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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Glen Rodgers of the First Congregational Church of Deer Isle.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

At this time the Chair, on behalf of the House, would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the senior class of Winthrop High School accompanied by Mr. Davis and Mr. Douglas. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most sincere and cordial welcome and we hope you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Evonne J. Rollins of West Gardiner (S. P. 432) (L. D. 1185)

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

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

From the Senate:

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution for Appointment of Secretary of State by the Governor with Consent of the Council (S. P. 417) (L. D. 1176)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Outdoor Advertising Law" (S. P. 418) (L. D. 1177)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Employment Security Law" (S. P. 419) (L. D. 1178)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Creating the Town of Milbridge School District" (S. P. 420) (L. D. 1179)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing Rules and Regulations of Public Utilities Commission for Safety and Health of Employees" (S. P. 421) (L. D. 1180)

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:

Bill "An Act relating to Legal Length of Lobsters" (S. P. 422) (L. D. 1181)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Designating Department of Education as State Agency for Surplus Property" (S. P. 423) (L. D. 1182)

Bill "An Act Establishing Minimum Wages of Employees in Public Works by State of Maine" (S. P. 424) (L. D. 1183)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to address the

House briefly relative to the next item, Item 10.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, requests unanimous consent to address the House. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. **ROSS**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is a Bill which the Senate received by unanimous consent notwithstanding the cloture order. It is relative to press facilities. Section 10 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine says that Room 400 shall be specifically reserved for the press. This restriction was recently called to the attention of Mr. Rogerson who is Chairman of the State Government Committee. With the renovation of the State House and with reallocation of rooms, it was realized that this restriction had to be changed.

The Bill says that the press can be assigned facilities which would meet approval of the House and the Senate, and that also these facilities could be made available all times of the year rather than just when the Legislature was in session. This could also be used as a vehicle for any other changes which might be deemed necessary by the select Committee on State House Renovation.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Related to Press Facilities in the State House" (S. P. 431) (L. D. 1184)

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

In the House, received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relating to Orders of and Appeal from Public Utilities Commission re Automatic Signals at Railroad Crossings" (S. P. 311) (L. D. 808) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Trustee Process of Wages" (S. P. 277) (L. D. 736)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read and on motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and unassigned.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Agreements and Cooperative Arrangements by Commissioner of Agriculture" (S. P. 31) (L. D. 33)

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Establishment of Game Management Areas" (S. P. 192) (L. D. 538)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Creating the Oak Grove Management Area" (S. P. 255) (L. D. 692)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Howard Pond, Oxford County (S. P. 100) (L. D. 230)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Opening Wentworth Pond, Somerset County to Ice Fishing (S. P. 196) (L. D. 541)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (S. P. 332) (L. D. 898)

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Accident Reports" (S. P. 230) (L. D. 573)

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

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Certain Waters (S. P. 197) (L. D. 542)

reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read and, on motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for tomorrow.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Property in Public Assistance" (S. P. 46) (L. D. 62) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence in the House on February 26.

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

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 46, L. D. 62, Bill, "An Act Relating to Transfer of Property in Public Assistance."

Amend said Bill in "Sec. 1" by striking out in the 11th line the underlined word "three" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '2'

Further amend said Bill in "Sec. 2" by striking out in the next to last line the underlined figure "3" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '2'

On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, the House voted to recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: As the House is undoubtedly aware, we have among the membership in the House a former Governor of the Dirigo Boys State in the person of the representative from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante. This morning the House is also very pleased and honored to welcome the present Governor of Dirigo Boys State, Mr. Peter T. Berry, and at this time the Chair would request the Clerk of the House to escort to the rostrum both Mr.

Berry and Mr. Plante. The House may be at ease.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

Peter T. Berry, Governor of Boys State, and Representative Jerome Plante were escorted to the rostrum by Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the House, amid the applause of the House, the Members rising.

The SPEAKER: It gives the Chair a great deal of pleasure to introduce to the House, Governor Peter T. Berry of Dirigo Boys State.

PETER T. BERRY, Governor of Boys State: Thank you sir.

Mr. Pease and Members of the House: It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Dirigo Boys State 1956 to appear before you this morning.

Many of you are no doubt familiar with Boys State and its purpose. This morning, however, I would like to tell you a few of my personal experiences as Governor and what it means to be a part of a project such as Boys State. As many of you probably already know, at Boys State there are two parties, the Nationalists and the Federalists. There is also a group, a minority party, called the Independents. And I would like to talk to you this morning for a while on the Independents, as they were the party with which I was affiliated.

It has always been a common practice in Boys State for the Independents to split, therefore going to the Federalists or the Nationalists and giving them a majority; therefore one of those parties could win the election. When you first go to Boys State you are given a card and it tells you to which party you belong. The Independents are a delegated minority in the sense that they only have twenty per cent of the total vote. So, it gives the other two a forty-forty split, and it makes the chances for an Independent candidate to advance very far, very slim.

However, this year we organized ourselves and became independent. It became apparent that the Independents would remain independent. The Independent candidate, however, is still at a disadvantage as we were not allowed to caucus, we were not allowed the use of the

facilities that the two parties were allowed, we were not allowed the advice of the counselors. So, as you can see our chances appeared quite slim. However, by making a general nuisance of ourselves, breaking up caucuses and going in and disrupting everything we possibly could, we succeeded in severing a portion of a disgruntled Federalist Party. Therefore, our hopes for election seemed quite high until the Nationalist candidate resorted to what I call "dirty politics." (Laughter)

Now, this was in effect by his offering the Federalist candidate for Governor his five top appointments as Governor if the Federalist party would throw their weight on the Nationalist side. So, you can see when we entered into the final night of the election I would say that things were primarily in the hands of fate. I am here today to say that fate was on my side.

Now, the purpose of Boys State is primarily twofold in a sense that its purpose is to enlighten the youth of the State of Maine on its government at a State level. It is also to create an atmosphere of good fellowship in the short space of only one week. I think that an important factor in this is the patient guidance and the excellent counselors that we have at Boys State. They keep things moving along, they keep things in order and create a much better atmosphere.

As Boys State is an example of civics in practice, which is quite unique in itself, it gives a boy a chance to act in many different situations pertaining to his local government, his county government and his state government. In this we are helped by experts in all these different fields. We were fortunate this year to have such men as your own Mr. Pease, Secretary of the Senate, Mr. Winslow, and the head of the Maine Supreme Court, the Honorable Mr. Fellows, who addressed us on the function of the judiciary system.

So, I don't think that it is too hard to understand that at the end of only one week's time a boy leaves Boys State much richer, richer in self realization and richer in his knowledge of what he is to do in his government in the future.

After leaving Boys State I returned to my home in Calais, and as I was one of the two delegates in the State of Maine who was selected to represent our State at Boys Nation, I began my preparations. When I arrived there, however, I found that there was only two parties at Boys Nation, the Nationalists and the Federalists, and, as there were no Independents, I just didn't have the same desire to run for office again. But having arrived there I was quite glad to stick it out.

The headquarters of Boys Nation is located at College Park, the home of the University of Maryland, and is only about fifteen minutes drive from our Nation's Capital. Boys Nation was first started only eleven years ago in 1946, and it reached its ultimatum in 1949 when under the sponsorship of the American Legion, two boys from every state participated. Since that time every state has continued to send two boys to represent them at Boys Nation.

The primary purpose of Boys Nation is the same in effect as Boys State, except that here you meet with boys from every state, and you do not concentrate on your State Government but on your Government at a Federal level. This is made possible in the same way because we continued to have excellent instructors in their field who gave us invaluable information that helped us carry on. This, combined with daily trips to Washington and Boys Nation Senate meetings every morning, made for a fast moving and very educational schedule.

I was interested to know, I feel as a boy from the State of Maine, to know that when we were presented two bills that actually originated in the United States Senate, one of those chosen was a bill by our own Frederick Payne on the President's ability to carry on his office. You are no doubt already aware of the action taken upon that bill to this point and what it really concerns. We debated very highly on it and there was much argument as to whether the bill should be passed or not, but it was finally passed on the last day of my trip to Washington, where we were allowed the privilege to convene in

the old Supreme Court Chambers of our Capitol Building. I think this is significant to mention because this room is closed to the public all the rest of the year and is only open once a year to the Boys Nation Senate. We were very proud to sit in that hallowed room.

I would like to tell you just briefly of one day which I think was really significant in my life, that was the day we spent at the Pentagon. We were fortunate in hearing on the same program Secretary of Defense Wilson, General Maxwell Taylor, Chief of Staff United States Army, and Admiral Burke who is Chief of Naval Operations for the United States Navy. That same day we visited with our Senators and our Congressmen. We found them very cordial and quite glad to receive us. In fact, we talked with Margaret Chase Smith, she showed us around the Senate and Capitol, and it really made a very enjoyable experience.

I think that a fitting climax to any boy's life at this point was in the final day when we were invited to the White House. We went there and we did not realize that we were going to be able to see the President as he had just returned from Panama the day before and was convalescing from a recent illness. However, we were told that he would see us briefly and he came forward into the White House garden and met and talked with us, and soon he was among us and shook hands with us all personally. I think that this created an atmosphere, and when every boy left Boys Nation he knew what his part was to play in his Government in the future.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Boyle, head of the American Legion in the State of Maine, for what he has done for me both at Boys State, Boys Nation and here today. He is really a great man and he is a credit to our whole State.

Also, if Mr. Pease would rise a moment please. On behalf of Boys State for his many years of service to us, I would like to present the Clerk of the House, Mr. Pease, with this briefcase as a token of Boys State appreciation. (Presentation) I am quite sure that he can find a

home for his cigars there somewhere.

I would like to thank you all for your kind attention and for allowing me to speak here this morning.

The SPEAKER: For the record, the Chair at this time is going to appoint the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, as Speaker pro tem. The Chair understands the photographer would like to have a picture of Mr. Plante presiding.

Thereupon, Mr. Plante assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House.

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

The SPEAKER: Unfortunately, the photographer has left the hall, so we cannot take Mr. Plante's picture at this time, but the Chair would like to thank Mr. Plante for his services as Speaker pro tem.

At this point, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the Governor of Boys State and Representative Jerome Plante from the Hall of the House, the Members rising.

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

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Resolution and 19 Bills (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 Creating the State Institutional Emergency Fund and the Personal Services Reserve Account" (H. P. 871) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Program in Maintenance and Operation of Heavy Duty Equipment at Maine Vocational Technical Institute" (H. P. 872) (Presented by Mr. LaCasce of Fryeburg)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Counter-signature on Insurance Policies by Resident Agents" (H. P. 873) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Decoys and Blinds in Merrymeeting Bay" (H. P. 874) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Appeals from Decisions of Municipal Planning and Zoning Boards" (H. P. 875) (Presented by Mr. Needham of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Warrants on Sales and Use Tax Assessments" (H. P. 876) (Presented by Mr. Walker of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Disqualification of Benefits under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 877) (Presented by Mr. Hendsbee of Madison)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Weekly Benefits for Total Unemployment under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 878) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Establishing Minimum Wages for Employees" (H. P. 879) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Portland)

(1,500 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer" (H. P. 880) (Presented by Mr. Lindsay of Brewer)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act relating to Term of Office of Department Heads Ap-

pointed by Governor with Consent of the Senate" (H. P. 881) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Propose an Amendment to the United States Constitution Relative to Taxes on Incomes, Inheritances and Gifts (H. P. 882) (Presented by Mr. Dumais of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Motor Buses Used for Transportation of Passengers for Hire" (H. P. 883) (Presented by Mr. Browne of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Excise Tax of Motor Buses Used for Transportation of Passengers for Hire" (H. P. 884) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Time for Requesting Tax Exemptions by Veterans' Widows" (H. P. 885) (Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation**Tabled**

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Highways in the State Primary System and Providing Funds Therefor" (H. P. 864) (Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Rockland)

(On motion of Mr. Stilphen of Rockland, tabled pending assignment to any Committee, 1,000 copies ordered printed and unassigned.)

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Clerk of Courts of Penobscot County" (H. P. 886) (Presented by Mr. Browne of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Bill "An Act Abolishing Tribal Committee of Penobscot Indians and Transferring Duties to Governor and Council" (H. P. 887) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Caucus for Penobscot Indians" (H. P. 888) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Trust Funds of Penobscot Indians to be Used to Defend Indian Rights" (H. P. 889) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would like to recognize the presence in the rear of the hall of the House of a group of young people representing the Junior Achievement Program.

The Junior Achievement Program, as most of you may know, was introduced in Maine in 1955 by the Great Northern Paper Company. Under this program teen-agers learn about business by actually running miniature enterprises of their own from which they gain valuable scrimmage practice with the fundamentals of our American free enterprise system.

The idea was born in the mind of Horace A. Moses, former President and Chairman of Strathmore Paper Company. It has grown into a national organization with over three thousand individual Junior Achievement companies in operation this year.

Each Junior Achievement Company raises its own capital through the sale of stock at fifty cents a share. The Achievers, about twenty per company, elect their own officers, apply for a charter, decide on a company name, get into production, open a bank account, pay wages and taxes, sell their product or service and, if profitable, pay dividends. Junior Achievement companies are formed in October and dissolved in May. There are three volunteer adult advisers per company who offer advice when needed at weekly meetings.

The Achievers present with us today and their company affiliations are as follows:

The Grenorpame Junior Achievement, President, Diane Lepage, and with her are Virginia Brunette and David McLaughlin.

The J. S. Novelty Association, President Eugene Monaghan, Belle Osgood and Earle Rafuse.

The Millwoodeneers Junior Achievement group, President Ethel Shanks, with Georgina Friel and Sandy Haynes.

At this time the Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum the President of each of these three groups, Diane Lepage, Eugene Monaghan and Ethel Shanks.

Diane Lepage, Ethel Shanks and Eugene Monaghan were escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the House, the Members rising.

EUGENE MONAGHAN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Junior Achievement, I would like to present you with this key rack. (Presentation)

The SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Mr. Monaghan, I am very proud to accept this, and if this is a typical sample of the kind of product the Junior Achievement turns out, I can see that they have much to be proud of. Thank you very much. (Applause)

The Chair would like now to introduce Diane Lepage, President of Grenorpame. Miss Lepage has asked me to express her appreciation to the House. Thank you very much, Miss Lepage. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, to the rostrum to act as Speaker pro tem.

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

Orders

Mr. Allen of Chelsea presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Legislative Record does not print pictures in color, BE IT ORDERED, that this brief description of the appearance today of the Clerk of the House be written into the record:

Our distinguished Clerk, Veteran Legislative Counsellor of Dirigo Boys State, was colorfully arrayed in the Boys State Green Jacket trimmed with gold, and white cap with green letters, in honor of the

visitation of Dirigo Boys State Governor.

On motion of Mr. Hatfield of Orrington, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Hoyt of Gorham be excused from attendance this week because of illness.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that tomorrow notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 10, former Representative Edmund S. Muskie, be permitted to occupy my seat during his visit to the House on Welcome Back Day.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Miller, asks unanimous consent that tomorrow notwithstanding House Rule 10, former Representative Edmund S. Muskie be permitted to occupy his seat during his visit in the House on Welcome Back Day.

Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perry, Mr. Frost.

Mr. FROST: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that tomorrow notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 10, former Representative Robert N. Haskell, be permitted to occupy my seat during his visit to the House on Welcome Back Day.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Perry, Mr. Frost, asks unanimous consent that tomorrow notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 10, former Representative Robert N. Haskell be permitted to occupy his seat during his visit in the House on Welcome Back Day.

Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the session tomorrow, notwithstanding Rule 24 of the House, former Mem-

bers and Officers of the House be admitted inside the rail in the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, requests unanimous consent that despite Rule 24 of the House, that all former Members and Officers of the House be admitted inside the rail.

Is there objection to the passage of this order? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Broderick from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Negotiable Instruments for Uncompleted Agreements" (H. P. 364) (L. D. 494)

Mr. Walker from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duties of State Liquor Inspectors" (H. P. 365) (L. D. 495)

Mr. Walsh from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act Refunding Tax on Gasoline used in Pumping Heating Oils" (H. P. 554) (L. D. 781)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications of Judge and Duties of Recorder of Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 131) (L. D. 169) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 890) (L. D. 1230) under title of "An Act relating to Qualifications of Judge of Brunswick Municipal Court" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Earles from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Piscataquis County Law Library" (H. P. 416) (L. D. 593)

Mr. Tevanian from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Unlawful Injuring of or Tampering with Aircraft" (H. P. 216) (L. D. 300)

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Pembroke, Washington County" (S. P. 147) (L. D. 345)

Bill "An Act Permitting South Berwick to Apply for Aid under the Bridge Act" (S. P. 324) (L. D. 820)

Bill "An Act Authorizing County of Somerset and Bingham Water District to Enter into Contract for Fire Protection in Concord Township" (H. P. 55) (L. D. 69)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell re Nominations and Elections" (H. P. 225) (L. D. 320)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Able Loan Co.'" (H. P. 459) (L. D. 652)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalties and Evidence under Law Regulating Operation of Motor Vehicles for Profit" (H. P. 511) (L. D. 721)

Bill "An Act Increasing Insured Perils Underwritten by Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company" (H. P. 564) (L. D. 874)

Bill "An Act relating to Source of Supply of the Brewer Water District" (H. P. 568) (L. D. 878)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Farrar-Brown Finance Company" (H. P. 590) (L. D. 839)

Bill "An Act relating to Operating Motor Vehicles for Carrying Passengers for Hire" (H. P. 867) (L. D. 1204)

Bill "An Act Creating the Limestone Water and Sewer District" (H. P. 868) (L. D. 1206)

Bill "An Act relating to the Measuring of Herring" (H. P. 869) (L. D. 1207)

Bill "An Act relating to Expense of Care of Neglected Children" (H. P. 870) (L. D. 1205)

Resolve in favor of Adrian Plouffe of Webster (S. P. 115) (L. D. 1174)

Resolve to Reimburse Town of Franklin for Burial Expenses for Fred M. Robbins (S. P. 233) (L. D. 1175)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kennebec River, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties (H. P. 121) (L. D. 159)

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 relating to Rate of Premiums for Group Life Insurance" (S. P. 174) (L. D. 453)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mount Desert to give the Selectmen Authority to Make Ordinances" (H. P. 23) (L. D. 28)

Bill "An Act to Repeal Incorporation of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation and Incorporating Bridgton Water District" (H. P. 324) (L. D. 441)

Bill "An Act in Relation to the Paris Village Corporation and Establishing a Municipal Water System for said Corporation" (H. P. 325) (L. D. 442)

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

Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Gardiner School District" (H. P. 335) (L. D. 420)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker, I find I have another amendment to House Paper 335, Legislative Document 420. This amendment is the same as I handed to the Committee at the hearing, but I find that possibly during the shuffle of papers that it was lost. It is very necessary, if possible, that this amendment be adopted, and I offer House Amendment "A" to House Paper 335 and move its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 335, L. D. 420, Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Gardiner School District."

Amend said Bill by striking out the 2nd sentence of the Referendum, being the last paragraph of said

Bill, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: 'Such regular or special election shall be held not later than November 30, 1957.'

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

Bill "An Act relating to Number of Councillors and Members of Superintending School Committee in Town of Fort Fairfield" (H. P. 473) (L. D. 666)

Bill "An Act relating to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland and its Powers" (H. P. 474) (L. D. 667)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Baileyville School District" (H. P. 477) (L. D. 669)

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the rear of the House of thirty-five members of the Westbrook Women's Club. On behalf of the House I wish to extend to you ladies a very cordial welcome and hope that your visit with us today will be enjoyable and instructive. (Applause)

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER EDGAR: At this time the Chair would like to extend its sincere thanks to the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, for his services as Speaker pro tem.

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

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Amending the Maine Fidelity Life Insurance Company (S. P. 173) (L. D. 452)

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. 136 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 to Create the Bangor Water District (H. P. 54) (L. D. 70)

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. 133 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 Approval of Expenses of Judicial Council (S. P. 157) (L. D. 404)

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

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

An Act relating to Certain Fees Payable to Insurance Commissioner (H. P. 201) (L. D. 288)

An Act to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of the Trustees of the Charity and Hall Fund of Riverside Lodge No. 135, F. and A. M., of Jefferson (H. P. 220) (L. D. 304)

An Act relating to Rental for Dexter Municipal Court (H. P. 298) (L. D. 394)

An Act relating to Payment to Hancock County Law Library (H. P. 321) (L. D. 438)

An Act relating to Vacancy in School Board in City of Eastport (H. P. 375) (L. D. 505)

An Act relating to Number and Revision of Wards in City of Eastport (H. P. 376) (L. D. 506)

An Act relating to Vacancy in Board of Assessors in City of Eastport (H. P. 377) (L. D. 507)

An Act relating to Payments of Salary of Judge of Hallowell Municipal Court (H. P. 398) (L. D. 528)

An Act relating to Director of Public Works of City of Waterville (H. P. 472) (L. D. 665)

Finally Passed

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

Resolve in favor of City of Ellsworth (H. P. 100) (L. D. 143)

Resolve in favor of Town of Franklin (H. P. 105) (L. D. 981)

Resolve in favor of Philip Krisilos, of Portland (H. P. 264) (L. D. 982)

Resolve to Reimburse Old Town School Department for Tuition for Children Living on Indian Island (H. P. 345) (L. D. 476)

Resolve to Reimburse Town of Mercer for Supplies Furnished Orlando Hunnewell (H. P. 347) (L. D. 983)

Resolve in favor of Robert Elliott of Windham (H. P. 406) (L. D. 583)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all 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, Bill "An Act relating to Giving of Notice under Sales and Use Tax Law," House Paper 487, Legislative Document 630, tabled on March 6 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Deficiency Assessments Under the Sales and

Use Tax Law", House Paper 488, Legislative Document 681, tabled on March 6 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a motion on this next matter.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman kindly defer until we have taken up the matter?

The Chair now lays before the House, the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Divided Report, Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Selling Liquor", House Paper 429, Legislative Document 605, tabled on March 7 by the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, pending further consideration. In the House recommitted and in the Senate the Majority Report accepted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to first thank the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, for this privilege of making the motion. I understand he will later make a motion, but I would like to move at this time that we insist on our former action whereby we voted that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control, and I would like to speak briefly on this motion.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman request a Committee of Conference?

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Yes I do.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, moves that the House insist on its previous action and requests a Committee of Conference. The Chair now recognizes the same gentleman.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It was my purpose when this bill came in to

move the acceptance of the Minority Report, but because another member of the Liquor Control Committee wished to have the bill recommitted, I yielded to him and we voted to recommit the bill. Then as you know it came back to us.

Four years ago, the liquor interests asked that they be privileged to operate on United States Eastern Standard Time. They said at that time that their reason for asking was that there are some communities which operate on standard time, and that it put the people who were on daylight time at a disadvantage. So they got their way that time.

Two years ago, we in this legislature voted to make Eastern Daylight Time the legal time from April until October of each year, and in order for the liquor people to still have that hour after midnight on daylight saving time, they had to have this sentence included in the law again, and they got that through two years ago. But I can see no reason why the liquor people should be granted a special privilege. Surely they are people who have to be hedged about with all kinds of regulations in order to keep them somewhere near in the right place, and it seems to me that the least they could do is to abide by the time which is in effect for everyone else. Everyone else is on eastern daylight time; it is the legal time in Maine through the summer, and why should the liquor people operate on a different time. It gives them an hour after midnight on daylight saving time, and to my way of thinking liquor does less harm in the daylight than it does after dark, and I feel they will not be losing an hour of time, they will simply be having that hour of time earlier in the day rather than later. So we are not depriving them of an hour, we are simply asking them to abide by the same time that is in effect for everyone else.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird.

Mr. BAIRD: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I move that we recede and concur. This act that has been a part of Maine law for four years has worked out very well, been very little trou-

ble with the enforcement of it and our season is very short. Our summer season is the one that does make the money, and our hotels are part of our important business, and I move that we recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, that the House recede and concur with the Senate in accepting the "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, that the House recede and concur. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Miller.

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to go on record at this time favoring the Majority Report on this bill. It is quite important to the hotel industry in the State of Maine that this bill, this law, be allowed to remain as it is on the books. There are other factors which would make the repeal of this law a very bad thing for the State of Maine. If a law such as this was to be repealed in the State of Maine today, we, as representatives, so voting for a repeal of such a law, would be merely voting the bootleggers back in business in the State of Maine. This has been a good law, and the hotel people want the law, and I think that as far as enforcement has been concerned, they have had very little problem with this new law that was created a few years ago.

I would like to go on record as asking and urging every Member of this House to vote along with the majority on this Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to go on record as being in favor of the Minority Report. I feel that there are some things to be considered that have a greater weight and a greater value than the hotel situation, and I

endorse and concur with the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, that the House recede and concur with the Senate. The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion that the House recede and concur, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Fifty-four having voted in the affirmative and sixty-seven having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that the House insist upon its former action.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, in making a motion to table this matter, I merely do it because there is another piece of legislation that will be heard in Committee tomorrow pertaining to this same subject and I think it will clear the air. And for that purpose I move this item lie on the table and not be especially assigned.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that item three lie on the table unassigned pending further consideration. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Will all those in favor of the tabling motion please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Reports with accompanying papers were tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that the House insist on its former action whereby Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Selling Liquor", House Paper 429, Legislative Document 605, was recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" with

Committee Amendment of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bears", House Paper 159, Legislative Document 206, tabled on March 7 by the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, pending acceptance of the Report.

(Mr. Storm of Sherman was requested to approach the rostrum.)

Whereupon, on motion of Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth, the Bill was retabled until tomorrow pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

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

(Remarks off Record)

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Certain Construction Machinery and Equipment", House Paper 191, Legislative Document 254, tabled on February 21 by the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, pending acceptance of the Report, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. STORM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My purpose in tabling this Bill was that I believed that it wasn't fully understood, and I want to briefly make a few comments on this.

Many of the members of this House are, like myself, members of the Board of Selectmen in the smaller towns, or members of the Board of Assessors in the larger towns or cities. As the time for another year's assessment approaches, some of the problems connected with the fair performance of this work become apparent. All personal property was originally taxed where the owner resides, and this is still the general rule. As the economy of the State developed this rule proved unworkable and some exceptions were made. The first exceptions were manufacturing machinery. Later came stock in trade, boats and other specific items which by their nature could not reasonably be located by the local assessor unless physically present in this town.

This bill is designed to change the method of taxation of another particular type of personal property from the place of the owner's residence to the place where the property is found.

Construction machinery is of a highly mobile nature and difficult to tax properly unless actually seen. It is similar to other types of equipment taxed under Chapter 399, Section 9, namely portable sawmills, store fixtures, amusement devices, boats, house trailers and so forth.

The Bill applies only to domestic companies as foreign companies are now taxed in this manner under Chapter 399, Section 9, whereby assessors list all property of the company that is in the town on April first, value it, and apply the local rate. Thus little equipment is overlooked, as it can be readily seen and evaluated.

It has been suggested that much of this equipment would be moved from one town to another to avoid paying taxes in a particular place. There are two reasons why this would not happen very often. The average contractor would not choose to lose the time involved in moving heavy equipment to avoid local taxes. Local taxes do not represent a large enough percentage of his total expense to make such a move feasible. This has been known to happen but would be such a rare occurrence that it would be a minor problem and far from being the general practice.

It may be asked why there is need of such a bill. Since World War II the expansion in building and construction of bridges and roads has far surpassed the normal expectations and has created a serious problem for local assessors. The increase in construction equipment and its mobile nature has resulted in inadequate tax methods. The problem of finding this taxable property is becoming increasingly difficult. Reliance on filing of schedules by owners is unworkable because of failure to file and the rapid turnover of equipment. The Interstate Highway Program will result in a tremendous increase in the amount of this type of equipment owned in this State, and a proportionate increase in the seriousness of the assessment problem.

In view of the reasons outlined in these brief remarks, I now move to substitute the Bill for the Report, and ask when the vote be taken that it be taken by division. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, with respect to Item 5, Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Certain Construction Machinery and Equipment" moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman: I would like to rise in defense of the Taxation Committee. We had two executive sessions on this particular Bill and it came out of Committee unanimously that it should not pass. It is our feeling that the Bill is not properly prepared and could possibly cause more confusion to the assessors than what they now have. It also my own opinion, as a former municipal officer, that the assessors' problems are great, they are great in any municipality. But they have their job to do, they are elected by the citizens in their own communities and they are required by law to do the assessing. If the loss is granted or acknowledged, I think the blame should be placed upon the assessors.

Now, this problem of equipment being moved from one place to another I believe could increase. I think we had a sample of that in the construction of the Turnpike in the vicinity of Lewiston, because that comes under a different law we will grant, but the contractor did move his equipment from Lewiston into one of the other towns where he did save quite a few thousands of dollars. The question in our minds is if this equipment was taxed by a town as to how many assessors would be able to find the equipment any more than they can at the present time.

In my opinion, this Bill would affect very few of the municipalities, and I think possibly the only way the equipment could be taxed by a town would be through some process of registration. This Bill does not grant anything of that kind. Therefore, I sincerely hope that this body will see fit to go along with the Committee's Report.

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

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a member of the Committee on Taxation or be it any other committee, but at this moment the Committee on Taxation because I am a member of that Committee, these bills have all had public hearing and I am as sure that they are all just as carefully considered in executive session of those committees as this bill was in the Committee on Taxation. If you do not have faith in the committees or the committee reports or the membership of those committees then you do not have faith in our form of government here in the State of Maine.

Let me cite just one thing that this bill will do. Any successful contractor is going to have most of his equipment out working some place on April first. Let us take a specific example. Supposing Hinman of the Hinman Construction Company has all of his equipment out working on April first. What is going to happen to the Town of North Anson? Where are they going to get the money to meet the needs of education and the services and so forth that are demanded within that small community? That is just one example. That is just one thing I am pointing out to you.

There are many, many other reasons, I do not choose to take up your time with at this moment. I just want to assure you that this was very carefully considered by the Committee on Taxation and do hope that you will not go along with the motion of the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, in substituting the Bill for the Report, but accept the majority report "Ought not to pass".

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a former municipal officer and assessor, and also as an owner of some construction equipment, I think that I am qualified to say a little on this subject. I think the Bill would be quite unworkable and very unfair, and I

sincerely hope that the motion does not prevail to tax equipment where found.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, that the Bill be substituted for the Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm.

Mr. STORM: Mr. Speaker, the last gentleman who spoke expressed some concern about what would happen to the Town of North Anson. I did not intend to mention any town in particular. I would like, however, to submit this figure for the consideration of this body. The total valuation of the town of Anson is \$1,049,915. The amount of mobile equipment and machinery taxed there is \$45,815 or 4½ per cent of their total valuation. That includes a contractor and four other industries in the Town of North Anson. I submit that the assessors of that Town haven't found all the equipment owned by residents of that Town, and that they are not getting their proportionate share of the revenue to which they are entitled.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, that the Bill be substituted for the Report.

Will all those who are in favor of the motion to substitute the Bill for the Report please say aye; those opposed, no.

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

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Certain Construction Machinery and Equipment", House Paper 191, Legislative Document 254, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Koadjo, Piscataquis County, House Paper 123, Legislative Document 161, tabled on March 12 by the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, pending second reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Baird of North Haven, the Resolve was

retabled until Wednesday, March 20, pending second reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the seventh tabled and today assigned matter, Resolve Closing Sebago Lake, Cumberland County to Taking Smelt's, House Paper 466, Legislative Document 659, tabled on March 12 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending second reading.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Baldwin, Mr. Sanborn.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Baldwin, the Resolve was retabled unassigned pending second reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the eighth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill, "An Act Establishing Poetry Day in Maine", House Paper 350, Legislative Document 480, tabled on March 12 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending passage to be enacted, as the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this Bill from the table now and move its passage to be enacted, but I believe the creator, my good colleague Mr. Crockett from Freeport, does have an amendment coming forthwith to add to it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the Bill "An Act Establishing Poetry Day in Maine", House Paper 350, Legislative Document 480, now be passed to be enacted.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended and the House reconsider its action of February 27 whereby this Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, moves that the House now reconsider its action whereby on February 27 this Bill was passed to be engrossed. This motion is made under suspension of the rules. Is there objection?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The Clerk read House Amendment "A" as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 350, L. D. 480, Bill, "An Act Establishing Poetry Day in Maine."

Amend said Bill in the 4th and 5th lines by striking out the underlined words "The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'The State of Maine designates'

Further amend said Bill in the 6th line by striking out the underlined words "the proclamation"

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

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

The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to call your specific attention to the second notice on our blue sheet today and simply urge you to be sure to read it, and stress to you the importance and need for immediate action and give whatever support we all can give to this very worthy cause.

On motion of the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Persons Buying and Selling Junk", House Paper 174, Legislative Document 239, tabled on February 26 by that gentleman pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

The Clerk will read any notices that he has in his possession.

On motion of Mr. Rowe of Limerick,

Adjourned until one-thirty o'clock tomorrow afternoon.