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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ronald W. Smith of the Congregational Church, Pownall Center.

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:

Resolve Providing for a Vocational Technical Institute in Eastern Maine (S. P. 463) (L. D. 1344)

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 Appointment and Fees of Registers of Probate" (S. P. 464) (L. D. 1345)

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 relating to Compensation under Workmen's Compensation Act for Loss of Distal Phalanx of Thumb, Finger or Toe" (S. P. 465) (L. D. 1346)

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 to Incorporate the North Yarmouth Water District" (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1351)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Prohibiting State Employees from Participating in State Politics" (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1347)

Bill "An Act Placing Mining Bureau Within Department of Development of Industry and Commerce" (S. P. 468) (L. D. 1348)

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 Increasing Compensation of Members of Boards of Registration in Cities over 39,000 Inhabitants and Time of Session" (S. P. 469) (L. D. 1350)

Bill "An Act Increasing Clerk Hire of County Officers in Androscoggin County" (S. P. 470) (L. D. 1349)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Town and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

**Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing Price Adjustment Maximum for Support of Debtor in Jail" (S. P. 267) (L. D. 705)

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 Amended in Senate**

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Jay School District" (S. P. 327) (L. D. 823) 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" and Senate 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. 327, L. D. 823, Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Jay School District."

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

'Referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the territory embraced within the limits of said district, present and voting at a special election called and held for the purpose or at an annual municipal election of the town of Jay. Such special election or annual municipal election shall be held not later than the next regular annual municipal election after the effective date of this act. In the event a special election is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Jay shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special election, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of such list and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Create the Town of Jay School District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the

total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20 per cent of the total vote for all candidates for governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Jay and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 327, L. D. 823, Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Jay School District."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the Title thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'An Act Relating to Maturity Date of Bonds of Jay School District.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 1 thereof.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 9th line, the underlined abbreviation and number "Sec. 2."

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

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act to Repeal Incorporation of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation and Incorporating Bridgton Water District" (H. P. 324) (L. D. 441) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on March 13.

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

In the House the Report was read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I don't know if I am using the proper procedure or not, but I have another amendment to add to what has already been put on in the Senate, so I would move at this time, if it is proper, to reconsider our action whereby we passed this to be

engrossed on March 13 for the purpose of offering another amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the House recede in its action of passing this Legislative Document to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Thursday, March 28.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned**

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kennebec River, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties (H. P. 121) (L. D. 159) 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 13.

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

In the House, the Report was read.

On motion of Mr. Harris of Greenville, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 10.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned**

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moose River, Somerset County (H. P. 122) (L. D. 160) 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 as amended by House Amendment "A" 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. Harris of Greenville, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 10.

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned**

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kokadjo, Piscataquis County (H. P. 123) (L. D. 161) 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 20.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Harris of Greenville, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 10.

#### **Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following 9 Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order H. P. 43) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

##### **Agriculture**

Bill "An Act relating to Damages Done by Dogs and Wild Animals" (H. P. 979) (Presented by Mr. Turner of Auburn)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in Department of Agriculture Due to Insufficient Appropriations (H. P. 980) (Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

##### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act relating to Payments by Casualty Insurance Companies for Expenses of Administration of Fire Prevention Laws" (H. P. 981) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Belfast)

Committee on Reference of Bills suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and printing.

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, this being a taxation measure, I would move that it be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, moves

that item three, Bill "An Act relating to Payments by Casualty Insurance Companies for Expenses of Administration of Fire Prevention Laws," House Paper 981, be referred to the Committee on Taxation, that 750 copies be printed and it be sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

Resolve Opening Swan Lake, Waldo County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 982) (Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Industrial Development in City of Bangor" (H. P. 983) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act relating to Proration of Registration Fees of Motor Buses in Interstate Commerce" (H. P. 984) (Presented by Mr. Beyer of Cape Elizabeth)

Bill "An Act Creating the Mars Hill Utility District" (H. P. 985) (Presented by Mr. Jewell of Monticello)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act Increasing Sales Tax with Exemptions on Water, Fuel and Electricity for Domestic Use" (H. P. 986) (Presented by Mr. Elwell of Brooks)

(1,500 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Motor Vehicle Financial Security Act" (H. P. 987) (Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Rockland)

(1,500 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

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

Thereupon, Mr. Fuller 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 Falmouth, Mrs. Smith, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Enfield, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Frazier of Lee be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Sumner, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Jewell of Monticello be excused from attendance this week because of business.

On motion of Mr. Hatfield of Orrington, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Violette of Van Buren be excused from attendance this week because of business.

On motion of Mrs. Smith of Falmouth, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Hanscomb of South Portland be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

Mr. Tevanian of Portland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned that today is the 32nd birthday of Mr. Broderick of Portland,

BE IT ORDERED, that the members extend to Mr. Broderick their congratulations and their best wishes not only for today but for the entire year. (Applause)

The Order was read and passed.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Ellsworth, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. George S. Boville of the First Congregational Church, Ellsworth, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 24, 1957.

### House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Shepard from the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Decreasing Rate of Interest of Licensed Small Loan Agencies" (H. P. 352) (L. D. 1215) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Higgins from the Committee on Highways reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Northern Terminus of Maine Turnpike" (H. P. 600) (L. D. 847)

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on Liquor Control reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Malt Liquor of Wholesale Licensees" (H. P. 547) (L. D. 774)

Mr. Haughn from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Common Carriers" (H. P. 616) (L. D. 863)

Mr. Hersey from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Liability Policy for Applicants for Motor Vehicle Dealer or Transit Registration Plates" (H. P. 632) (L. D. 893)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought Not to Pass

Mrs. Christie from the Committee on Liquor Control reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Liquor by Hotels" (H. P. 715) (L. D. 1020)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Tabled

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on Liquor Control reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Local Option for Sale of Liquor by Certain Part-time Hotels" (H. P. 665) (L. D. 946)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Hancock of York, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and unassigned.)

Mr. Miller from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Use of Draggers in Part of Sheepscot Bay, Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 627) (L. D. 889)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass in New Draft New Draft Printed

Mr. Stilphen from Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses from the Anniversary of the Date of Birth" (H. P. 153) (L. D. 191) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 989) (L. D. 1390) under same title 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. Pierce from the Committee on Liquor Control reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Certain Definitions under Liquor Law" (H. P. 228) (L. D. 323)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Publishing Pamphlet of Rules and Regulations of Liquor Commission" (H. P. 718) (L. D. 1022)

Mr. Plante from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Wells Water District" (H. P. 667) (L. D. 948)

Mr. Roy from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Patten Water District" (H. P. 804) (L. D. 1135)

Mr. Hersey from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Aircraft Dealer Registration Certificates" (H. P. 253) (L. D. 314)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Motor Vehicle Dealer Registration Board" (H. P. 519) (L. D. 729)

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

### Tabled

Mr. Jacques from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Eliminate Inspection of Motorcycles" (H. P. 557) (L. D. 784)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and unassigned.)

Mr. Totman from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Plates for Members of Legislature Who are Automobile Dealers" (H. P. 631) (L. D. 892)

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

#### Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. Harris from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Civilian Employees Residing on Loring Air Base" (H. P. 759) (L. D. 1073) 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. 759, L. D. 1073, Bill, "An Act Relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses for Civilian Employees Residing on Loring Air Base."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the last 3 words and inserting in place thereof the following words: 'Federal Military Bases'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 3rd blocked paragraph from the end and inserting in place thereof the following underlined blocked paragraph:

'XII-A. A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any civilian employee and immediate family, residing on said bases. Said civilian employee and immediate family, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present certification from the commander of said bases or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is such a civilian employee and immediate family, residing on said bases for a period of 3 months.'

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

#### Tabled

Mr. Dostie from the Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act relating to Part-Time Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 163) (L. D. 210) re-

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

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

(On motion of Mr. Baird of North Haven, tabled pending assignment for third reading and unassigned.)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair notes the presence in the balcony of the hall of the House, a group of Junior High students from Central Junior High School in North New Portland under the guidance and direction of Mrs. Edna G. Taylor.

On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you a cordial welcome and we hope your stay with us will be both informative and enjoyable. (Applause)

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge across Saco River (H. P. 460) (L. D. 653)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. TURNER of Auburn  
HIGGINS of Scarborough  
ELWELL of Brooks  
DENBOW of Lubec  
CARTER of Etna  
NADEAU of Biddeford  
GRAVES of Mount Desert  
- of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

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

Reports were read and, on motion of Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, the Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

#### Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting



"Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Obstructions in Windows of Liquor Licensed Premises" (H. P. 430) (L. D. 605)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
WILLEY of Hancock  
- of the Senate.

Messrs. CROCKETT of Freeport  
COUTURE of Lewiston  
DOSTIE of Winslow  
PIERCE of Bucksport  
- of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle  
Messrs. RICH of Charleston  
ANTHOINE of Windham  
- of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Kittery, Mrs. Burnham.

Mrs. BURNHAM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that the Minority Report "Ought to pass" be accepted, and I would like to state my reasons briefly.

I think this is a very good Bill for reason that the regulations regarding obstructions in the window, permanent obstructions, is being evaded in a great many instances. You could go along the street in almost any city and see windows where liquor is sold being completely obscured by having posters, theatre ads and that sort of thing that really have the same effect as a permanent installation because they are there week after week. Therefore, I move that the Minority Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentlewoman from Kittery, Mrs. Burnham, moves that the Minority Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In the absence of Mr. Frazier who introduced this Bill, I would like to ex-

press one thought that he expressed as he spoke before the Committee. He said that some times he wanted to go into a place and he didn't know what kind of place it was because obstructions in the window made it impossible for him to see. He is a teacher and some times he goes with his students, pupils, and he would like to know by looking in from the street what kind of place he is going into. So that is a thought I wanted to bring to you because Mr. Frazier is ill and not able to be here this morning.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is the acceptance of the Minority "Ought to pass" Report.

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

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On this Item 21, the Members of the Liquor Committee certainly gave deep study to this Bill. The Commission now has power concerning any signs obstructing the view in the windows at this time. And certainly as I heard in a good many hearings that they should be in the way so it will not be visible to minors in any places where they serve intoxicating liquors. In studying of this Bill, you have curtains in the windows of some twelve to fifteen inches. The Liquor Commission has already done a good job in effect. At any time that there is a place serving intoxicating liquor where the view was obstructed from outside they have ordered them to remove it. They have covered that duty very greatly from my experience. And I will now take the stand certainly that I hope that the Minority Report will not be accepted on this Bill.

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Whereas the gentleman who is very much interested in this Bill, Mr. Frazier, who is ill and has been operated on, is not present at this time, and I feel he did such a magnificent job before the Committee, I will now ask the permission of the House, out of courtesy to Mr. Frazier, that we table this unassigned.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, moves that this Bill "An Act relating to Obstructions in Windows of Liquor Licensed Premises" (H. P. 430) (L. D. 603) be tabled unassigned, pending the motion of the gentleman from Kittery, Mrs. Burnham, to accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Reports with accompanying papers were so tabled.

#### **Divided Report Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Merchandise Maintained by Retail Store Licensees" (H. P. 478) (L. D. 670)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
WILLEY of Hancock  
- of the Senate

Messrs. CROCKETT of Freeport  
COUTURE of Lewiston  
DOSTIE of Winslow  
- of the House

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle  
Messrs. PIERCE of Bucksport  
ANTHOINE of Windham  
RICH of Charleston  
- of the House

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Dostie of Winslow, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 10.)

#### **Divided Report Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Liquor Control reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Applications for Retail Store Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 692) (L. D. 979)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset

BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
WILLEY of Hancock  
- of the Senate

Messrs. CROCKETT of Freeport  
COUTURE of Lewiston  
DOSTIE of Winslow  
ANTHOINE of Windham  
- of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. CHRISTIE of Presque Isle  
Messrs. PIERCE of Bucksport  
RICH of Charleston  
- of the House

Reports were read:

(On motion of Mr. Rich of Charleston, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and unassigned.)

#### **Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by State Liquor Inspectors" (H. P. 494) (L. D. 678)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ROGERSON of Aroostook  
HALL of York  
COLE of Waldo  
- of the Senate.

Messrs. TOTMAN of Bangor  
STILPHEN of Rockland  
HERSEY of Fort Fairfield  
ALLEN of Chelsea  
- of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BEYER of Cape Elizabeth  
JACQUES of Lewiston  
KELLY of Rumford  
- of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer.

Mr. BEYER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not going to move to table this bill. I think that is more or less consistent with my inconsistencies so far this session.

However, I signed the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report on this Bill with the others for the reason that I didn't feel the need had been proved to the Committee. This Bill concerns, as you can see, the need for sirens on the cars of liquor inspectors. It was somewhat of a surprise to me that they were in such great need of pursuing cars over our great State. I do find that many other departments have sirens, the state police, the sheriffs and game wardens, and therefore they said, "Why should they be denied the use of them too?" But, speaking for the Minority Committee Report on this Bill, we did not feel that the need had been proved. Therefore, I went along with the Minority and I now move that the Minority Report "Ought not to pass" be accepted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, moves that the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As one of the signers of the "Ought to pass" Report, I feel it is in order to point out to the Members of the House, not because this Bill happens to be a major piece of legislation, but because as the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, has already pointed out himself, the majority of the Committee signed an "Ought to pass" Report because they felt to be consistent and in the interest of highway safety and the interest of the safety and lives of the men that we are asking to be enforcement officials, this Bill should pass. I would call your attention to L. D. 678, which admittedly, over the period of the last few sessions, has added more and more enforcement officials, and I need not repeat what the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth has already detailed. However, I stress this one point, I think it is somewhat of a slap in the face to an enforcement official to ask him to perform enforcement duties similar to other departments and give the other departments mechanism or equipment to enable him to better carry out that duty. And in this case, as we were told by the De-

partment, there are occasions when the liquor inspectors must attempt to arrest or stop a vehicle before the persons in the vehicle have time to throw away evidence. And if they have to chase a car five miles because they have no identification on the vehicle, no official designation, and in pursuing that car for five miles an accident happens to the enforcement official, I personally would feel guilty as a member of Legislature and the Transportation Committee to have said, "You can not have the same equipment that other enforcement officials have." I simply feel it is a matter of consistency, and I feel that to close the door to State Liquor Inspectors is inconsistent and therefore, urge that the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen.

Mr. STILPHEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a signer of the Majority Report on this piece of legislation from the Committee on Transportation, I would like to concur with my colleague, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman. We, many times, expect our law enforcement agencies to do their duties in most unusual circumstances, and I know as well as you all know that if in pursuit of an automobile a man is only able to use his automobile horn, that many times the motorist could not be blamed if they did not stop. They would not be aware that it was a law enforcement agency that was trying to stop them. Therefore, they would go about their way and probably do as they please. I therefore hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, does not prevail, and I move the acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Report.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this lay on the table assigned for tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Miller, moves that this Bill lay upon the table and be specially assigned

for tomorrow. 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 did not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, that the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee be accepted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Berwick, Mr. Flynn.

Mr. FLYNN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of this 98th Legislative Body: This is one of these moves to open the door for more expense to the taxpayer of our State of Maine.

A year or so ago the State Liquor Department, or two years ago I think, without any authority from the Body of Legislative matters, went out on their own demand and bought uniforms for our State Liquor Enforcement Division, bought revolvers, bought new badges, bought blackjacks, bought ammunition, that I think ran into quite a sum of money, into the thousands of dollars, without any consideration of any act of Legislature.

Now, this little Bill has got more behind it than shows on the face of it. They come before us to get an opportunity to put sirens on their automobiles. For what? There is a bigger motive behind this whole Bill than just that, and it isn't to stop anybody out here on the highway. They never have stopped anybody and they never have chased anybody. This is a matter of pushing the State in more involvement of buying State cars. These cars those gentlemen operate today are their own personal cars and there is a question in my mind whether I would want a siren put on my personal car that I paid thirty-two hundred dollars for, and I don't think any other member of the State Liquor Enforcement Division would want it on their car either. Furthermore, it is just a matter of non-sense.

I am wondering what is going to become of the general public of this State with the law enforcement that we are placing upon them. I am

a great believer in law enforcement, but I am not a believer in non-sense. I believe that this Bill should be indefinitely postponed, and I make a motion, if in order, that this Bill be indefinitely postponed. (Applause)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Berwick, Mr. Flynn, that this Bill and Reports be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I move when the vote is taken that it be taken by division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, asks for a division.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a signer of the Majority Report "Ought to pass" and as a Member of the Transportation Committee of the last session, who reported out similar legislation as "Ought to pass" and as a matter of fair play, I believe that these liquor enforcement officers should have sirens on their vehicles if they so desire.

Now, if anybody cares to read the present law you will see that it lists several enforcement agencies that can have them, among them fire chiefs, deputy fire chiefs, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. Now, many of these are part time law enforcement officers, and if a part time law enforcement officer has that privilege of having a siren on his car, certainly I believe that these full time officers should have that. So, I sincerely hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

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

Mr. TEVANIAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature: I ask you to consider when you vote for this Bill to indefinitely postpone, which I hope you will all vote in favor of, that you are not giving the sirens to a trained police enforcement group. You are giving it to a group of men who have a primary

job of inspecting merely licensed premises. Primarily that is their duty, and I for one do not believe that untrained enforcement officials should have sirens to clutter up our highways. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone prevails.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I feel that at some point we are going to have to stop the further encroachment of every agency into the field of law enforcement, else it seems to me we may have a siren on all of our cars. (Applause)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Berwick, Mr. Flynn, that this Bill be indefinitely postponed. The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, has asked a division.

All those in favor of this Bill being indefinitely postponed will rise and stand in your places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and sixteen having voted in the affirmative and twelve in the negative, the Reports and Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by State Liquor Inspectors" (H. P. 494) (L. D. 678) were indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Divided Report**

Report "A" of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Prohibiting Riding with a Naked Scythe" (H. P. 454) (L. D. 629)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ROGERSON of Aroostook  
COLE of Waldo  
- of the Senate.

Messrs. ALLEN of Chelsea  
JACQUES of Lewiston  
KELLY of Rumford  
- of the House.

Report "B" of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. HALL of York  
- of the Senate.

Messrs. TOTMAN of Bangor  
STILPHEN of Rockland  
HERSEY of Fort Fairfield  
BEYER of Cape Elizabeth  
- of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, out of courtesy for my colleague, Mr. Crockett from Freeport, who is not present this morning and who is deeply concerned and interested, I would move this be tabled unassigned pending his return.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that this Bill be tabled unassigned pending acceptance of either report. 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 did not prevail.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a signer of the Report "A", I move that we accept Report "A" of the Committee that this Bill "Ought to pass".

There is a law on the books, I don't know how many of you know what it does, but prohibiting the riding with a naked scythe. This is what the law states, "Whoever rides on the highways, or in any lanes, streets or alleys with a naked scythe, sharpened and hung in a smath, forfeits two dollars for each offense.

Now, we the signers of Report "A" feel that law is obsolete and is quite unnecessary and believe that it should be repealed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, moves that Report "A" be accepted.

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

Mr. HERSEY: Mr. Speaker, I will agree with the signers of the Report, the Majority of the Committee with the fact that the law is obsolete. In my opinion, that is no reason whatsoever to take it out of our statutes. It has been on there since 1821, a year after the State was incorporated, and if I may repeat

what the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, testified at the hearing, that he felt because of the law being obsolete it should be maintained. He mentioned the fact that the State of New Hampshire now has a law on their books, it has been there for years, that it is unlawful to go to church on Sunday without carrying a loaded gun.

This morning on the Dave Garrow TV program I heard that the State of North Carolina has a hunting license permitting the shooting of resident ducks for the week preceding the open season as established by Federal Law. There was nothing mentioned about the Canadian Ducks that are going through there, how you were going to find out whether a duck was resident or an alien I don't know.

I don't see any harm in this law remaining on the statutes. I move that the Minority Report be accepted.

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

Mr. PIERCE: I rise not to speak on the matter, but merely to correct a matter of pronunciation given by the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen. He quoted the law. In part it says, "prohibiting riding with a naked scythe, sharpened and hung in a smath." My correction is the pronunciation of that word. It is very clear, it is spelled s-n-a-t-h. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, that Report "A" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to get into this thing, but in listening to some of the arguments, it appears to me that it is just barely possible that something has been missed here in repealing this statute.

I think perhaps if we stop to think, that scythes are still used to some extent in the State of Maine. I believe every once in a while we see them mowing along the right-of-way. And I would submit to you Members of this House if it was dangerous to carry one in a wagon

with an old horse that possibly it may still be dangerous to carry one on a truck or in a car.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Allen, that Report "A" be accepted.

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

Mr. HERSEY: Mr. Speaker, I request a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Mr. Hersey requests a division.

All those in favor of Report "A" being accepted will kindly stand and remain in their places until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Six having voted in the affirmative and one hundred and two having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, Report "B" "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing Law Prohibiting Riding with a Naked Scythe" (H. P. 454) (L. D. 629) was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Repealing the Merit Award Board" (S. P. 24) (L. D. 15)

Bill "An Act Creating an Assistant County Attorney for Aroostook County" (S. P. 471) (L. D. 1320)

Bill "An Act relating to Civil Actions in Western Somerset Municipal Court" (H. P. 421) (L. D. 598)

Bill "An Act relating to Cheverus Columbus Club" (H. P. 469) (L. D. 662)

Bill "An Act Changing Name of 'Town of Madawaska Municipal Court' to 'Madawaska Municipal Court'" (H. P. 470) (L. D. 663)

Bill "An Act relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Cumberland County" (H. P. 506) (L. D. 716)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of and Reimbursement for the Reporter of Decisions" (H. P. 609) (L. D. 856)

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

**Enactor  
Tabled**

Bill "An Act relating to Application and Qualification for Real Estate Brokers' Licenses" (H. P. 740) (L. D. 1054)

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

(On motion of Mr. Shaw of Bingham, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and unassigned.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Finance Planning, Inc." (H. P. 977) (L. D. 1362)

Resolve to Reimburse Town of Whiting, Washington County (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1259)

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

**Amended Bills**

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Public School under State Retirement System" (H. P. 142) (L. D. 180)

Bill "An Act Increasing Civil Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts" (H. P. 368) (L. D. 498)

Resolve Reimbursing Knox County for Certain Court Expenses (S. P. 338) (L. D. 918)

Resolve Reimbursing Knox County General Hospital for Certain Aid (S. P. 339) (L. D. 917)

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 as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

**SPEAKER EDGAR:** The Chair would like to take this opportunity to thank the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, for his excellent services as Speaker pro tem.

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

**Passed to Be Enacted  
Emergency Measure**

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

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. 107 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 Increasing Indebtedness of Gardiner School District (H. P. 335) (L. D. 420)

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. 113 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.

The **SPEAKER:** At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of the eighth grade pupils from the Riverside Grammar School accompanied by Teacher Beulah MacDonald. The Chair extends to you a most sincere and cordial welcome and we hope you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

**Passed to Be Enacted**

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

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

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

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

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)

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)

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

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

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.

Item 11 passed over temporarily at this time.

#### **Enactor Passed Over Temporarily**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

#### **Enactor Recommitted**

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read Item 11.

The CLERK: House Paper 473, Legislative Document 666, An Act relating to Number of Councillors and Members of Superintending School Committee in Town of Fort Fairfield.

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

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Fort Fairfield, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed on March 13.

On further motion of the same gentleman the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time would note the presence in House Seat 82 of Mr. Walter Christie of Presque Isle, grandson of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, and the Chair on behalf of the House extends to you a most hearty welcome. (Applause)

#### **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 Payment of Wages in Logging and Lumbering Operations and Vacation Pay," Senate Paper 161, Legislative Document 403, tabled on March 19 by the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, pending passage to be enacted, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, I move that L. D. 408 be taken from the table and passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I do a little lumbering. I can't see just what this Bill is aimed at and I would like to retable it until Thursday until I can find out a little



more about it. It looks to me as if the people who work cutting lumber won't get paid until the lumber might be driven down the river and sold. I don't understand and I would like to inquire a little more into it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, with respect to Item 1, Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Wages in Logging and Lumbering Operations and Vacation Pay", Senate Paper 161, Legislative Document 408, now moves that this Bill be retabled and specially assigned for Thursday of this week pending passage to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Certificates under Sales Tax Law for Dissolution of Corporations", House Paper 489, Legislative Document 682, tabled on March 19 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending passage to be enacted, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Branding of Potatoes", Senate Paper 273, Legislative Document 731, tabled on March 20 by the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve", House Paper 273, Legislative Document 369, tabled on March 20 by the gentleman from York, Mr. Hancock, pending third reading as amended, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Hancock of York, the Bill was given its third reading as amended, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Divided Report, Majority Report "Ought to pass" and Minority Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Cupsuptic River and Tributaries, Oxford County, Senate Paper 98, Legislative Document 228, tabled on March 21 by the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, pending acceptance of either report, and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

Thereupon, on motion of Miss Cormier of Rumford, the Bill was retabled and specially assigned for April 10, pending acceptance of either Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the sixth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Persons to Whom Liquor Licenses May Not Be Issued", Senate Paper 262, Legislative Document 701, tabled on March 21 by the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

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

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, since your Committee reported this Bill out it has been brought to my attention that certain features of the Bill were covered by a Research Committee Report of a few years ago. In order that your Committee may study that Research Report I now move that this Bill be recommended to the Committee on Liquor Control.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, with respect to Item 6, Bill "An Act relating to Persons to Whom Liquor Licenses May Not Be Issued", Senate Paper 262, Legislative Document 701, now moves that this Bill be recommended to the Committee on Liquor Control. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was recommended to the Committee on

Liquor Control and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion of the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Williams, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass in New Draft", Senate Paper 352, Legislative Document 930, of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles", Senate Paper 26, Legislative Document 17, tabled on February 28 by that gentleman.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Report was accepted and the New Draft read twice.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 352, L. D. 930, Bill, "An Act Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles."

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

"Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 36, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 36 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 18 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any truck, tractor, trailer or combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, with a gross weight that is more than 10 per cent above that specified in the registration certificate for such vehicle for trucks of gross weight of not over 15,000 pounds and 5 per cent for trucks of gross weight of over 15,000 pounds; provided, however, that no motor vehicle of either a single unit or combined unit shall be operated on the highway with a gross weight that exceeds 50,000 60,000 pounds.'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, tabled pending assignment for third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 2.

On motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, the House voted to take from the table the thirteenth tabled and unassigned

matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to the Department of Development of Industry and Commerce and Changing Its Name to Department of Economic Development," House Paper 552, Legislative Document 779, tabled on March 19 by that gentleman pending acceptance of the Report.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Report was accepted, the Bill given its first and second readings and tomorrow assigned.

On motion of the gentleman from Gouldsboro, Mr. Tarbox, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws by Juveniles", House Paper 128, Legislative Document 166, tabled on March 12 by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, 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 were necessary, was passed to be engrossed 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: Following the suggestion that a briefing be given House Members on subjects discussed at the last Monday night Blaine House conference, I will attempt herewith to summarize the topics. Before so doing, however, I wish to reemphasize that the purpose of these conferences continues to be as originally designed: namely, an opportunity for House and Senate Leadership with the Executive to discuss and become better acquainted with major problems facing the Legislature.

While not designed to trespass on the basic differences in party philosophy, there is gained, in addition to an understanding of "L. D." content, a knowledge of those areas

where a common point of view exists. In no case has any effort been made to commit those in attendance or their respective party delegations in the Legislature to decisions or conclusions, since such action is the sole prerogative of party caucus.

The first item discussed to a very serious extent was the Jacobs Bill. Discussion led off by Senator Low relative to points raised at public hearing on Bill and further confined to five major suggestions that might improve construction of the Bill:

The first suggestion was whether or not the Bill would be improved by giving towns exceeding the proposed Foundation Program an incentive to continue.

Point number two. Whether or not cities should be set up as districts by themselves.

Suggestion three. The possible merits of allowing combinations only of Secondary schools, leaving out elementary grades. Under this suggestion two resulting suggestions were proposed.

A. The possibility of allowing towns to proportion existing debt on a basis of some mutually agreeable formula.

B. The further possibility of allowing towns to finance on either a pupil or valuation basis.

Suggestion four. Whether or not community school districts could be taken in as presently constituted provided they were willing to meet

the criteria of the bill plus including elementary schools.

And the final suggestion. Whether or not provision could be made in the Bill to alleviate present penalty on schools with large percentage of tuition pupils such as cities and towns with military installations as Bangor, Caribou, Presque Isle. The estimated annual cost to lift the tuition penalty burden would be estimated at \$400,000 per year. So much for the Jacobs Bill.

The second subject which we discussed rather briefly was the Industrial Building Authority. A general discussion of both the contents of the Bill plus the reason for the constitutional amendment if purpose of Authority is approved by this Legislature.

The third subject was Highway Needs and Revenue, a very brief summary of possible financial needs and income calculated to be produced by various LD's that are now pending before this Legislature and introduced to date. Thank you.

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(Off record remarks)

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

The Clerk read a notice.

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On motion of Mr. Emery of Palmyra,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.