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Tuesday, March 19, 1957

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Frederick Niles of the Methodist Church, Livermore Falls.

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

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing a Motor Vehicle for Driver Education" (S. P. 434) (L. D. 1231)

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 Extension of Unemployment Benefits under Employment Security Law" (S. P. 435) (L. D. 1232)

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 relating to Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford" (S. P. 436) (L. D. 1233)

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 Forest Commissioner to Convey Interest of the State in Jaquish Island, Cumberland County" (S. P. 440) (L. D. 1237)

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

In the House, received by unanimous consent and referred to the

Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Commissioner of Agriculture by the Governor with Consent of Council" (S. P. 437) (L. D. 1234)

Bill "An Act relating to Organization and Duties of Maine Mining Bureau" (S. P. 438) (L. D. 1235)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Confidential Character of State Tax Assessor's Records under Blueberry Tax Law" (S. P. 439) (L. D. 1236)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

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

**Senate Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve in favor of a Retirement Allowance for Robert Hall of Lubec (S. P. 315) (L. D. 812) 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

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Lone Pond, York County (S. P. 236) (L. D. 636)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating a School District for Kingman Township, the Towns of Prentiss, Webster and Others" (S. P. 328) (L. D. 824) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 425) (L. D. 1229) under title of "An Act Creating a School Dis-

tract for Kingman Township, the Plantations of Prentiss, Webster and Others" and that it "Ought to pass"

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 New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Union Highway Districts" (S. P. 104) (L. D. 234)

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.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Branding of Potatoes" (S. P. 273) (L. D. 731) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 273, L. D. 731, Bill, "An Act Relating to Branding of Potatoes."

Amend said Bill in the 15th line by adding after the word "grade" the underlined words and punctuation ' **state or federal** '.

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following underlined words: ' **or if such potatoes fail to meet the minimum grade requirements established as a state grade by the Commissioner of Agriculture** '.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill

assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Repealing Laws Relating to Street Railroads" (S. P. 310) (L. D. 807) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 310, L. D. 807, Bill, "An Act Repealing Laws Relating to Street Railroads."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 16, § 121, repealed. Section 121 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

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

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act relating to Military Leave Credits under Maine State Police Retirement System" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 273) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 134, L. D. 273, Bill, "An Act Relating to Military Leave Credits Under Maine State Police Retirement System."

Amend said Bill by striking off from the end thereof the underlined words "**of the Selective Service Act**"

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

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following 10 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:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Revising the Potato Tax Law" (H. P. 917) (Presented by Mr. Foss of Chapman)
(750 copies Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Relating to Bank Deposits or Loan and Building Shares in Two or More Names" (H. P. 918) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Nonresident Students in Maine Colleges" (H. P. 919) (Presented by Mr. Beane of Augusta)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Injury to Monuments and Places of Burial" (H. P. 920) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act relating to Cutting of Christmas Trees" (H. P. 921) (Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo)
(750 copies Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act Classifying Certain Surface Waters in Maine" (H. P. 922) (Presented by Mr. Saunders of Bethel)
(1,500 copies Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Establish the Wiscasset Sewerage District" (H. P. 923) (Presented by Mr. Farmer of Wiscasset)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Bill "An Act Amending the Law Permitting Municipal Employees to Receive Federal Social Security Benefits" (H. P. 924) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles of Those Who Reside on Veterans Administration Facility, Togus" (H. P. 925) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Chelsea)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Veterans and Military Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Burial Expenses for Honorably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors" (H. P. 926) (Presented by Mr. Prue of Ashland)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Totman of Bangor presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, there occurred in Bucksport, Maine on October 19, 1956 a daytime bank robbery of \$12,000 by two out-of-state gunmen, and

WHEREAS, there occurred in Bangor, Maine on March 14, 1957 the shooting of a taxicab driver by a heavily armed, dangerous former inmate of an out-of-state mental institution—the same gunman who allegedly several days earlier held up and caused the death of an Auburn store proprietor, and

WHEREAS, on both of the aforementioned dates, arrests were made by members of the City of Bangor Police Force, assisted by State and County enforcement agencies as well as by individual citizens, in less than five hours following the time of each of the aforesaid instances, therefore

BE IT ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that this Legislature commends the members of the City of Bangor Police Force, and those assisting them, for this outstanding record bringing great credit not only upon themselves but also upon the community which they so ably represent and protect;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that an attested copy of this Joint Order be sent to the City Manager and Chief of Police of the City of Bangor. (H. P. 927)

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I believe the contents of this Order are reasonably self-explanatory. However, I feel a few additional comments may emphasize the merit of the particular Order.

On October 19, the crime committed in the Order in Bucksport occurred twenty miles from Bangor at 11:40 in the morning. Two hours and twenty minutes later, both criminals and the original twelve thousand dollar loot were recovered.

Last week, Thursday, March 14, a local citizen was kidnapped, terrorized and shot at 2:35 in the afternoon. Less than five hours later he was apprehended and behind bars.

This batting average is, I believe, a most justified source of pride. I urge passage of this Order not only for commendation publicly of the City of Bangor police force, but more important also, to serve notice that the State of Maine is not an easy mark for out-of-state criminals. Thank you.

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

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I am wholeheartedly in support of this House Order, but I question one thing in my mind. If these men are convicted and are found guilty of this crime as so charged, if we as legislators go along to find out if these men—in my thinking this bill would almost create the feeling they are guilty. I am certainly in wholehearted support of praising those police for capturing these

men, but until they are found guilty I have a little question in my mind.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I think the point of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, is well taken, and I appreciate his raising the question, but I can assure the gentleman that this point was taken up with legal minds who have felt that there would be absolutely no harm in commending a police force for capture.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that this Order receive passage. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Leathers of Hermon, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Milton E. Smith, Methodist Church, Hampden Highlands, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 23, 1957.

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

ORDERED, that Rev. Alan Keith of the Nazarene Church, Livermore Falls, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, April 2, 1957.

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

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House, a group of students from the North Anson Junior High School, accompanied by Mrs. Getchell and Mr. Gilbert. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to all you ladies and gentleman a most hearty and cordial welcome, and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

(Off record remarks)

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Jack from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse

Angus Hamm, Jr. of East Millinocket (H. P. 703) (L. D. 1010) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Johnson from Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Axel Nelson of Thomaston (H. P. 409) (L. D. 586)

Mr. Carville from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Washington County" (H. P. 352) (L. D. 482) which was recommitted, as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Wheaton from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Waldo County" (H. P. 355) (L. D. 485) which was recommitted.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Hancock County" (H. P. 356) (L. D. 486) which was recommitted, as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Vacating Land Acquired by Municipalities" (H. P. 370) (L. D. 500)

Mr. Walker from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Waiver of Provisions of Will by Executor or Administrator of Widow or Widower" (H. P. 278) (L. D. 374)

Mr. Childs from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Executive Secretaries of Electricians Board and Oil Burners' Board" (H. P. 36) (L. D. 49)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Morway from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Coercion in Placing Insurance on Real and Personal Property" (H. P. 678) (L. D. 967)

Mr. Shepard from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Premium of Insurance Policies under Fran-

chise Plan" (H. P. 591) (L. D. 840)

Mr. Wade from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Par Value of Trust Company Stock" (H. P. 699) (L. D. 1006)

Mr. Gallant from the Committee on Claims reported same on Resolve in favor of Alvin W. Coss of Bath (H. P. 533) (L. D. 1271)

Mr. Hutchinson from same Committee reported same on Resolve to Reimburse Wilson C. Ryder of Dresden (H. P. 704) (L. D. 1272)

Mr. Carville from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in West Branch Ponds and Tributaries, Piscataquis County (H. P. 275) (L. D. 371) which was recommitted.

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Depositions in Probate Courts" (H. P. 279) (L. D. 375)

Mr. Ross from the Committee on State Government reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of the State Humane Agents" (H. P. 392) (L. D. 523)

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

Tabled

Mr. Totman from the Committee on State Government reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to State Owned Cars for Supervising State Fire Inspectors" (H. P. 26) (L. D. 31)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Quinn of Bangor, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and unassigned.)

Tabled

Mr. Wade from the Committee on State Government reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Department of Development of Industry and Commerce and Changing Its Name to Department of Economic Development" (H. P. 552) (L. D. 779)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and unassigned.)

Mr. Babineau from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Defining Dependent Child in Aid to Dependent Children" (H. P. 649) (L. D. 915)

Mr. Cole from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 673) (L. D. 954)

Mr. Sanborn from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Applications for Aid to the Disabled" (H. P. 674) (L. D. 955)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Storm from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Applications for Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 675) (L. D. 956)

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle, tabled pending first reading and tomorrow assigned.)

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Shaw from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Everett L. Scott of Calais (H. P. 809) (L. D. 1274) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 809, L. D. 1274, Resolve, in Favor of Everett L. Scott of Calais.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 3rd line in said Resolve "\$196.75" and inserting in place thereof "\$150.00".

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

Mrs. Harriman from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Muskrat in Parts of Oxford County" (H. P. 203) (L. D. 292) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 203, L. D. 292, Bill, "An Act Relating to Open Season on Muskrat in Parts of Oxford County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "25th" in the next to last line and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '1st'

Further amend said Bill in the last line by striking out the underlined word "March" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'November' and by striking out the underlined word "each" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'the following'

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Ross from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Kennebec County" (H. P. 209) (L. D. 293) which was recommended, reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Dudley of Enfield, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 27.)

Mr. Ross from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve" (H. P. 273) (L. D. 369) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 273, L. D. 369, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve."

Amend said Bill in the 4th line by indicating the striking out of the underlined word "Preserve" by drawing a line through said underlined word and inserting immediately thereafter the underlined words 'Management Area'

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

**Divided Report
Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Chester Fredericks of Norridgewock (H. P. 596) (L. D. 1273)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HILLMAN of Penobscot
FOURNIER of York
— of the Senate.
Messrs. HUTCHINSON of Carthage
FOSS of Chapman
JACK of Topsham
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. SILSBY of Hancock
— of the Senate.
Messrs. HICKEY of Biddeford
GALLANT of Eagle Lake
JOHNSON of Stockholm
— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Hickey of Biddeford, the two Reports with accompanying papers were tabled, pending acceptance of either Report, and unassigned.)

**Divided Report
Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Services of State Police on Maine Turnpike" (H. P. 106) (L. D. 144)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PARKER of Piscataquis
COLE of Waldo
FERGUSON of Oxford
— of the Senate.
Messrs. CARTER of Etna
TURNER of Auburn
NADEAU of Biddeford
GRAVES of Mount Desert
ELWELL of Brooks
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DENBOW of Lubec
HIGGINS of Scarborough
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I was going to make the motion we accept the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Turner, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, as this bill is a very important bill upon the taxpayers of the State of Maine, I claim now that the State is subsidizing the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Therefore, I ask permission for this Bill, Item 28, Legislative Document 144, to be placed on the table unassigned.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, with respect to Item 28, Bill, "An Act relating to Services of State Police on Maine Turnpike", House Paper 106, Legislative Document 144, moves that this item lie on the table unassigned pending acceptance of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House, a group of students from the C. K. Burns School of Saco accompanied by their Principal, Mr. Robbins, and Teacher, Miss Gibbs. The Chair on behalf of the House would like to extend to you young people and to Mr. Robbins and Miss Gibbs a most cordial and hearty welcome, and we hope that you will find your visit here today both enjoyable and profitable. (Applause)

**Divided Report
Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not

to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Clothes for State Police Assigned to Bureau of Criminal Investigation" (H. P. 411) (L. D. 588)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. PARKER of Piscataquis
 COLE of Waldo
 FERGUSON of Oxford
 — of the Senate.

Messrs. NADEAU of Biddeford
 CARTER of Eina
 TURNER of Auburn
 GRAVES of Mount Desert
 HIGGINS of Scarborough
 ELWELL of Brooks
 — of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. DENBOW of Lubec
 — of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. TURNER: Mr. Speaker, I move we accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee.

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

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Majority "Ought not to pass" Committee Report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: This remark is not directed specifically to the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, but anybody who wants recognition from the Chair, please do not hesitate when you stand up to say "Mr. Speaker". Sometimes when I am looking to my left I can't see somebody standing on my right unless you speak up. The Chair is advised that the rules specifically state that they must address the Speaker before getting recognition.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I am generally up half a dozen times, but this time I was a little late.

I can't see that the minority signer Mr. Denbow, the gentleman from Lubec, is here, therefore my intentions—Oh, he is, I couldn't see him, I am sorry, I retract everything I said. I just wanted to protect Mr. Denbow, he being the minority signer of that Bill, I thought he was absent.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Denbow.

Mr. DENBOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to comment briefly on this Bill, and I did notice that the gentleman from South Berwick, Mr. Flynn, was to have this tabled so it doesn't matter too much.

However, my reason for signing this Report is quite deep. I feel sort of like the woman who said that everybody except her boy was out of step in the Army. I am in that position — I think that I am in step and the rest of the Committee are out.

This Bill was put in to compensate State Police in the amount of one hundred dollars each for eight members who are assigned to special investigation. They receive the same pay as other State Police, but the other State Police have their uniforms purchased. There is nothing in the law which permits the State Police Department to purchase plain clothes for these plain clothes men.

Consequently, they are being discriminated against by having to purchase their own which are torn off them quite a bit. And the other members of the Department are very much in favor of this money being spent. It involves eight hundred dollars. The purpose of the Bill was only to legalize the condition already existing. The Governor and the Council already appropriate this money, they take it out of a fund and pass it along to buy suits with. It was very well spoken for by Mr. Herron and other members of the Department, and it was opposed by one man.

Now, they came up with an answer like this, which to me is absolutely wrong. This will involve the

expense of eight hundred dollars only, eight men. They are entitled to it because they are not getting the same consideration the other members are. Now the answer comes up that somebody says "We can take care of it in a different way. We can raise these eight men one step, one bracket," which amounts to roughly four dollars per week or two hundred dollars per year or sixteen hundred dollars instead of the eight originally requested. That is all very well, but when you do that you are automatically increasing the pay of these eight members one hundred dollars above the other remaining members of the force, so you reverse the position where you have perhaps two hundred members that are being discriminated against one hundred dollars the other way, they would automatically pick it up.

So in my opinion, and I think Colonel Marx bears me out on this, and I think the rest of the Committee will also bear me out, that the move is already on foot to ask the Personnel Department to increase them one step, which means the sixteen hundred dollars for these men instead of the eight hundred they requested. I am certainly not in favor of giving somebody double what they request. And it also reverses the position where taking for example if there were two hundred members of the force, I don't know how many there are, you could easily see that this reverses the position where it might mean two hundred dollars per person for the remaining two hundred people or amount to forty thousand dollars. You still have discrimination.

The acceptance of this Minority Report will iron it out. That is my belief and that is my reason for signing it.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Denbow.

Mr. DENBOW: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be tabled unassigned.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division on the motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Denbow, has moved that with respect to Item 29, Bill "An Act relating to Compensation for Clothes for State Police Assigned to Bureau of Criminal Investigation", House Paper 411, Legislative Document 588, be placed upon the table unassigned, pending acceptance of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, has requested a division. As many as are in favor of the motion to table this measure unassigned, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-five having voted in the affirmative and twelve having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the Reports with accompanying papers were tabled and unassigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Exempt Transportation of Christmas Trees from Public Utilities Commission Regulation" (S. P. 217) (L. D. 562)

Bill "An Act relating to Issue of Stocks, Bonds and Notes by Public Utilities" (S. P. 308) (L. S. 805)

Bill "An Act to Increase Capitalization of Seal Harbor Water Supply Company" (S. P. 331) (L. D. 816)

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 Cushing Elementary School accompanied by their Principal, Mr. Connors, and Mrs. Carl Young. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most sincere and hearty welcome, and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

Bill "An Act Designating a Certain Road as 'Moosehead Trail'" (S. P. 433) (L. D. 1208)

Bill "An Act Ratifying Certain Ordinances and By-Laws of Town of Kittery" (H. P. 281) (L. D. 377)

Bill "An Act relating to Holding Property by Home for Aged Men in Bangor" (H. P. 379) (L. D. 508)

Bill "An Act relating to Power to Hold and Purchase Property by the City of Waterville" (H. P. 662) (L. D. 943)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Fairfield School District" (H. P. 663) (L. D. 944)

Bill "An Act relating to Filling Vacancies in Board of Trustees of Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Cemetery District" (H. P. 664) (L. D. 945)

Bill "An Act relating to Board of Trustees of Fort Fairfield School District" (H. P. 693) (L. D. 980)

Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Fish, Game and Fur-bearing Animals by Aircraft" (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1258)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Mrs. Katie Libby of Charleston (H. P. 439) (L. D. 615)

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

Amended Bills

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Designating a Certain Road as 'Mt. Katahdin Trail'" (S. P. 325) (L. D. 821)

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

(On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.)

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Provisions of Charter of the Town of Bar Harbor" (S. P. 330) (L. D. 826)

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.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

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

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 neces-

sary, a division was had. 128 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 Bingham Water District (H. P. 432) (L. D. 608)

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. 127 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.

Finally Passed Emergency Measure

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

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. 128 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Repeal the Act Incorporating the Saco Sanitary District (S. P. 45) (L. D. 61)

An Act Amending the Act of Incorporation of the Associated Hospital Service of Maine (S. P. 146) (L. D. 344)

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 and Assigned

An Act relating to Payment of Wages in Logging and Lumbering Operations and Vacation Pay (S. P. 161) (L. D. 408)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Morrill of Harrison tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 26.)

An Act relating to Organization of Natural Gas Pipe Line Companies (S. P. 163) (L. D. 410)

An Act Defining Exemptions under Laws Relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles for Profit (S. P. 215) (L. D. 560)

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 and Assigned

An Act relating to Legal Investments for Savings Banks (S. P. 253) (L. D. 691)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Tevanian of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 27.)

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

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

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

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

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

Tabled and Assigned

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

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 26.)

Tabled and Assigned

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

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Morrill of Harrison, tabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.)

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

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

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

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

Finally Passed

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

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

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

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

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

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 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 Employment of Minors", House Paper 546, Legislative Document 773, tabled on March 12 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Tevanian, pending third reading.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, the Bill was retabled unassigned pending third reading.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to take the opportunity to express to the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, and the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Maxwell, the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Chair and of the House for the excellent way in which they handled the arrangements for Welcome Back Day last Thursday. All reactions seem to indicate that the affair was a huge success, and I am sure a great part of it was due to the smooth running operation by that Committee. The Chair thanks you. (Applause)

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

The gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HENSBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On Sunday past you probably read the story in the Portland Sunday Telegram of this disease, Cystic Fibrosis. It was so ably written up by Pete Damborg it is really worthy of reading, and I want to bring you up to date on what we have done so far.

We have located fifteen cases so far in the State of people who have children affected with this terrific disease and of those who have lost their children. I will assure you that this has become a little bit too big for any one person to handle, particularly a freshman representative.

I have spent a lot of time on it, I have contacted a lot of people. All the doctors are very much in favor of what we are doing, and I

would like to convey to you that if in your district you have or know of people that have children affected with this disease, that you would get letters from their folks to testify to that fact. Telephone calls can be forgotten and they cannot be produced, a letter can.

We have contacted the Boston City Hospital and they are going to supply us with all the information they have, and I feel that we are going forward on something terrific, because the letters that I have received, it would be very difficult to read them dry-eyed. And for those of us who have had children and have children now, it is of the concern of each and every person here assembled, and I hope that you will so feel that you are being included in this measure. I thank you. (Applause)

Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. KNAPP: I wish to introduce this Resolve notwithstanding the cloture rule.

Last Thursday evening at eleven p.m. an escapee from the Pownal State School stole a 1954 Chevrolet station wagon from the driveway of Elwood Gerry at North Yarmouth. He is asking reimbursement from the State for \$700. damage, that was an estimate by two different people. A note concerning this is on each desk. They are hard working, good-living people and well deserving. If we do not go along with this it would certainly create a hardship on them, and I certainly hope that you do go along with this Resolve.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentlewoman from Yarmouth, Mrs. Knapp, requests unanimous consent to introduce a Resolve notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the Resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve in favor of Mr. Elwood Gerry of North Yarmouth.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the admission of this Resolve notwithstanding the cloture order?

The Chair hears none and the Resolve is admitted.

Thereupon, on motion of Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth, the Re-

solve, H. P. 928, was referred to the Committee on Claims, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. The Clerk will read any notices he may have in his possession.

The Chair is informed there are none.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway.

Mr. BROCKWAY: Mr. Speaker, I move that under Petitions, Bills and Resolves requiring reference, Item five, I move that we reconsider our action taken earlier in the day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, moves that with respect to Item 5, under Bills requiring reference to any Committee, Bill "An Act relating to Cutting of Christmas Trees," House Paper 921, the House now reconsider its action whereby this bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. BROCKWAY: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we refer this bill to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: With respect to Item 5, Bill "An Act relating to Cutting of Christmas Trees", the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, moves that this bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I move this matter lie upon the table pending reference and specially assigned for tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Cutting of Christmas Trees" lie upon the table specially assigned for tomorrow, pending acceptance of the motion of the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, that this Bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.