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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Alton E. Maxell of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

Two Senate Orders not on the Adjournment Journal:

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 26, 1957, in the forenoon. (S. P. 473)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that H. P. 324, L. D. 441, Bill, "An Act to Repeal Incorporation of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation and Incorporating Bridgton Water District", be recalled to the Senate from the Engrossing Department. (S. P. 496)

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I move we concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves the House concur with the Senate in the passage of this Order. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Order was passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Amending the Civilian Defense Law" (S. P. 453) (L. D. 1300)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Industrial Purposes (S. P. 460) (L. D. 1301)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Revising Statutes Relating to Licensing of Electricians" (S. P. 454) (L. D. 1302)

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 relating to Registration of Nurses" (S. P. 455) (L. D. 1303)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Service Retirement Credits for Teachers Employed by Veterans Administration" (S. P. 456) (L. D. 1304)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Powers and Duties of State Board of Barbers and Hairdressers" (S. P. 457) (L. D. 1305)

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 Exempting Commercial Aircraft Engaged in Geologic Exploration from Excise Taxes" (S. P. 458) (L. D. 1306)

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 Refer to Committee

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Resolve for State Pension for Welma K.

O'Dell of Hallowell (S. P. 347) (L. D. 927) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolve referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted and the Resolve referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Benefits of Social Security Extending to Employees of National Guard" (S. P. 399) (L. D. 1095) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Employment Status of Certain National Guard Employees under Personnel Law" (S. P. 400) (L. D. 1096)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted and the Bills referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Town of Whiting, Washington County (S. P. 295) (L. D. 792) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1259) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Creating an Assistant County Attorney for Aroostook County" (S. P. 164) (L. D. 411) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 471) (L. D. 1320) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the New Draft of Resolve read once, the New Draft of Bill read twice, and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Merit Award Board" (S. P. 24) (L. D. 15)

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 assigned the next legislative day.

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Institutional Heads in Department of Institutional Services" (S. P. 186) (L. D. 465)

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

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Tabled

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of a Temporary Deputy Commissioner" (S. P. 375) (L. D. 998)

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

In the House, the Report was read. (On motion of Mr. Call of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and unassigned.)

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve Reimbursing Knox County for Certain Court Expenses (S. P. 338) (L. D. 918) 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.

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 338, L. D. 918, Resolve, Reimbursing Knox County for Certain Court Expenses.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 2nd line in said Resolve "general fund" and inserting in place thereof "unappropriated surplus of the general fund".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve Reimbursing Knox County General Hospital for Certain Aid (S. P. 339) (L. D. 917) 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 accepted in concurrence and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 339, L. D. 917, Resolve, Reimbursing Knox County General Hospital for Certain Aid.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 2nd line in said resolve "general fund" and inserting in place thereof "unappropriated surplus of the general fund".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Indefinitely Postponed

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Bids for Construction of Inland Fisheries and Game Projects" (S. P. 194) (L. D. 539)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill indefinitely postponed.

In the House, the Report was read and the House voted to concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the Bill.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Cupsuptic River and Tributaries, Oxford County (S. P. 98) (L. D. 228)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. HALL of York
— of the Senate.

Messrs. HARRIS of Greenville
CARVILLE of Eustis
WHEATON of Princeton
ROSS of Brownville
BARTLETT of Belgrade
DUDLEY of Enfield

Mrs. HARRIMAN of Lovell
— of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Resolve.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset
BRIGGS of Aroostook
— of the Senate.

Came from the Senate with the Minority Report accepted.

In the House: Reports were read. On motion of Miss Cormier of Rumford, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for the next legislative day.

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Magalloway River and its Tributaries, Oxford County (H. P. 49) (L. D. 75) on which the House accepted the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on March 12.

Came from the Senate with the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Saunders of Bethel, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Thursday, March 28.

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tributaries of Chain of Ponds, Franklin County (H. P. 357) (L. D. 487) on which the House accepted

the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on March 12.

Came from the Senate with the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Carville of Eustis, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 27.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following 14 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 relating to Duties of Animal Husbandry Specialist" (H. P. 963) (Presented by Mr. Caswell of New Sharon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Creating a Salary Grant for Teachers" (H. P. 964) (Presented by Mr. Rowe of Madawaska)

(On motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, tabled pending reference to any Committee and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 27.)

Bill "An Act Increasing Maximum Grants in Public Assistance Cases" (H. P. 965) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Forest Practices" (H. P. 966) (Presented by Mr. Sanborn of Baldwin)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Sixty-six Million and Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways"

(H. P. 967) (Presented by Mr. Ellwell of Brooks)

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Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Twenty-Six Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways" (H. P. 968) (Presented by same gentleman)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Establishing the St. Joseph Game Preserve, Cumberland County" (H. P. 969) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Aroostook County" (H. P. 970) (Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Restricting Certain Trustee Process Until After Judgment" (H. P. 971) (Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Arbitration Pursuant to Collective Bargaining Contracts" (H. P. 972) (Presented by Mr. Maynard of Portland)

(1500 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act Permitting the Issuance of Temporary Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 973) (Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act Creating a Highway Safety Committee" (H. P. 974) (Presented by Mr. Hersey of Fort Fairfield)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act to Provide Additional Revenue by Severance Taxes on Severer of Timber or Producer of

Timber Products" (H. P. 975) (Presented by Mr. Rowe of Madawaska)

(On motion of Mr. Brockway of Milo, tabled pending reference to any Committee, 1,000 copies ordered printed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 28)

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the rear of the hall of the House of a group of eighth grade students from the Glenburn School accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Leland and Mrs. Hollis Bemis. 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)

Welfare

Bill "An Act Defining Adult Child in Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled" (H. P. 976) (Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, to serve as Speaker pro tem.

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

Orders

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.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Blanchard from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Amount of Insurance on Life of a Debtor Under Group Life Insurance" (H. P. 741) (L. D. 1055) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Wade from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Payments by Insurance Companies for Expenses of Admin-

istration of Fire Prevention Laws" (H. P. 680) (L. D. 969)

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of State Committees of Political Parties" (H. P. 508) (L. D. 718)

Mr. Walker from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Notice of Tax Sale to Real Estate Resident Owners" (H. P. 417) (L. D. 594)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Harris from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Hunting for Raccoons at Night" (H. P. 353) (L. D. 483) which was recommitted.

Mr. Needham from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Recording of Municipal Road Records" (H. P. 413) (L. D. 590)

Mr. Walker from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Recording of Action of Municipalities Concerning Land" (H. P. 414) (L. D. 591)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Closing Municipal Courts in Cumberland County on Saturday" (H. P. 419) (L. D. 596)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed Passed to Be Engrossed

Mr. Childs from the House Committee on County Estimates to which was referred the County Estimates of the several counties reported a Resolve under title of Resolve for Laying of the County Taxes for the Years Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Seven and Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Eight (H. P. 978) (L. D. 1363) and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted and the New Draft read once.

(On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, under suspension of the rules the Resolve was given its second reading, passed to be engrossed without reference to a Joint Committee and sent up for concurrence.)

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Incorporate Time, Inc." (H. P. 420) (L. D. 597) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 977) (L. D. 1362) under title of "An Act to Incorporate Finance Planning, Inc." and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Hughes from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Application and Qualification for Real Estate Brokers' Licenses" (H. P. 740) (L. D. 1054)

Mr. Broderick from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Cheverus Columbus Club" (H. P. 469) (L. D. 662)

Mr. Needham from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duties of and Reimbursement for the Reporter of Decisions" (H. P. 609) (L. D. 856)

Mr. Tevanian from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Civil Actions in Western Somerset Municipal Court" (H. P. 421) (L. D. 598)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Changing Name of 'Town of Madawaska Municipal Court' to 'Madawaska Municipal Court'" (H. P. 470) (L. D. 663)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Cumberland County" (H. P. 506) (L. D. 716)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Tevanian from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Increasing Civil Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts" (H. P. 368) (L. D. 498) 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. 368, L. D. 498, Bill, "An Act Increasing Civil Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures and punctuation "1,000" in the 12th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '600'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Desmarais from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Public Schools Under State Retirement System" (H. P. 142) (L. D. 180) which was recommitted, 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. 142, L. D. 180, Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Public School Under State Retirement System."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

" 'Public school' shall mean any public school conducted within the State under the authority and supervision of a duly elected board of education or superintending school committee and any day school which received any direct state aid in 1950, and municipal tuition funds amounting to at least twice the amount of such state aid, during the same year.' "

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to County Law Libraries in Aroostook County" (S. P. 227) (L. D. 570)

Bill "An Act relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture re Sardine Canning Inspection Law and Standards of Contents of Cans" (S. P. 263) (L. D. 702)

Bill "An Act relating to Purposes of Knox County General Hospital" (S. P. 346) (L. D. 926)

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Town of North Kennebunkport, York County, to Arundel" (H. P. 576) (L. D. 886)

Bill "An Act relating to the Disposition of Fees of the Auburn Municipal Court" (H. P. 577) (L. D. 887)

(The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley, was granted permission to approach the rostrum)

Bill "An Act relating to Applications for Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 675) (L. D. 956)

Bill "An Act relating to Installations of Certain Gas Burning Appliances" (H. P. 959) (L. D. 1318)

Bill "An Act to Amend and Supplement the Charter of the Rockland Port District and the Charter of the City of Rockland" (H. P. 960) (L. D. 1319)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to Service Retirement under State Retirement System" (S. P. 184) (L. D. 463)

Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Game Preserves and Sanctuaries" (S. P. 195) (L. D. 549)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership in Maine State Retirement System of Maine National Guard Employees" (S. P. 286) (L. D. 745)

Bill "An Act relating to Partial Closing of Banks on Saturdays" (H. P. 589) (L. D. 838)

Bill "An Act relating to Adjustment of Losses by Certain Nonresident Insurance Adjusters" (H. P. 679) (L. D. 968)

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.

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER EDGAR: The Chair at this time would like to thank the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn,

for his excellent services as Speaker pro tem.

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

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 Establishment of Game Management Areas", Senate Paper 192, Legislative Document 538, tabled on March 20 by the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, pending the adoption of House Amendment "A".

The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 192, L. D. 538, Bill, "An Act Relating to Establishment of Game Management Areas."

Amend said Bill by striking off therefrom, all of Section 3.

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Order relative to Use of Hall of House for Sessions of House Only, tabled on March 20 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending passage.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I present an amendment to the House Order and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, presents an amendment to the House Order and moves its passage.

The Clerk will read the Amendment.

The Clerk read House Amendment "A" as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to House Order Relative to Use of Hall of House for Sessions of House Only.

Amend said Order by adding at the end thereof before the period the following words:

'during this regular session of the Legislature'

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The purpose of this amendment is to satisfy the objections of those members who were somewhat concerned that we were attempting to pass an Order which would do more than intended, in other words, would carry over beyond the adjournment of this session. I believe you will see this amendment makes it very clear that that was not the intent.

Before having the amendment put to a vote, I would like to proceed to comment briefly on the Order in general. It was reported to us yesterday that some people felt it was most unfortunate that the Education Committee apparently, allegedly was blocked from using the House. I can assure you that I was one of the many in this House who thought that after the discussion yesterday they were going to use the House, and I was quite surprised when I discovered that they were down in Room 228. I took it upon myself to go down and check. I spoke to the Senate Chairman and the House Chairman and in view of the large audience, I offered to have them adjourn to use the House Chambers since I believe you as a group had indicated that you wished them to come up here. I wish to report that they declined the invitation, and furthermore, today the Senate Chairman asked me to convey to the House his appreciation for the House extending the use of the House Chamber yesterday, but they were generally satisfied with the conditions in Room 228.

I repeat the few comments I made yesterday about this Order. It is your House, it is your office space. I believe you should retain it for that purpose, and I further believe, for those of you who know of occasions when you feel you would like to see the House used for a hearing, if you feel strongly enough about it, I would recommend that we put in an individual order for that day.

I believe, with that explanation, unless there are further questions, I would like to ask the adoption of this amendment.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that House Amendment "A" to this House Order should be adopted. Is it the pleasure of the House that this Amendment shall be adopted?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, the House Order relative to Use of Hall of House for Sessions of House Only, as amended by House Amendment "A" was passed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act relating to Registration Fees on Certain Commercial Vehicles", Senate Paper 25, Legislative Document 16, tabled on March 12 by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call.

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I now present House Amendment "A" to L. D. 16 and move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, now moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it passed to be engrossed, under suspension of the rules, "An Act relating to Registration Fees on Certain Commercial Vehicles", Senate Paper 25, Legislative Document 16. Is it now the pleasure of the House that we reconsider our action whereby this item was passed to be engrossed?

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

Mr. TOTMAN: I believe the Order is in order for debate, the motion to reconsider?

The SPEAKER: It is debatable, yes.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the House and to the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, that inasmuch as this is a companion bill to another tabled and assigned matter, which I understand is going to be taken off the table next week, I would

like to move that this item be retabled, specifically assigned to Thursday next, in order that it may be considered in connection with the major bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, that the only debatable point at this time is the date of assignment specified by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman. The motion to table takes precedence and is not debatable.

The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that Item 6 be retabled and specially assigned for Thursday of next week. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Bill was retabled pending passage to be enacted, and specially assigned for Thursday, March 28.

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order by unanimous consent.

From the Senate: The following Order: (S. P. 495)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the following bill be recalled from the Governor to the Senate:

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

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, was read and passed in concurrence. On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, by unanimous consent, was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Mrs. Hatch of Minot was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mrs. HATCH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Last Monday of this week the residents of Mechanic Falls held their annual town meeting, and at this time they decided that they wanted to hold their town meetings in the future on the third Saturday of March instead of the third Monday of March as is now stated in the Act which gave Mechanic Falls its manager form of government. As this change requires an act of legislature I ask unanimous consent to present

this Bill notwithstanding the cloture order.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the title of the Bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act relating to Time of Annual Town Meeting in Town of Mechanic Falls."

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

The Chair hears none and the Bill is introduced.

Thereupon, on motion of Mrs. Hatch of Minot, the Bill, (H. P. 988) was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion of Mr. Tevanian of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 20 whereby Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement Benefits for Members of City of Portland Police and Fire Departments", Senate Paper 179, Legislative Document 458, was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 27.

On motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Tevanian, the House voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Persons to Whom Liquor Licenses May Not Be Issued", Senate Paper 262, Legislative Document 701, tabled on March 12 by that gentleman pending third reading.

Thereupon, Mr. Tevanian of Portland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 262, L. D. 701, Bill, "An Act Relating to Persons to Whom Liquor Licenses May Not Be Issued."

Amend said bill by striking out in the last line thereof the underlined figure and word "5 years" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure and word "1 year".

On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle, the Bill was tabled pending adoption of House Amend-

ment "A" and specially assigned for the next legislative day.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In order that the Republican members of the House may better plan their schedule next week there will be an evening caucus of the Republican Party on Tuesday. The time will be announced.

The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to bring to the attention of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that there is a very important meeting next Tuesday night of the Education Committee, the Research Committee and probably members of the Appropriations Committee, to study the Committee meeting on the Jacobs Report, and it might be a good idea to have the caucus on some other evening. Thank you very much.

The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I also wouldn't miss this caucus if it was possible, but I will be away Tuesday on business and I would like to have it some other day.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Of course I was quite disturbed to hear that I had suggested something for the members of the Republican Party on Tuesday night conflicting with Education. But when I heard that the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, couldn't be there, well, that just settled it, so I am afraid we will have to postpone it.

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

On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 26, at ten o'clock in the morning.