be retabled unassigned pending further consideration. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Motor Vehicle License by Operator," House Paper 293, Legislative Document 278, tabled on March 25 by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, pending further consideration, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If the bill is accepted for first and second readings, at the time of third reading, I will present an amendment, which has not yet been reproduced. I now move that the House recede and concur with the Senate and that the bill be given its first and second readings.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, moves that the House, under suspension of the rules, recede from its former action whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Motor Vehicle License by Operator", House Paper 293, Legislative Document 278. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the House concur with the Senate and that this bill be given its first and second readings.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the bill has already had its first and second readings.

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

Mr. TRAVIS: Mr. Speaker, I move that the following amendment—May I approach the rostrum?

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the amendment has not as yet been reproduced. Will the gentleman approach the rostrum, please.

The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, moves that this bill have its third reading.

Thereupon, the bill was given its third reading.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Travis, now moves that Bill "An Act relating to Carrying Motor Vehicle License by Operator", House Paper 293, Legislative Document 278, be laid on the table pending passage to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Towns by State in Lieu of Taxes", House Paper 251, Legislative Document 281, tabled on March 25 by the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Butler, pending acceptance of the report, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I now move that Legislative Document 281 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs for further consideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Butler, moves that the Report and Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Use of Lights to Illuminate Wild Birds or Animals", House Paper 805, Legislative Document 889, tabled on March 25 by the gentleman from Sweden, Mr. Moulton, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MOULTON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There are several members of the Legislature who are particularly interested in certain phases of this bill and I would like to have it retabled until next Tuesday morning for further consideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sweden, Mr. Moulton, moves that the fifth today assigned matter be retabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 7. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, An Act relating to Circuses and Travelling Amusement Shows, Senate Paper 289, Legislative Document 831, tabled on March 25 by the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter, pending passage to be enacted, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SENTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire whether or not the amendment which I presented to the Clerk's office has been reproduced at this time. I would like to inquire, inasmuch as the amendment has not been reproduced as yet, may I defer action on this bill until a little later in today's session?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter, moves that the sixth today assigned matter lie on the table pending passage to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Act was retabled pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the seventh tabled and today assigned matter, 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 476, Legislative Document 1316, tabled on March 26 by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, pending third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill now have its third reading.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Jacobs, moves that the Bill now be given its third reading.

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

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: No doubt you recall the wise words given by the House Chairman of the Taxation Committee, the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, this last week regarding bills to be repealed or acts to be repealed by this Legislature and he informed us that we would need new money if any of these bills were repealed.

Now, in 1951, this House passed a major tax bill to take care of our needs. Our Governor has prepared a balanced budget and has stated that he can live within that budget, which is \$1,335,000 odd dollars over and above the expenditures of 1951 and '52. The bill, as recommended by the Appropriations Committee and the Governor combined, is an increase in our expenditures this year of \$2,795,060. This is way in excess of our 1951 and '52 expenditures.

Let us be realistic and take our federal index sales analysis into consideration. As reported by the federal government on March 15, it showed a drop in sales of 6.3 per cent. This is merely in two months and Maine is lagging far behind ac-

ording to the returns in our Tax Department at the present time. I say that we are headed for trouble in no uncertain terms unless we accept the "Ought not to pass" report on all bills before the Taxation Committee. By this, I mean, in effect, along with the recommendations of several members of the House that we cut back this particular budget. I am sure there is one bill before the Taxation Committee, perhaps it is coming into the House this afternoon or tomorrow morning, and I am sure that many members of this House want that particular bill to pass so I offer an amendment to this bill which we have before us today and, Mr. Speaker and members of this House, I offer an amendment to the bill in the nature of a substitute and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, offers an amendment and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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

Mr. ALBEE: Mr. Speaker, may the page deliver some very important figures to the House? I have them all printed now for distribution.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee, requests the privilege of distributing papers in connection with the matter under discussion?

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

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may.

The Clerk will read House Amendment "T".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "T" to S. P. 476, L. D. 1316, 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."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of said Bill after the heading:

"GENERAL FUND
APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL
FUND"

at the top of page 2 thereof and inserting in place the following:

Department	1953-54	1954-55	Department	1953-54	1954-55
ACCOUNTS AND CONTROL, BUREAU OF			County Attorney's Salaries	38,450	38,450
Departmental Operations	\$ 299,992	\$ 304,618	Total Attorney General	134,286	135,046
ADJUTANT GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF			AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	158,376	161,992	Departmental Operations	87,305	87,553
Military Fund Operation of Armories	62,426	62,970	BANKS AND BANKING, DEPARTMENT OF		
Merci Train & Historical Objects	131,971	132,867		18,388	18,242
Total Adjutant General	1,200	1,200	BOXING COMMISSION	5,700	5,700
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF			CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS & PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS		
Departmental Operations	60,407	60,576	Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association	15,000	15,000
Promotion of Agriculture	27,866	27,616	Good Samaritan Home Association	6,000	6,000
Animal Industry Division	53,945	55,150	Healy Asylum	5,500	5,500
Control of Livestock Disease	101,198	101,580	Home for Aged Women—Belfast	500	500
Dog License Claims & Administration	90,000	90,000	Maine Children's Home Society	4,000	4,000
Division of Inspection	122,724	120,540	Maine Institution for the Blind	15,000	15,000
Division of Markets	54,611	56,291	Opportunity Farm	4,500	4,500
Division of Plant Industry	27,617	26,267	St. Joseph's Orphanage	5,500	5,500
State Soil Conservation	4,960	4,960	St. Elizabeth's Asylum	3,500	3,500
Bee Industry	750	750	St. Louis Home & School for Boys	3,000	3,000
Total Department of Agriculture	544,078	543,730	Temporary Home for Women and Children	5,400	5,400
APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL	796	796	York County Children's Aid Society	1,600	1,600
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION	1,500	1,500	Holy Innocents Home	1,000	1,000
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF					
Departmental Operations	95,836	96,596			

Department	1953-54	1954-55	Department	1953-54	1954-55
Public & Private Hospitals, Aid to	1,000,000	1,000,000	Total Contributions and Transfers	2,230,736	2,429,411
Total Charitable Institutions & Public and Private Hospitals	1,070,500	1,070,500	DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, MAINE		
			Departmental Operations	400,000	400,000
CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY			EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Civil Defense & Public Safety	81,059	81,770	Professional Credits for Teaching Positions	113,000	50,000
Federal Matching Funds	50,000	50,000	For Temporary Residents	3,500	3,500
Total Civil Defense Agency	131,059	131,770	General Purpose Educational Aid	6,613,017	6,609,974
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS			Administration—Maine School Building Authority	12,950	12,950
To Highway Fund			Student Scholarship Fund	24,782	25,000
State Police —10% of Cost of Operation of State Police	103,292	103,803	Departmental Operations	174,572	173,246
To Special Revenue Funds			Farmington State Teachers' College	124,078	125,311
Maine Employment Security Commission	20,000	20,000	Gorham State Teachers' College	149,752	147,380
To Public Service Enterprises			Washington State Teachers' College	68,031	64,098
Augusta State Airport	13,000	13,000	Madawaska Training School	53,454	55,023
To Trust and Agency Funds			Aroostook State Teachers' College	70,852	71,749
Employees' Retirement—Expense Fund	36,493	37,544	Schooling of Children in Unorganized Territory	100,786	104,601
Employees' Retirement—Pension Fund: State Employees	743,586	730,064	Superintendents of Towns		
Teachers	1,309,365	1,520,000	Comprising School Unions	186,144	186,144
To Increase Earnings of Trust Funds to Statutory Rates	5,000	5,000	Vocational Education—State	124,581	123,515
			State Vocational Training Program	72,759	63,573

Department	1953-54	1954-55	Department	1953-54	1954-55
Vocational Rehabilitation Education of Orphans of Veterans	40,000	40,000	FINANCE COMMISSIONER AND BUDGET OFFICE		
State Administration—School Lunches	500	500	Departmental Operations	41,302	47,553
Special Education for Physically Handicapped Children	26,773	27,006	FISH AND GAME, DEPARTMENT OF INLAND Search for Lost Persons	1,500	1,500
Secondary Education for Island Children	22,000	22,000	FORESTRY DEPARTMENT		
Board of Approval of Institutions Offering Specialized Training	2,200	2,200	Departmental Operations	17,863	18,659
Industrial Education	450	450	State Forest Nursery*	6,000	7,000
	27,000	27,000	Aid to Towns for Forest Fires*	45,000	45,000
Total Department of Education	8,011,181	7,935,220	Control of White Pine Blister Rust	15,050	15,050
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT			General Forestry Purposes*	167,036	171,158
Departmental Operations	46,858	47,367	Aid to Small Woodland Owners*	39,125	39,635
Art Commission*	1,000	1,000	Entomology	82,896	83,553
Executive Council	12,500	15,500	*(Any balances in the starred accounts above shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)		
Governor's Expense Account	15,000	15,000	Total Forestry Department	372,970	380,055
Blaine House	22,788	18,929	G. A. R., DEPARTMENT OF MAINE	1,200	1,200
Panel of Mediators	500	500	HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
*(Any balances in the Art Commission account shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)			Bureau of Health	414,712	416,111
Total Executive Department	98,646	98,296	Water Pollution	10,000	10,000
			Water Improvement Commission	17,293	18,559
			General Administration—Welfare	515,263	516,126

Department	1953-54	1954-55	Department	1953-54	1954-55	
Board and Care of Neglected Children	1,272,559	1,274,631	*(Any balance in the Institutional Emergency Fund on June 30, 1953, up to the amount of \$469,588.00, shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes during the 1953-54 and 1954-55 fiscal years.)			
State Paupers, Support of Jefferson Relief Camp	850,000	850,000				
Passamaquoddy Indians*	47,149	49,072				
Penobscot Indians*	103,803	103,837				
Services for the Blind Special Pensions	60,650	60,636				
Aid to the Blind	116,080	115,931				
Aid to Dependent Children	85,000	83,000				
Old Age Assistance—Benefits	126,553	126,553		Total Administrative Institutions	84,804	83,327
Old Age Assistance—Burials	1,113,000	1,113,000		Augusta State Hospital	1,602,694	1,608,775
* (The appropriations for Indian Tribes are in lieu of all other incomes, and receipts from Trust Funds shall be credited to the General Fund	2,676,000	2,685,500		Bangor State Hospital	1,283,627	1,287,630
	50,000	50,000		Boys, State School for	183,895	184,367
				Central Maine Sanatorium	529,575	537,000
				Operation and Maintenance of New Medical and Surgical Building	—	187,327
				Deaf, Maine School for Girls, State	141,301	141,354
			School for Men's Reformatory	207,459	208,659	
			Military and Naval Children's Home	187,085	186,295	
			Northern Maine Sanatorium	55,130	55,139	
			Pownal State School	285,990	287,474	
			Prison, Maine State	1,072,260	1,088,508	
			(Current or accrued profits from Prison Industries may be made available by the Governor and Council for institutional operation if necessary.)	400,294	393,669	
			Western Maine Sanatorium	334,886	337,613	
Total Health and Welfare	7,458,562	7,472,956				
HISTORIAN, STATE Expenses	500	500				
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION	72,342	72,792				
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF						
Administrative Departmental Operations	28,829	27,637				
Parole Board	51,440	51,220				
Mackworth Island	4,535	4,470				
Institutional Emergency Fund*	—	—				

Department	1953-54	1954-55	Department	1953-54	1954-55
Women's Reformatory	185,075	182,788	Maine Court Reports and Ancient Vital Records—		
Total Institutions	6,469,271	6,686,598	Purchase and Distribution	4,220	4,220
Total Institutional Service	6,554,075	6,769,925	Total Library	96,482	96,761
INSURANCE, DEPARTMENT OF			MAINE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION (See Contributions and Transfers)		
Departmental Operations	39,099	38,859	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY	95,000	95,000
Fire Insurance	85,000	85,000	MERIT AWARD BOARD	10,614	10,661
Fidelity Insurance	3,050	3,050	PARK COMMISSION, STATE		
Total Insurance Department	127,149	126,909	Departmental Operations	76,032	74,493
INTERSTATE COOPERATION, COMMISSION ON	3,500	3,500	PARK COMMISSION, BAXTER STATE	16,965	16,354
LABOR AND INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF			PERSONNEL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	71,032	69,257	Departmental Operations	68,858	69,280
LEGISLATIVE			Advisory Council on Personnel	250	250
Legislative Expense*	199,455	199,455	Total Personnel Department	69,108	69,530
* (Any balance of this appropriation shall not lapse but be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)			POLICE, STATE (90% Highway Fund; 10% General Fund; See Contributions and Transfers to Other Funds.)		
Legislative Research Committee	45,463	25,492	Fingerprinting of School Children	9,879	10,127
Total Legislative	244,918	224,947	PUBLIC BUILDINGS, SUPERINTENDENT OF		
LIBRARY, STATE OF MAINE			Departmental Operations	225,701	223,174
Departmental Operations	92,262	92,541			

Department	1953-54	1954-55	Department	1953-54	1954-55
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION			Operations	29,961	33,224
Departmental Operations	111,561	112,164	Elections	35,087	39,146
Topographic Mapping*	10,000	10,000	Total Secretary of State	65,048	72,370
*(Any unexpended balance of the Topographic Mapping appropriation shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)			SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS		
Total Public Utilities Commission	121,561	122,164	Departmental Operations	287,000	289,000
PURCHASES, BUREAU OF			Expenses—Reporter of Decisions	1,500	1,500
Departmental Operations	55,256	55,901	Total Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts	288,500	290,500
Central Mailing Room	14,299	14,188	TAXATION, BUREAU OF		
Division of Public Printing	16,856	15,812	Departmental Operations	428,153	436,167
Total Bureau of Purchases	86,411	85,901	Delinquent Tax Lands	1,000	1,000
RACING COMMISSION (HARNESS)	22,959	23,230	Total Bureau of Taxation	429,153	437,167
RACING COMMISSION (RUNNING)	24,686	23,891	TREASURER OF STATE		
SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES			Departmental Operations	45,139	45,811
Departmental Operations	178,495	180,111	UNIFORM LEGISLATION, COMMISSIONERS OF		
Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission	13,587	14,311	Expenses	900	1,500
Closed Clam Areas Program	357	8,872	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	1,475,978	1,502,890
Total Sea and Shore Fisheries	192,439	203,294	VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF		
SECRETARY OF STATE			Departmental Operations	81,171	82,256
Departmental			World War Assistance	368,000	368,000
			General Law Pensions	30,000	30,000
			Total Veterans' Affairs	479,171	480,256
			Total—All Appropriations	\$32,168,916	\$32,577,579

Amounting to \$32,168,916 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and

\$32,577,579 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect July 1, 1953.

The SPEAKER: Inasmuch as this appears to be in the nature of a substitute, the Chair wishes to be fair and call to the attention of the members of the House that if House Amendment "I" as read to you by the Clerk of the House is adopted, this precludes all amendments of every nature. The Chair would, therefore, suggest that any member having an amendment to introduce either to the bill or to the substitute introduce such amendments at this time in order that they may be reproduced if they have not been so reproduced because once the substitute amendment is adopted, this does preclude all further amendments. This is on the basis of thinking of the possibility of the adoption of House Amendment "I". Then it is the opinion of the Chair that in reverse order the last amendment to the bill or the last amendment to the substitute that is presented upon, working backward in order of admission of the amendments toward either the original bill or the substitute for final declaration of action.

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

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, if individuals should wish to offer amendments to House Amendment "I", I do not believe there would be too much time this morning to offer them in writing so that they might prepare them if they wish to go along with House Amendment "I" and then revise it upward. I move that the matter be tabled until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair requests the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton, to approach the rostrum.

Mr. TRAFTON: Mr. Speaker, I request permission to withdraw my previous motion and I would like unanimous consent to make House

Amendment "I" a special order for tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton, requests consent to withdraw his motion and further asks unanimous consent that 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 476, Legislative Document 1316, and accompanying papers, be made a special order of business for the next legislative day, immediately following the regular calendar. Does the Chair hear objection to granting unanimous consent to the request of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Trafton?

The Chair hears none, and the matter is so assigned.

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

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to introduce a resolve. This is a hard-ship case and I have been told that it wouldn't lengthen the session a moment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve under the unanimous consent rule. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Resolve providing for State Pension for Helen Duncan of Thomaston.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this resolve? The Chair hears none and the resolve is received.

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

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

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

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham,

Adjourned until tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon.