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

Prayer by Rabbi David Prince of Waterville.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments" (S. P. 380) (L. D. 1076)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Reporter of Decisions" (S. P. 381) (L. D. 1077)

Resolve in favor of a Classroom, Library, and Auditorium Building at Washington State Teachers' College (S. P. 382) (L. D. 1078)

Resolve in Favor of a Physical Education and Athletics Field at Washington State Teachers' College (S. P. 383) (L. D. 1079)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Membership in Maine School Building Authority" (S. P. 384) (L. D. 1080)

Bill "An Act relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1089)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Cost of Relocating Facilities in Federal-Aid Interstate Highway Projects" (S. P. 385) (L. D. 1081)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve Opening Certain Brooks and Tributaries in Somerset County to Fishing (S. P. 386) (L. D. 1082)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill, "An Act relating to Statements to Ministers, Priests and Rabbis as Privileged Communications" (S. P. 387) (L. D. 1083)

Bill "An Act relating to Alternative Jail Sentences in Default of Payment of Fines or Costs" (S. P. 388) (L. D. 1084)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Referred to Next Legislature

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Age of Admission to State Hospitals" (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1088)

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

In the House, there being objection to the reception of the Bill, by provision of the Cloture Rule it was referred to the next Legislature.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Diesel or Diesel-Electric Locomotives in Reverse" (S. P. 389) (L. D. 1085)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension of Frank Eldridge of Milbridge (S. P. 390) (L. D. 1086)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Registration for Dealers in Boat Trailers and Temporary Registration Plates" (S. P. 391) (L. D. 1087)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Bragdon's Funeral Home, Ellsworth (S. P. 116) reporting Leave to Withdraw as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Expenses of Judicial Council" (S. P. 157) (L. D. 404)

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

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Harpswell Neck" (H. P. 713) (L. D. 1075) which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in the House on February 27.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Hathaway of Columbia Falls, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of several groups of students among whom are a group from Cape Elizabeth Senior High School under the escort of Mr. Whitcomb; the upper classmen of the Department of Sociology from Gorham State Teachers College, under the escort of Professor Paul Barker; Senior Class in American History from Monmouth Academy accompanied by Mr. Edward Knight; Grade Eight from the Winthrop Junior High School accompanied by Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Hibbs; Grade Eight from

Farmingdale accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Monica Willis; and thirty-four pupils from the Eighth Grade of the Federal School of Old Orchard Beach under the supervision of Miss Catherine Neilon, Principal and teacher, and Mr. Bernard Neveux.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you all a most cordial welcome and we hope that you will both enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following 21 Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 43) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Maximum Grants in Public Assistance Cases" (H. P. 806) (Presented by Mr. Rowe of Madawaska)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Construction of Eastport - Perry Causeway (H. P. 807) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

(1,000 copies Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Sponsorship of Annual Conference of Auditors, Controllers and Treasurers (H. P. 808) (Presented by Mr. Tarbox of Gouldsboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Everett L. Scott of Calais (H. P. 809) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Restrictions on Advertising Structures Near Turnpikes" (H. P. 810) (Presented by Mr. Crockett of Freeport)

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Resolve for Construction of Route No. 186, Hancock County (H. P. 811)

(Presented by Mr. Tarbox of Gouldsboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 812) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating a Municipal District Court System for Androscoggin County" (H. P. 813) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

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Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation Benefits under Workmen's Compensation Law" (H. P. 814) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

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Bill "An Act relating to Employer's Contribution Rate under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 815) (Presented by same gentleman)

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Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Aldermen of the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 816) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Officers in the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 817) (Presented by Mr. Dumais of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Quinelas at Harness Race Meets" (H. P. 818) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Location of Harness Race Meets" (H. P. 819) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating the Bangor Parking District" (H. P. 820) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Exclude Town of Cooper, Washington County, from

Maine Forestry District" (H. P. 821)

(Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Samuel Hanson of Baring (H. P. 822) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of the Attorney General" (H. P. 823) (Presented by Mr. Earles of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating One Racing Commission" (H. P. 824) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to the Closing of County Offices on Saturdays" (H. P. 825) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of West Paris" (H. P. 826) (Presented by Mrs. Mann of Paris)

(On motion of Mrs. Mann of Paris, tabled pending reference to a Committee, 750 copies ordered printed, and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, to the rostrum to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Elwell assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Edgar retired from the Hall.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Everett Pender of the Advent Christian Church, Friendship, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 3, 1957.

On motion of Mr. Kinch of Livermore Falls, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Frederick Niles of the Methodist Church, Livermore Falls, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 19, 1957.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Kittery, Mrs. Burnham, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

On motion of Mr. Emery of Palmyra, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Hughes of St. Albans be excused from attendance the remainder of this week because of business.

On motion of Mrs. Harriman of Lovell, it was

ORDERED, that Dr. Carl S. Weist of the Center Lovell Christian Church and the Lovell Congregational Church, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 25, 1957.

On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to enter in "Appendix A" of the House Journal, which shall be a part of the Journal, the information contained in the communications from the Secretary of State required by Section 20 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes; also appointments made by the Speaker when the Legislature is not in session.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Brewster from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to Taking Herring under Four Inches in Length" (H. P. 291) (L. D. 387) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Rankin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Relating to Use of Artificial Light in Taking Herring" (H. P. 240) (L. D. 333)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Exemption of Certain Property of Veterans

from Taxation" (H. P. 629) (L. D. 890)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Highways reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Closing of Roads in Unorganized Territory by County Commissioners" (H. P. 539) (L. D. 766)

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

Recommitted

Mr. Tevanian from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Delivery of Absent Voting and Physical Incapacity Voting Ballots" (H. P. 130) (L. D. 168)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Tevanian.

Mr. TEVANIAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that Legislative Document 168 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Tevanian, moves that Legislative Document 168 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary. Is that the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry, I misunderstood whether it is Legislative Document 166 or 168.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Tevanian, was that Legislative Document 168 be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. CROCKETT: Give me the item number will you please, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tem: Item Number 5.

Mr. CROCKETT: I am sorry, I had it confused.

The SPEAKER pro tem: All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Tevanian, that the Bill and the Report be recommitted to the Committee on Ju-

diciary will please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Andrews from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Alewives in Tunk River in Town of Steuben" (H. P. 442) (L. D. 618)

Mr. Baird from same Committee reported same on Resolve Repealing Law Relating to Taking of Herring in Town of Cutler (H. P. 241) (L. D. 334)

Mr. Tarbox from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Taking and Use of Herring under Four Inches in Length" (H. P. 238) (L. D. 331)

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Time for Harness Race Meets" (S. P. 244) (L. D. 645)

Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of License for Harness Racing" (S. P. 245) (L. D. 646)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws by Juveniles" (H. P. 128) (L. D. 166)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gouldsboro, Mr. Tarbox.

Mr. TARBOX: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Item 3, Bill "An Act relating to Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws by Juveniles", House Paper 128, Legislative Document 166, and specially assign it for Tuesday next, March 12.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Gouldsboro, Mr. Tarbox, moves that Item 3, lay on the table until Tuesday next pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I am very much interested in this bill --

The SPEAKER pro tem: Will the gentleman kindly defer?

Mr. CROCKETT: I ask the Speaker if I could address the House briefly?

The SPEAKER pro tem: Does the gentleman wish to debate the question of assignment or the time of assignment? The Chair would state --

Mr. CROCKETT: I don't want no debate, but I would like to reason.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman is out of order.

Mr. CROCKETT: Okay.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The subject is not debatable. The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Gouldsboro, Mr. Tarbox, that Item 3 lay on the table pending passage to be engrossed and be specially assigned for Tuesday next. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of the Fort Kent Telephone Company" (H. P. 187) (L. D. 250)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries and Powers of Trustees of Livermore Falls Water District" (H. P. 231) (L. D. 324)

Bill "An Act relating to Number of Shares Held by Members of Federal Employees' Credit Union of Maine" (H. P. 341) (L. D. 472)

Bill "An Act relating to Investment of Municipal Trust Funds" (H. P. 342) (L. D. 473)

Bill "An Act to Correct Errors in Laws Relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles for Profit" (H. P. 386) (L. D. 517)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Giving of Notice under Sales and Use Tax Law" (H. P. 487) (L. D. 680)

(On motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 13.)

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Deficiency Assessments under the Sales and Use Tax Law" (H. P. 488) (L. D. 681)

(On motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 13.)

Bill "An Act relating to Certificates under Sales Tax Law for Dissolution of Corporations" (H. P. 489) (L. D. 682)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Failure to File Use Fuel Dealer's Report" (H. P. 490) (L. D. 683)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the presence in the gallery of teacher John Pottle, Casco High School, with the American History Class. The Chair wishes to extend a welcome from the House and we hope you have a very enjoyable morning. (Applause)

Subsequently the Speaker announced that Mr. Pottle was a former Member of the House.

Bill "An Act Defining Real Estate for the Purposes of Taxation" (H. P. 491) (L. D. 684)

Bill "An Act relating to Change of Purposes of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies" (H. P. 529) (L. D. 757)

Bill "An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture" (H. P. 548) (L. D. 775)

Bill "An Act relating to Cancellation of Motor Truck Authority" (H. P. 802) (L. D. 1051)

Resolve in favor of Town of Milo for Burial Expenses for Son of William S. Stone (H. P. 88) (L. D. 1049)

Resolve to Reimburse Towns of Smithfield and Mercer (H. P. 344) (L. D. 475)

Resolve in favor of Harmon Rogers of Topsham (H. P. 594) (L. D. 843)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Canton Water District" (H. P. 229) (L. D. 337)

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

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Bingham Water District" (H. P. 432) (L. D. 608)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands the gentleman from Waldoboro, Mr. Walter, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption.

Mr. SHAW of Bingham: Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. SHAW: I rise for the purpose of tabling this item pending acceptance of the Amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Clerk will read the Amendment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 432, L. D. 608, Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of Bingham Water District."

Amend said Bill by striking out in that part designated "Sec. 2" of section 2 in the 2nd line of the headnote thereof the underlined words "Somerset county" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'the towns of Bingham and Moscow and plantations of Pleasant Ridge and Concord'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in that part designated "Sec. 2" of section 2 in the 5th line thereof the underlined words "county of Somerset" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'towns of Bingham and Moscow and plantations of Pleasant Ridge and Concord'.

House at Ease

House called to order by the Speaker pro tem.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. SHAW: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we reconsider our action whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A" to House Paper 432, Legislative Document 608.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Shaw, moves that we reconsider our action of yesterday whereby we adopted Committee Amendment "A" to Legislative Document 608. Is that the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. SHAW: Mr. Speaker, I move Committee Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this item lay on the table until tomorrow morning until I check on it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, moves that this item be tabled until tomorrow morning. All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, there is only one thing I am concerned with, you said tomorrow morning, and I believe we do not convene until one o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. ROLLINS of Belfast: Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Mr. ROLLINS: I would amend that motion to the next legislative day, the time of convening of the next legislative day.

House at Ease

House called to order by the Speaker pro tem.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion to table.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rol-

lins, withdraws his motion to table.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Shaw, who moves the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A". As many as are in favor of the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment "A" will say aye, those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question now before the House is the adoption of House Amendment "A". As many as are in favor of the motion to adopt House Amendment "A" will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

Bill "An Act Clarifying Questions on Local Option Under Liquor Law" (H. P. 510) (L. D. 720)

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

Mr. Ervin of Houlton offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 510, L. D. 720, Bill, "An Act Clarifying Questions on Local Option Under Liquor Law."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined word "restaurant" in the third paragraph thereof, the underlined words "and hotels"

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

Resolve Designating New Bridge to Span Jonesport Reach from the Town of Jonesport to the Town of Beals as "Jonesport-Beals Bridge" (S. P. 175) (L. D. 454)

Resolve in favor of Peoples Benevolent Hospital of Fort Kent (H. P. 176) (L. D. 241)

Resolve Opening Abbee Pond, Piscataquis County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 276) (L. D. 372)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Bemis Stream, Franklin County (H. P. 314) (L. D. 431)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Richardson Pond, East Richardson Ponds and Pepper Pot Pond, Oxford County (H. P. 316) (L. D. 433)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Weymouth Pond and Mower Pond, Penobscot County (H. P. 358) (L. D. 488)

Resolve in favor of Arthur R. Gould Memorial Hospital, Presque Isle (H. P. 501) (L. D. 713)

Resolve in favor of Arthur R. Gould Memorial Hospital, Presque Isle (H. P. 502) (L. D. 1050)

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

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER EDGAR: The Chair would like to take this opportunity to thank the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, for the excellent service he gave as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, to his seat on the Floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Edgar resumed the Chair.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Amending the Charter of the Pittsfield Utilities District (S. P. 216) (L. D. 561)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 117 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer High School District (H. P. 284) (L. D. 380)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 123 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Construction of School Bus Garage for Town of Orland School District (H. P. 285) (L. D. 381)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 126 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Borrowing Capacity of Town of Orland School District (H. P. 286) (L. D. 382)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 126 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Right of Appeal under Labor and Industry Chapter (S. P. 159) (L. D. 406)

An Act relating to Fees for Licenses of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (H. P. 12) (L. D. 11)

An Act relating to Military Leave Credits under State Personnel Law (H. P. 143) (L. D. 181)

An Act relating to Military Leave Credits under State Retirement System (H. P. 144) (L. D. 182)

An Act relating to Special Milk Program for Children in Schools (H. P. 265) (L. D. 351)

An Act relating to Depositing of Domestic Fowl to Cause Nuisance (H. P. 289) (L. D. 385)

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

Tabled

An Act relating to Employment of Females (H. P. 422) (L. D. 599)

(On motion of Mr. Tarbox of Gouldsboro, tabled pending passage to be enacted and unassigned.)

Finally Passed

Resolve Regulating Salmon Fishing in Sebec Lake, Piscataquis County (S. P. 82) (L. D. 192)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Ragged Pond, Piscataquis County (S. P. 118) (L. D. 264)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Aroostook County (S. P. 119) (L. D. 263)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County (S. P. 120) (L. D. 262)

Resolve Opening Certain Waters in Piscataquis County to Fishing Under General Law (S. P. 122) (L. D. 260)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in China Lake and Tributaries, Kennebec County (H. P. 50) (L. D. 74)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saddleback Stream and Its Tributaries, Franklin County (H. P. 114) (L. D. 152)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Blanchard Ponds, Franklin County (H. P. 118) (L. D. 156)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tributaries to Baker Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 119) (L. D. 157)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Big Island Pond, Franklin County (H. P. 120) (L. D. 158)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Bell Pond, Piscataquis County (H. P. 124) (L. D. 162)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land in Woodland, Aroostook County (H. P. 139) (L. D. 177)

Resolve Regulating Black Bass Fishing in Sebec Lake and Tributaries, Piscataquis County (H. P. 161) (L. D. 203)

Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Sebec Lake and Tributaries,

Piscataquis County (H. P. 162) (L. D. 209)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in South Bog Stream, Franklin County (H. P. 313) (L. D. 430)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Chain of Ponds, Franklin County (H. P. 315) (L. D. 432)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Kennebec Lake, Franklin County (H. P. 317) (L. D. 434)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Houston Brook, Franklin and Somerset Counties (H. P. 650) (L. D. 396)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saddleback Mountain Ponds in Franklin County (H. P. 651) (L. D. 397)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Burning of Motor Vehicles, Airplanes and Boats", House Paper 31, Legislative Document 44, tabled on February 28 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending assignment for third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Committee Amendment to L. D. 44 be adopted and the Bill be given its third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read Committee Amendment "A". Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 31, L. D. 44, Bill "An Act Relating to Burning of Motor Vehicles, Airplanes and Boats."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words and punctuation "airplane, boat" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'aircraft'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the County Attorney of Knox County," House Paper 797, tabled on March 5 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending reference to any committee, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch Ponds and Tributaries, Piscataquis County, House Paper 275, Legislative Document 371, tabled on March 5 by the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Harris, pending assignment for second reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Harris of Greenville, the Resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the House a group of students from the eighth grade of the New Port Grammar School accompanied by Mrs. Judson Jude. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to all of you a most cordial welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think some two weeks ago we passed an order and adopted a cloture rule, and since that time there have been some dozen or fifteen bills entered. Now, we were all elected last September, and we have had plenty of time to know what ought to be in and prepare the bills. I will admit some of them aren't all fully prepared yet, but nevertheless we knew we wanted them, we got started on them and we have them down in the Revisor's Office.

Several of these bills didn't look to me, after seeing them, as though they were very important, but if we are going to stay here all summer we might as well remove the cloture rule and keep on going, and it is time I think that someone should take notice of it and abide by the rules of the House. Any person, any lady or gentleman in this House who has a bill that needs to be entered in this Legislature if they would just take the time of a few minutes to explain the need so that the members will know what is wanted in the bill, these bills going by here, we don't even know what they are, have no idea, and I believe that each and every one of us are entitled to know the contents of the bills.

In the old days we used to mimeograph them and lay them before the Members of the House on the desks so they would know what was needed. It would be kind of an imposition to request the Clerk to read each and every one of them, and I would say the occasion may arise any time that any one of you may have a situation that needs legislation in this session. And even up until the last week if you find an emergency arises, if you will just get up and explain the condition and the situation, there is no question but the House will go along with you. Thank you.

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

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, is Legislative Document 620 in possession of the House?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is advised that it is.

Mr. MORRILL: Yesterday the House accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report on L. D. 620, "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax". I would like to reconsider this action.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted an "Ought not to pass" Committee Report on Bill "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax" H. P. 444, L. D. 620. Is this the pleasure of the House?

All those in favor will please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed, and on further motion of the same gentleman the Bill was tabled unassigned.

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

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take from the table the third unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Duties and Powers of Department of Labor and Industry", House Paper 423, L. D. 600. I have a few words I would like to say.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Duties and Powers of Department of Labor and Industry" House Paper 423, Legislative Document 600, which was tabled on February 26 by the same gentleman pending passage to be engrossed, be removed from the table at this time. The Chair understands the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, desires to briefly address the House. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. TURNER: This is just another department bill looking for more power, more dictatorship, just another headache for small business. Now the Department has power to enter factories and mills, and the Health and Welfare Department, your State Police, your fire inspection and your Federal and State Tax Assessors, they have a right to come in and snoop around, I can't see where this is going to do anybody any good. And I am wondering if the departments, if we are going to declare an open season on small business and turn the departments loose on them. I thought that these department heads are supposed to be our servants rather than our dictators, and I can see no good from this Bill and I move indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, moves the indefinite postponement of Bill "An Act relating to the Duties and Powers of Department of Labor and Industry."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: With the tabling this morning of Item 5 under Enactors, I think that the Labor Committee is now batting exactly one hundred per cent. I think every bill that we have put out has been tabled.

Now, I think we are about ready to start this morning on our first debate in the House. I rather hate to be the participant against my good friend, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, because I am certain that his action is motivated entirely by sincerity. But I would like to explain several points and give several reasons why the Labor Committee came to their decision.

As you know, this had a unanimous "Ought to pass" Report from the Committee as amended by Committee Amendment "A" Filing 32. It certainly is not the desire of the Committee, or the desire of myself, to hurt any small businessman, and Committee Amendment "A" Filing 32, I am sure takes care of that. But we believe that this is legislation which is certainly for the benefit of both employers and employees alike.

Now, many businessmen, be they large or small, have approached me and said that they would like to do away with superfluous forms, restrictions and so forth. Now, I am all in favor of doing away with all unnecessary reports, data and even inspections, but I cannot be against anything that is against promoting the safety of employees, the working men and women in the State of Maine.

My opponents will say and have said, much about the Department wanting too much authority, that we are becoming bureaucratic, that we are becoming socialistic, and as we heard this morning, a dictatorship. They say this same thing about just about every labor bill. I repeat that I certainly am against unnecessary restrictions, but this unfortunately is a complicated age that we live in, and we certainly have to have certain restrictions, be they on automobiles, hunting and fishing, liquor control, public safety or many other things that promote the general welfare of the public.

I would like, since this Bill has been brought up, to point out several factors of the Bill. Only one has been mentioned, that it is going to hurt small business. The first part of the Bill says that the Department can promote a program of education and promotion on industrial safety. The second part is the part that the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, talks about. It says that it broadens the scope of the Department, it gives them the authority to go into places that they now can't, only for the purpose of inspecting safety and sanitation. If redefines unsanitary and unsafe conditions, it adds an appeal section for aggrieved employers. They say it is a Department Bill, but I became interested in it because I am interested in safety, and I know from personal experience that the Safety Inspectors in our Department of Labor probably are the most valuable function of this Department.

The low accident frequencies throughout the State, and consequently the low insurance rate in certain industries, are partly due to the cooperation and the assistance that industry and business receive from the Safety Inspectors of the Department of Labor.

The opponents who even grant the worth of some parts of this bill say, why broaden the scope. Now, we certainly don't want to hurt, and we don't want to annoy or we don't want to bother anyone, but there are many people that are not covered that really should be covered for the welfare of the employees in the State of Maine. Such people are processing plants, mining and quarrying, transportation, the large wholesale and retail establishments, finance and banking establishments, insurance companies and real estate. In the last three years the fatal work industries in the State of Maine, the industries that are covered now, the manufacturing, there have been forty, and the ones that are not covered there have been forty-nine. Now you can't make a conclusive statement, but perhaps and probably some of those fatal accidents would have been prevented with the cooperation the Safety Inspectors are willing to give anybody.

Now, the next section of the Bill which hasn't even been considered in the discussion today, is on the hazards that the Department can inspect for under the present law. These hazards are too restrictive as the present law goes because you just cannot enumerate all of the hazards that you might find in one of our industries. For instance, it says that your ventilation must be adequate, but it does not say that your fans should be protected or that your wiring should be better. It says that you have to have protection of vats in which you keep molten or hot liquids, but it does not mention cold, acid or caustics. It says that you have to have a means of egress such as fire escapes, certainly, but it does not require you to patch a big hole in your floor. It requires that you have a guard over belting, shafting and things like that, but it does not require that you have the area around the machine cleaned up. In other words, these are parts of this law that even though no more inclusions were made in the number of persons to be inspected, they should definitely be changed.

Now, the opponents say that the departments are just being selfish and that they want to build up the departments and expand their duties. I do not believe that in this case this is so. The Committee was willing to grant certain things so that is why we did have Committee Amendment "A". But in the Department now, the Department has to go around to all sorts of places that are not covered by safety but are covered by their female employment laws. So they have people going into those places but they have no authority therein to inspect for safety, and I certainly think that they should.

In summary, I feel that this is logical legislation, that it would decrease the work accidents in the State. I think if the opponents fully realized the cooperative and functional approach that this particular division of the Department of Labor gives people, they might not be so opposed to the measure. It is a benefit not only for their workers but it is a benefit for them in so far as their insurance rates go. I have received several letters; let

me give you just one figure. Under such a collective program of action the paper mills in the State since 1939 have made an insurance saving of \$337,000. Of course, I am sure that the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, would say "Sure, but that is big business." That is big business, but remember many small businesses when they band together for anything, whether it is insurance rates or what have you, become a big business in the end.

Now, I was willing to compromise, I still am willing to compromise, but I do not want to see this Bill defeated, and I hope the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, to indefinitely postpone this Bill does not prevail. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I would now move this Bill be retabed and assigned to Tuesday next, March 12.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that this Bill be retabed and especially assigned for Tuesday next. The motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, takes precedence over that of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. TURNER: I want to say a little more on this Bill.

The SPEAKER: The motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, precludes any more debate other than that on the time of assignment. If the gentleman would care to debate the time of assignment he may.

Mr. TURNER: I will ask for a division on his motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, requests a division on the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, that this Bill be retabed until Tuesday next.

Will all those who favor the motion of the gentleman from Bridg-

ton, Mr. Haughn, that this Bill be retabed until Tuesday next, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Fifty-five having voted in the affirmative and sixty-six in the negative, the motion to retabed the Bill did not prevail.

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

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, before we vote on this I would like to just mention that my good friend here said that they were very strong for safety measures. Now, the three most hazardous businesses that come under that Bill, they have struck out in this Filing 32, Committee Amendment "A", which is agriculture, commercial fishing and logging. Now, if they are after safety measures, I should think that they would have fought to keep that in the Bill. I don't think it is safety they are after, I think it is just power, and I insist on the indefinite postponement of the Bill.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, for the indefinite postponement of Bill "An Act relating to the Duties and Powers of Department of Labor and Industry."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe in considering a bill we should consider whether the bill is necessary or not. Now, this Bill to me seems quite unnecessary. As far as safety measures go, practically all employers have insurance, and if you have insurance to cover anything of that sort you know that you have plenty of inspection.

Now, I know on several of my jobs I have had inspection from insurance engineers who came around to see whether we were operating safely or not. I have never seen anybody from the Department of Labor checking on that sort of thing. I certainly believe that the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, should be carried on the grounds that this legislation is not necessary.

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

Mr. HENDSBEE: Mr. Speaker, while we are on this measure I would like to speak on the Bill along the same angle that the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, has. I am a Union executive employed in a large paper mill, and our safety angle there is considered one of the best. And we keep after it. I am also a member of the Safety Committee, but I know there are many small industries who pay no attention whatever to safety measures.

I speak from one who knows. I had a friend of mine who was killed two years ago in a small mill because they didn't have a safety measure for grounding the motors. He got a pat in the face with a shovel. He deserved a much better fate. Therefore, I do wish to go on record as going along with Mr. Ross as he has very well covered it, and I do know of several industries who do need some checking up on right off.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce.

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

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, for the indefinite postponement of this Bill. The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, has requested a division.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to go on record as a small businessman in favor, and second the remarks of the gentleman from Bath, Rodney Ross, on this Bill.

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

Mr. TEVANIAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Although I am very much in favor of safety measures, and proper legislation to protect the people who work, I say, let us analyze this Bill and see what we are giving to the Department of Labor.

We are giving them the authority to set the standards of what is and what is not safe. That is not our duty

here as Legislators. They are an administrative body and we are charged with the duty of setting the standards and they are charged with the duty of enforcing the standards that we set. And I do not feel that this Bill should carry because a different administration or a different Commissioner of Labor may have different thoughts on the matter. If we want a safety bill, then it is our duty to set the standards and the duty of the Department of Labor merely to enforce the standards that we have set.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In view of the fact that this Bill is for the best interests of the working man of the State of Maine I want to support it. Therefore, I want to vote contrary to the motion now before the House to have it indefinitely postponed. And I hope the House will go along and defeat the motion before the House to indefinitely postpone this Bill, which will kill the Bill.

Now, I have in mind that in this State of ours we have a lot of little people that are working for a living supporting their families. They have to get that work, in many instances, where they can find it, and they are in no position to compel their employers to correct this, that or the other thing that might affect their life, limb and health. And the only agency in this State that is in the position to do that is our Department of Labor and Industry, which we have created for that purpose.

If a worker finds something in his plant where he is working that is injurious to him he can't do anything about it himself, but he can communicate to the Department of Labor and Industry and acquaint them with the thing that bothers him, and they can investigate it and if it does injure his well-being, they can see that it is corrected.

I hope the House will go along and defeat the motion before it to indefinitely postpone this Bill.

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

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There is nothing more that I could probably say that the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, hasn't already said. He has covered the Bill very thoroughly, and I would like to go along and oppose the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, to indefinitely postpone the Bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Letourneau.

Mr. LETOURNEAU: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Much has been said about this Bill, much more than I am able to say. But I want you to understand that this is a safety bill, and we should all be in favor of safety.

I have worked in factories, and I have seen people come around and inspect factories, and let me assure you that it does a tremendous amount of good as far as safety is concerned, that the factory inspectors come around.

Now, this bill has had a public hearing, we have discussed it in committee and we came out unanimously. I want to go on record as being opposed to the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, for the indefinite postponement of this Bill. The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, has requested a division.

Will all those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, that this Bill be indefinitely postponed, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-one having voted in the affirmative and sixty-seven having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone the Bill did not prevail.

Therefore, the Bill, having had its three several readings in the House and the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading having reported that no further verbal amendments were necessary, was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

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

Mr. HERSEY: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire if the report of the Committee on Transportation on the Bill "An Act Revising the Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration" House Paper 41, Legislative Document 54, is in the possession of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is advised that the Committee Report is in the possession of the House.

Mr. HERSEY: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the action of yesterday whereby we recommitted the Report and Bill to the Committee on Transportation. If my motion prevails and the Report of the Committee is accepted, I propose to offer an amendment to the Bill which I understand is agreeable to the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Hersey, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby Bill "An Act Revising Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration", House Paper 41, Legislative Document 54, was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the "Ought to pass" Committee Report on Bill "An Act Revising Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration" was accepted and the Bill given its first and second readings.

Mr. Hersey of Fort Fairfield offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 41, L. D. 54, Bill, "An Act Revising Law Relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration."

Amend said Bill by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 5-A, to read as follows:

"Sec. 5-A. R. S., c. 22, § 26-C, **additional.** Section 26 of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 26-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 26-C. Insurance. The Secretary of State shall not issue such

registration until the applicant shall have procured and filed with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that the applicant is covered by a standard automobile garage liability policy, approved by the Insurance Commissioner, insuring against any legal liability in accordance with the terms of said policy for personal injury or death of any one person in the sum of \$10,000 and for any number of persons in the sum of \$20,000 and against property damage in the sum of \$5,000, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of any motor vehicle bearing the registration of such dealer or such holder of a transit registration certificate. In lieu of such insurance, the applicant may file with said Secretary of State a bond or bonds issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State in the amount of \$20,000 guaranteeing the payment of any judgments secured against such applicant on account of any such injuries, damage or death.

The Secretary of State shall suspend, without hearing, such registration within 10 days of receipt of written notice from the company that the insurance policy or bond herein required has been canceled. He shall likewise suspend said registration upon the expiration of the policy and shall not restore same until new certification of coverage is filed by the company.'"

Further amend said Bill by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 7-A to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-A. R. S., c. 22, § 29, subsection IV, amended. Subsection IV of section 29 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended by repealing the 2nd and 3rd sentences thereof as follows:

'Provided, however, that the Secretary of State shall not issue such registration until the applicant shall have procured and filed with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that the applicant is covered by a standard automobile garage liability policy, approved by the Insurance Commissioner, insuring against any legal liability in accordance with the terms of said policy for personal injury or death of any

one person in the sum of \$10,000 and for any number of persons in the sum of \$20,000 and against property damage in the sum of \$5,000, which injury, death or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of any motor vehicle bearing the registration of such dealer or such holder of a transit registration certificate. In lieu of such insurance, the applicant may file with said Secretary of State a bond or bonds issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State in the amount of \$20,000 guaranteeing the payment of any judgments secured against such applicant on account of any such injuries, damage or death.'

Further amend said Bill by adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 7-B to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-B. R. S., c. 22, § 29, subsection V, repealed. Subsection V of section 29 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 200 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed."

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

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

Mr. Elwell of Brooks was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First of all I should like to thank the Speaker for extending to me an invitation to preside as Speaker pro tem this morning, and secondly I should like to thank the House for its contribution to the education of a fellow member. Thirdly, I should like to refer briefly to the incident that occurred on the Floor of the House yesterday when I asked for unanimous consent to introduce a bill notwithstanding the cloture rule, whereby there was objection. I understand that that objection has been withdrawn. It has been explained to me that nothing was intended to reflect upon me personally nor against anything that I stand for. I am very happy to accept this explanation in the same fine spirit that it was given, and after consulting with several of the leaders of both

parties, including the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, I am inclined to heed the old adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent at this time to introduce the Resolve notwithstanding the cloture rule.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, requests unanimous consent to introduce a Resolve notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the Resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve Providing for State Pension for Herbert Chase of Burnham.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the admittance of this Resolve notwithstanding the cloture rule?

The Chair hears none and the Resolve is admitted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Elwell of Brooks, the Resolve (H. P. 827) was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. LaCasce of Fryeburg was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. LaCASCE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I realize that I am late in presenting this Bill, but the whole thing came up very late. I took it to Mr. Slosberg's office and he knew nothing about such a condition. I took it to the Attorney General's office and he knew nothing about the condition, but looked it up and found that a bill had to be passed by the Legislature to make it legal to copy an old volume in the Registry of Deeds in order to make the copy official. That is the reason why we were late in getting this in. Thus, I would like to request unanimous consent to enter a Bill notwithstanding the cloture rule.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fryeburg, Mr. LaCasce, requests unanimous consent to present a Bill notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the Bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act Authorizing Copying of Volume Six, Oxford County, Western District, Registry of Deeds"

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think it should be mentioned very briefly that Mr. LaCasce has cleared this Bill with both sides of the aisle, the floor leaders of the majority and minority parties, and this is one of the bills that we had in mind that would not be objected to, at least by the floor leadership.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection in the House to the introduction of this Bill notwithstanding the cloture order?

The Chair hears none and the Bill is admitted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. LaCasce of Fryeburg, the Bill (H. P. 828) was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Crockett of Freeport was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Some of our work here is a pleasure and some of it is a lot of work. I have been trying for the last ten minutes to get the Speaker's attention.

Yesterday I spoke in regards to a Bill notwithstanding the cloture rule, that I would have today. It is a public health bill for my constituents back at Freeport, and I am asking for unanimous consent notwithstanding the cloture rule, to present this bill today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, requests unanimous consent to introduce a Bill notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the Bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act to Create the South Freeport Sewer District"

The SPEAKER: Is there objection in the House to the admittance of this Bill regardless of the cloture order?

The Chair hears none and the Bill is admitted.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, the Bill (H. P. 829) was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It seems to me last Thursday we passed a House Order making a requirement for the honorable gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, to perform a duty for us today.

I feel it fitting and proper at this time that to fulfill the wish of the House Order, and that was to give us a piece of Longfellow's works, one of his own choosing, he will fulfill that House Order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, whether he desires this to be on or off the record.

Mr. HAUGHN: I believe this should be on the record, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, has requested that the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, fulfill the duties imposed upon him by Order of the House last week. The Chair would ask the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, whether or not he is ready to fulfill those duties.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: If you can take it, I can.

First, I want to get a little sketch here that is a little verse that is very good. I am going to give the gentleman that wrote this. This gentleman is an outstanding political writer in the State of Maine, and he gave me this not knowing that I possibly will put this little verse of his before this great body. Here goes:

"Tain't what you have
but what you give;
"Tain't where you are
but how you live;
"Tain't what you do
but how you do it,
That makes this life
worth going through it."

Mr. Damborg, if people kill me for this, I'm sorry, but I did it.

Now I have got a little poem here. Hold your hats!

"Between the prayer and adjournment

While Harvey is fixing his flower,

Comes a pause in the day's occupation

That is known as the Children's Hour.

"From my seat here I see in this chamber

Preparing to spout some hot air,
Frank Pierce, Harry Rollins and
Totman

And Alex without any hair.

"A whisper, and then a silence:

Yet I know by your merry eyes,
You are plotting and planning together,

To take me by surprise.

"Do you think, O daring banditti,

With your unlimited gall,
Such a clever old fellow as I am
Is not a match for you all!

"I have you fast in my fortress,

And will not let you depart,
But put you down into the dungeon
In the round-tower of my heart.

"And there will I keep you forever,

Yes, forever and a day,
Till the walls shall crumble to ruin,
And moulder in dust away."

(Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will rule that although the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, did not completely carry out the duties imposed upon him in so far as the poet Longfellow was concerned, it is the ruling of the Chair that both Mr. Crockett and Mr. Damborg are a lot better than Mr. Longfellow.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, we have what is known in our House here, "Poet from the 97th". I know he will give us an inspiring and an interesting poem. I would like to have him do it, and I know the boys of the 98th that didn't hear him in the 97th will appreciate it. Mr. James Stanley from Bangor.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, requests that the House hear from the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, spoke to me prior to the

session, so I didn't have any poem to give, but I think he has a good Bill in honoring the poets in Maine, and I would like to read from the Minstrelsy of Maine just a little bit. It says:

"The spontaneous making of verses by people who have no intention of printing them," similar to Mr. Crockett, "is evidence of vigorous mental activity. And the enormous quantity of such verse found in Maine—irrespective of its quality, for each produces after its kind—stands for a definite creative impulse among the people. The world sees Edwin Arlington Robinson and Edna St. Vincent Millay, both Maine-born; but countless unknown versifiers made rich the soil these grew in, for poets do not grow from sand and barrenness."

And to go along with that, I would give one of Edwin Robinson's poems. He was a native of Gardiner as you know.

"Strange that I did not know him then,
That friend of mine.
I did not even show him then
One friendly sign;

"But cursed him for the ways he had
To make me see
My envy of the praise he had
For praising me.

"I would have rid the earth of him
Once, in my pride.
I never knew the worth of him
Until he died."

Another poet from Maine, one who is still living by the way:

"I'd like to leave, alive, the best
of me—
The songs that my heart has sung,
The pictures that I could not paint
with brush
Or give by tales of tongue.

"I'd like to ease some moment of
distress
In one never known—
To bring a thought of love and
tenderness
To youth, by me outgrown.

"I'd like to live in words my soul
has borne,
Beyond the day I write—

To send a message down the end-
less years,
Of Faith and Hope and light."

One little verse that I noticed the other day, Bob Brown's daughter has a birthday the same day as mine, and I was looking for something to send to her, and I found this little poem that a little girl whose father was killed in Korea had written, and she said:

"I looked for God in the stars and
in the sky
I looked for him in the wind and
in the sea,
But he seemed so cold and distant
there
So very far away from me.

"Then one day I looked in my
heart
And when I looked I found him
there,
Gentle as a smile, warm as a song,
And as close as a whispered
prayer."

The little Minstrelsy spoke of Edna St. Vincent Millay, and I think it would be worth reading a little bit of her "Renascence":

"All I could see from where I stood
Was three long mountains and a
wood;
I turned and looked another way,
And saw three islands in a bay.
So with my eyes I traced the line
Of the horizon, thin and fine,
Straight around till I was come
Back to where I'd started from;
And all I saw from where I stood
Was three long mountains and a
wood.
Over these things I could not see;
These were the things that bounded
me;
And I could touch them with my
hand,
Almost, I thought, from where I
stand.
And all at once things seemed so
small
My breath came short, and scarce
at all.
But, sure, the sky is big, I said;
Miles and miles above my head;
So here upon my back I'll lie
And look my fill into the sky.
And so I looked, and, after all,
The sky was not so very tall.
The sky, I said, must somewhere
stop,

And—sure enough!—I see the top!
The sky, I thought, is not so grand;
I 'most could touch it with my
hand!

And, reaching up my hand to try,
I screamed to feel it touch the sky."

You who watch Dave Garroway's
program and listen to him, will re-
member the next four lines; it may
have more meaning to you:

"The world stands out on either
side

No wider than the heart is wide;
Above the world is stretched the
sky,—

No higher than the soul is high."

This was from Edna St. Vincent
Millay.

"The heart can push the sea and
land

Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine
through.

But East and West will pinch the
heart

That cannot keep them pushed
apart;

And he whose soul is flat—the sky
Will cave in on him by and by."

I think that is a good example
of Maine poetry, and just to finish

it up, the other day in my kitchen,
or in my wife's kitchen, we have
a little bulletin board, and when I
got home last Thursday, on the bul-
letin board it said:

"I long for a man around the house,

Whose deeds surpass his twaddle;
Not only a model spouse,

But also a working model."

Thank you. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair under-
stands that the gentleman from
Freeport, Mr. Crockett, now moves
that the gentleman from Bangor,
Mr. Stanley, be designated as of
today, and for the balance of this
session, as the poet laureate of the
98th session. It is a unanimous vote.
(Applause)

House at Ease

The SPEAKER: The House will
be in order. The Clerk will read any
notices in his possession not on the
sheet.

The Clerk read a notice.

On motion of Mr. Cyr of Augusta,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomor-
row afternoon, March 7.