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SENATE

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The Senate was called to order by the President.

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

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Relating to Jurisdiction of Cases of Forceful Entry and Detainer of Records of Municipal Courts." (S. P. 220) (L. D. 561)

In the Senate on March 9, passed to be engrossed.

Comes from the House, recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed and to recommit the bill to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time recognizes on behalf of the Senate a group of students, a group of fine looking young men and women from South Portland High School. We extend our best wishes to you. We hope that you enjoy your visit with us and we congratulate you upon having within your group a distinguished Senator and I will request the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Weeks, to escort that distinguished guest to the rostrum.

It is my privilege to present to the Senate and our distinguished guests, two fine citizens of our state. The first is a senior citizen and one whose accomplishments for his fellow citizens and for the State of Maine is known to everyone. I refer to the Hon. James L. Boyle of Waterville, my friend, your friend and friend of all youngsters in the State of Maine — Jim Boyle.

(Applause.)

It is now my particular pleasure to present to the Senate and to present to our guests the Governor of Dirigo Boys State, the Hon. John Swierzynski of South Portland.

JOHN SWIERZYNSKI: Thank you very much, Mr. President, honorable

members of the Senate, and guests. I consider it a great honor and privilege to address this distinguished Body as Governor of Boys State and I hope perhaps to impart to you a little of what Boys State meant to me. As you look at me, I hope you are not thinking, "Well, here is Boys State's best;" because frankly, I am not. There were a great many of the boys at Boys State who were far, far superior to myself, but since I became an integral part of the government of Boys State I appreciate some of the headaches which a Governor must endure trying to pass a bill. You see, I headed a Nationalist administration and was faced with a Federalist majority in both the House and the Senate. From your own experience you can probably guess what happened. I did not get a bill beyond the floor of the House. Even my pet, the vote for eighteen year olds, failed miserably. This was my only proposal which did reach the House and resulted in some very spirited debate. Surprisingly enough a great many boys felt that they would be unqualified to cast a ballot.

I am sure that all of the citizens of Boys State came to appreciate better the work done by you legislators behind the scenes and in committee hearings, by participating in the legislative program of Boys State during its final two days.

Boys State, however, has a more profound meaning than a mere appreciation of law-making. Truly we learned the various functions of the municipal, county and state courts and the various duties of state officials, but what is more important, we learned the role which each freedom loving citizen must play in government. We learned to think and to care. We learned a new meaning for the word politician. No longer do we think of the word "politician" as being synonymous with name like "Boss Tweed" and such names as that.

Our definition of a politician was simply anyone who cared enough about his state and his country to take an active part in the way it was run. And so in my case, John Swierzynski, whose only interest in national affairs was the World Series box scores found himself after

Boys State an avid reader of May Craig, and George Sokolsky, heroes of the editorial page.

Ladies and gentlemen, what better weapon against Communism can there be than educating the youth of the country to realize the advantages of this gift of Democracy? The greatest experience of my life was going to Boys State and Nation, and I shall never forget it, and now after spending a week in each for the first time in my life I knew what it was to be an American. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDENT: Governor John, the Senate appreciates your message and the Chair makes this comment. I doubt if there is a citizen in Maine who has contributed more to the success of this very worthwhile program than our other distinguished guest. To my knowledge he has not been afforded the opportunity to tell us something of the pride that I know is in his heart and I think this morning, particularly having heard from the current Governor, that he is particularly proud of what I know is a thing he has mainly been responsible for, and I think it would be particularly fitting that the legislative record of the 97th Legislature have included in it, comments from my friend, Jim Boyle.

Hon. JAMES L. BOYLE: Mr. President, Governor John and members of this honorable Body, I am sure this is a surprise. My only interest here today was to see that, as has been done every two years, that the Governor of Boys State is introduced to the members of the Senate and House. To brief it up for you, Dirigo Boys State is a program, the like of which is carried on in the forty-eight states by the American Legion. From each state goes to Washington, after Boys State, several representatives to participate in what is known as Boys Nation wherein the Chief Executive of the United States, the leaders of the respective houses and the other divisions of government participate.

In Maine, this is built on a program to the end that the young boys, high school juniors, will have an intensive course in town and state government.

May I thank President Haskell and the two dozen or more members of the House and Senate who have come every year and spent a lot of their time gratuitously for this program.

Briefly the program starts this way. We leave it to the principals of the high schools of Maine to select juniors who would be sponsored by, say, the Rotary Club or some other such organization. The American Legion Posts sponsor about fifty percent of the three hundred boys, and non-Legion groups sponsor the remaining fifty percent. Any individual of course, may sponsor a boy.

From Sunday evening until Tuesday noon, the program is devoted exclusively to town government and we have about eighteen city and town managers and first selectmen who I have known for years, who come there and donate their time and they sit in as guidance instructors in the six towns and two counties. There are six towns and two counties. Interspersed in the program here and there, of course, is something not too heavy but, for instance, on Monday, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine explained our court system. On Friday, the Hon. Ernest Johnson explained the municipal and state taxation program and we had a Judge of Probate come in. But outside of that there are no speeches. Everything is practical government following the statutes of the State of Maine.

Then on Tuesday morning—oh by the way there are town warrants and town calls and everything like that and legal notices published, etc. On Tuesday morning there is a state primary. If you gentlemen think that you have seen activity in politics, you come over to Boys State for about two days, because there the sky is the limit.

This year we are setting the state government elections, you know, for the representatives and Senators for the legislature and the county attorneys and other such officials, ahead to Tuesday night, from Wednesday morning in order to give us more time for our legislature. Then on Wednesday we will have a joint session just like you have. The gover-

nor is inaugurated. At the joint session in the House, the special officers of the House which you elect at joint session are all elected and then the representatives from the Senate and the House they come in and sit in.

For several years it has been our privilege to run ahead of that a little program; and that is a sample of you gentleman appearing before a legislative committee.

The honorable Senators from Penobscot County last year at a committee hearing before the Financial and I think it was the Education and one other, a joint meeting, they addressed the committee and of course the entire body of Inauguration Night on the pros and cons of more money for education.

Then the boys themselves addressed the various legislative committees. The aim is not to have too many bills passed in legislature. Our aim is to have the boys indoctrinated in understanding the bills, and to appear before the committees and have arguments there, and then little by little the bills will get before the House and the Senate where they are considered.

At that time, of course you know Thursday and Friday the House is in session.

This year we are going to add to this program. We feel that there are several boys who are not in the House or Senate and who are not lobbying for bills and we must give them something active to do and so where you have in the State of Maine a division known as the Maine Development Commission and then there is a sort of state-aided outfit known as the Maine Publicity Bureau, we are going to have a counterpart of those and they will be known as the Dirigo Development Commission and the Dirigo Publicity Commission, to the end that the boys can be educated along those lines, to have an interest in boosting their community when they get out.

Now what is the answer? The answer is that it is not associated politically at all, but it is an aim to reach the young men of America. There is a counterpart in Girls State held at Colby College. Our program has been held for years at

the University of Maine. The aim is to teach these boys and girls, the year before they graduate, something about government to the end that in their last year in high school and in succeeding years they will have an interest in government.

The letters we get back from them and from their parents are the greatest satisfaction we have. They are personal and they stay personal but they give us a sense of sufficiency at least that we are on the right track. You can talk about the young men and the young women being brought up today, but there is nothing the matter with the young men and the young girls today that can't be corrected.

We are just taking our part along with other organizations in our way of reaching youth. We do hope that you will understand it and just take this young man here as an outstanding young man who represents them all for the past years. Next year there will be another Governor at Dirigo Boys State. It has been a pleasure to briefly explain this to you and I know it is an honor to us, and a greater honor to have the Governor of Boys State presented to this fine Body.

THE PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair notes the presence in the gallery of a group of students from Kennebunkport and another group from China. On behalf of the Senate, I welcome you and we hope that you enjoy your visit with us. We hope that you will come down after the session, meet us and talk with us and let us help you have a fine day, a day that will add something to your education. Thank you for coming.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Relating to Packaging and Marketing of Rabbit Meat." (H. P. 1089) (L. D 1272)

Bill "An Act Relating to Licenses for Buyers and Sellers of Rabbits." (H. P. 1090) (L. D. 1273)

Bill "An Act Relating to Commercial Slaughterhouse Requirements for Rabbits." (H. P. 1091) (L. D 1274)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing for Medical Aid to Indians." (H. P. 1092) (L. D. 1075)

Bill "An Act Creating Hospital Service for the Indigent." (H. P. 1093) (L. D. 1276)

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Number of Employees Under Group Life Insurance Policies." (H. P. 1094) (L. D. 1277)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Providing Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses to Indians on Census List." (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 1278)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Grant a Charter to the Town of Brunswick." (H. P. 1075) (L. D. 1270)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Creating a Maine Rivers Authority." (H. P. 1096) (L. D. 1279)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles Moore of Auburn." (H. P. 1113)

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Movement on Highways of Rubber Mounted Cranes." (H. P. 1097) (L. D. 1280)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Placing Indians Under Jurisdiction of Governor and Council." (H. P. 1098) (L. D. 1281)

Bill "An Act Providing Appointment of Director of Indian Affairs by Governor and Council." (H. P. 1099) (L. D. 1282)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Land Claim Commissioner for Indians." (H. P. 1100) (L. D. 1283)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

House Papers Received by Unanimous Consent

Bill "An Act to Incorporate The Memorial School District in Belfast." (H. P. 1118) (L. D. 1284)

Which was received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

House Committee Reports Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch of Penobscot River." (H. P. 149) (L. D. 149) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, recommended to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the Senate the resolve was recommended to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake, Franklin County." (H. P. 476) (L. D. 521) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Appeals from Decisions of Liquor Commission." (H. P. 665) (L. D. 741) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Closed Time on Deer on the Island of Mount Desert, Hancock County." (H. P. 296) (L. D. 308) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Arnold Pond in Coburn Gore, Franklin County." (H. P. 472) (L. D. 517) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Crosby Pond in Coburn Gore, Franklin County." (H. P. 475) (L. D. 520) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Jim Pond, Franklin and Somerset Counties." (H. P. 537) (L. D. 594) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to a Revolving Fund to Satisfy Judgments from Motor Vehicle Accidents." (H. P. 271) (L. D. 255) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Special Deputies in War Time or when War Imminent" reported that the same "Ought not to pass," as covered by other legislation.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Repealing Laws on Beano." (H. P. 711) (L. D. 779) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The Committee on Natural Resources on "Resolve Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Island in Three Mile Pond, Kennebec County." (H. P. 842) (L. D. 932) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the State Forest Commissioner to Convey Fan Island, Washington County." (H. P. 787) (L. D. 870) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on "Resolve Relating to Dragging for Quahogs in Maquoit Bay, Cumberland County." (H. P. 762) (L. D. 838) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to Financing by Brunswick Sewer District." (H. P. 623) (L. D. 629) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Biennial Assessment of State Property Taxes." (H. P. 723) (L. D. 787) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Raise Money for Christmas Decorations." (H. P. 457) (L. D. 492) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Relating to Height of Letters on Signs on School Buses." (H. P. 283) (L. D. 267) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass as Amended

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of the George Green Estate." (H. P. 290) (L. D. 303) reported that the same "Ought to pass as Amended" by Committee Amendment A. (Filing 87)

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Kennebunk." (H. P. 67) (L. D. 72) reported that the same "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment A. (Filing 89)

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of York Sewer District." (H. P. 380) (L. D. 423) reported that the same "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment A. (Filing 88)

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence and the bills and resolve read once. Committee Amendments A were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills and resolves as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Trapping for Bear." (H. P. 413) (L. D. 460) reported that the same "Ought to pass" as Amended by Committee Amendment A. (Filing 79)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and as amended by House Amendment A. (Filing 94)

In the Senate, the "Ought to pass" as amended report of the committee was accepted in concurrence and the bill read once; House Amendment A and Committee Amendment A were read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE
RESEARCH
Augusta

March 15, 1955

Honorable Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate
97th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Joint Legislative Order (S. P. 25) I submit herewith a list of all bills and resolves remaining in process of completion in my office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) SAMUEL H. SLOSBERG
Director

Which communication was read and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time would note to the Senate that page 3 in the House Journal indicates that there are but five matters remaining in the Office of the Director of Legislative Research, two public acts, one private and special act, one resolve on the part of the Senate and one public act on the part of the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time notes in the Senate thirty students from Lincoln Academy in Damariscotta. We hope you enjoy your day in the legislature and we hope you will visit with us and come back again. Thank you for coming.

Senate Papers

Referred to Committees

The following bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 25)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Chapman of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Officers of the Legislature." (S. P. 461)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement of Officers of the Legislature." (S. P. 462)

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Business Legislation

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Purposes of Companies Organized Under General Insurance Law." (S. P. 463)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Publication of Specimen Ballots." (S. P. 464)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Municipal Court Costs." (S. P. 465)

Which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Leather Poisoning as an Occupational Disease." (S. P. 466)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Chapman of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Kennel License Fees." (S. P. 467)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Keeping of Records by Persons in the Business of Selling Dogs." (S. P. 468)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Approval of Dog Shelters." (S. P. 469)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Examination of Dog Shelters." (S. P. 470)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Farris of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Pensions for Dependents of Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs." (S. P. 471)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Martin of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to 'Antique Auto' Plates." (S. P. 472)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Ought to Pass

Mr. Farley from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of the Judge of the Newport Municipal Court." (S. P. 359) (L. D. 968) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Town of Lincoln Municipal Court." (S. P. 360) (L. D. 969) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Dexter Municipal Court." (S. P. 361) (L. D. 970) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Millinocket Municipal Court." (S. P. 362) (L. D. 971) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court." (S. P. 363) (L. D. 972) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing

Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Bangor Municipal Court." (S. P. 364) (L. D. 973) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

Mr. Wyman from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Penobscot County." (S. P. 381) (L. D. 1077) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

Mr. Wyman from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of Eastport Municipal Court." (S. P. 382) (L. D. 1078) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolves:

House

"Resolve Designating New Bridge at Dresden as Dresden Memorial Bridge." (H. P. 528) (L. D. 587)

"Resolve Designating Certain Bridge in Oxford County as Martin Memorial Bridge." (H. P. 586) (L. D. 642)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

House—as Amended

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Gouldstoro School District." (H. P. 618) (L. D. 625)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Rabbit Hunting in Oxford, Knox, Franklin, Somerset, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Aroostook and York Counties." (H. P. 8) (L. D. 7)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate

Bill "An Act Relating to the Laws of Divorce." (S. P. 125) (L. D. 321)

Bill "An Act Relating to Children Caring for Parents." (S. P. 194) (L. D. 445)

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Alimony and Support of Minor Children." (S. P. 193) (L. D. 447)

Bill "An Act Relating to Charitable Gifts by Trust Companies." (S. P. 341) (L. D. 950)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following bills and resolves:

"An Act Exempting Real and Personal Property Occupied or Used by Tax Exempt Organizations from Taxation." (S. P. 137) (L. D. 329)

An Act relating to Holding Devices for Trailers (S. P. 68) (L. D. 93)

An Act relating to Appointment of Employees of Rumford Horse Racing Commission (S. P. 112) (L. D. 273)

An Act relating to Possession of Gill Nets (S. P. 185) (L. D. 437)

An Act to Prevent the Pollution of the Waters of Sebago Lake (S. P. 195) (L. D. 446)

An Act relating to Public Reserved Lots in Baxter State Park (S. P. 227) (L. D. 568)

An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner (H. P. 110) (L. D. 118)

An Act Exempting Sales of Mixed Fertilizer to Federal Government from Fertilizer Tax (H. P. 174) (L. D. 181)

An Act relating to Commercial Fertilizers (H. P. 246) (L. D. 234)

An Act Clarifying Laws on Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Plants (H. P. 327) (L. D. 368)

An Act to Incorporate the Southport Cemetery District (H. P. 365) (L. D. 402)

An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in St. George River in the Town of Warren (H. P. 401) (L. D. 417)

An Act relating to Archery Licenses (H. P. 416) (L. D. 463)

An Act relating to Keeping of Skunks and Raccoons in Captivity (H. P. 417) (L. D. 464)

An Act relating to Closed Season on Gray Squirrels (H. P. 423) (L. D. 69)

An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in Georges River (H. P. 455) (L. D. 490)

An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture (H. P. 496) (L. D. 540)

An Act relating to Tuberculosis Tests for Cattle (H. P. 511) (L. D. 575)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for Black Bass in Schoodic Lake in Washington County (S. P. 154) (L. D. 47)

Resolve relating to Smelt Fishing in East Machias River (H. P. 561) (L. D. 610)

Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Education to Convey a Portion of the Edmunds Township School Lot in Washington County (H. P. 601) (L. D. 657)

Which bills were passed to be enacted, and the resolves finally passed.

Emergency

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County." (H. P. 402) (L. D. 418)

Which bill, being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Emergency

"Resolve Authorizing the State Board of Education to Convey Certain Land in Fort Kent to the Town of Fort Kent." (H. P. 548) (L. D. 605)

Which resolve, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate and none opposed, was finally passed.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill "An Act Relating to Expending Aroostook

County Funds for Ricker College.” (H. P. 14) (L. D. 291) tabled by that Senator on March 3rd pending passage to be enacted and the same Senator moved the pending question.

This being an emergency measure, a division of the Senate was had. Thirty having voted in the affirmative and none opposed, the bill was passed to be enacted.

Mr. Low of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would like to speak for a few minutes this morning on restraint in spending. This legislature has before it a balanced budget which will increase general fund expenses by two per cent and a supplemental budget which will increase expenditures by fifteen percent more. In addition we have before us at least twenty million dollars in bills which will require money. When we start talking about money, we must be careful not to acquire delusions of grandeur. Our state is large in area but we only have about nine hundred thousand people to whom we can look for revenue. Already these few

people are contributing a hundred seventy five million dollars or more each year to the federal government and nearly seventy-five million dollars to the state for all purposes.

Our towns, cities and counties raise many many million dollars more. Even though we may be able to think up new taxes which will raise millions more, we must commence to use restraint in spending if we are going to maintain a sound economy. Each one of us should give every bill that comes before us, a four way test. 1 Can we properly do without it? 2. Do the people really want it or has it been promoted by some department head or some lobbyist? 3. Have we got the money? 4. Is it so important that we should raise taxes still more in order to have it? For over a hundred years our forefathers exercised restraint in spending and so kept Maine in a sound financial condition. We must do the same if we are going to pass the state on to our children in as good condition as we got it. Thank you.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox

Adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at one thirty o'clock.