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## HOUSE

Wednesday, April 3, 1957

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Everett Pender of the Advent Christian Church, Friendship.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

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

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On a paper coming from the Senate, I believe the House should have a brief explanation, and I certainly hope they will concur with the action taken in the Senate and give unanimous consent to allow this resolve to be dropped in.

This lady is eight-nine years old; she has three children who have been supporting her for the past twenty years; she has been bedridden most of the time during those twenty years; all three of the children have large families of their own, and have just lost their jobs in the close and shutdown of the mill in Lewiston this past week. And as you will see in the resolve, this is not a continuing thing, at least it couldn't be continuing too long with the poor old lady eighty-nine years old. So I certainly hope that the Members of the House will go along with the measure and allow it to be dropped into the hopper.

From the Senate:

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Elizabeth Francoeur of Lewiston (S. P. 512) (L. D. 1439)

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

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

### Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Designating "The Squire

Rangeley Trail" (S. P. 397) (L. D. 1093)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Kennebec Law Library" (S. P. 299) (L. D. 796)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Conservators" (S. P. 301) (L. D. 798)

Report of the Committee on Labor reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Employer Defenses in Logging Operations under Workmen's Compensation Law" (S. P. 158) (L. D. 405)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Rumford Municipal Court" (S. P. 329) (L. D. 825)

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

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

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

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Authorizing the State Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Lands and Right of Way in Augusta to Cumberland Securities Corporation (S. P. 307) (L. D. 804) 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. 307, L. D. 804, Resolve, Authorizing the State Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Lands and Right of Way in Augusta to Cumberland Securities Corporation.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "\$2,000" in the 5th line and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$4,000'

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

#### Tabled

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to the Department of Finance and Administration" (S. P. 150) (L. D. 347) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, the Report was read. The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, this bill involves discontinuing activities in the State Garage, and I would like to have it put on the table for awhile so we might give it some further consideration.

The SPEAKER: With respect to Item 9, Senate Paper 150, Legislative Document 347, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, moves that it be placed upon the table unassigned pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was so tabled and unassigned.

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Persons from Service in Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 264) (L. D. 703) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 503) (L. D. 1412) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the

Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

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

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 503, L. D. 1412, Bill, "An Act Relating to Removal of Persons from Service in Department of Inland Fisheries and Game."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the underlined words "adjudication of" in the last line of the 2nd paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 32" the underlined word and punctuation 'acquittal.'

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

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Amended in Senate

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Authorizing Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to Acquire Certain Lands and Water Rights in Town of Pembroke (S. P. 373) (L. D. 996) 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" and Senate 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. 373, L. D. 996, Resolve, Authorizing Department of Inland Fish and Game to Acquire Certain Lands and Water Rights in Town of Pembroke.

Amend said Resolve by adding after the words "two dams" in the 4th line the following words:

'and such adjacent lands as the said Department may wish to acquire'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

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

**SENATE AMENDMENT "A"** to S. P. 373, L. D. 996, Resolve Authorizing Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to Acquire Certain Lands and Water Rights in Town of Pembroke.

Amend said Resolve by striking out the words "Town of Pembroke" in the Title and inserting in place thereof the words 'the Towns of Pembroke and Charlotte'

Further amend said Resolve by inserting after the word and punctuation "Washington," in the 5th line thereof, the following words and punctuation 'and certain flowage lands on Pennamaquan lake in the town of Charlotte, county of Washington.'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of students of the Government Course in the Williams High School in Oakland, accompanied by Mr. Arthur L. Clark.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Blanchard. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. BLANCHARD: Partially for information, in regard to article five on page one, I didn't notice when it went by. I would like to lay that on the table until I have time to study it. It is L. D. 405.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman understand that if he does not reconsider his action, this bill will automatically appear on the calendar tomorrow morning?

Mr. BLANCHARD: Would it be proper to table it at that time?

The SPEAKER: It would be proper and you may so move at that time.

Mr. BLANCHARD: Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Blanchard, withdraws his motion.

**Ought to Pass  
with Committee Amendment  
In Senate  
Committee Amendment  
Indefinitely Postponed  
Senate Amendment Adopted**

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Surety Bond for Treasurer of State" (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1097) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted, Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed, and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by 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. 401, L. D. 1097, Bill, "An Act Increasing Surety Bond for Treasurer of State."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of "Sec. 2" and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$1,450 to remain a continuing balance until the purpose of this act is accomplished.'

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

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

**SENATE AMENDMENT "A"** to S. P. 401, L. D. 1097, Bill, "An Act Increasing Surety Bond for Treasurer of State."

Amend said Bill by striking out the figures "\$750" in the next to the last line and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1,450' and by striking out the figure "1958" in the same line and inserting in place thereof the figure '1959'

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

**Messages and Documents**  
**The following Communication:**  
**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

Augusta

April 1, 1957

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth Legislature:

I have the honor to herewith transmit a certified copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 25 of the 69th General Assembly of the State of Illinois which was received in this office after the adjournment of the Ninety-seventh Legislature.

(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS  
 Secretary of State

The communication was read and with accompanying papers ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair might call to the attention of the House the fact that this morning's calendar is rather meager, and because of the early start this morning we will have some time to spare. If any Members of the House could see their way clear to removing from the table any tabled and unassigned matters, because of the extra time at our disposal, this morning would be a good time to do it if you see fit to do so.

**House Reports of Committees**  
**Ought Not to Be Adopted**

Mr. Broderick from the Committee on Judiciary on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Pass Legislation Outlawing Alcoholic Beverage Advertising Over the Air (H. P. 180) (L. D. 243) reported that it "Ought not to be Adopted" Report was read.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to table this matter because I feel that we should go along in our activities, but I do wish to say this, that I feel we as Christian people should do everything we can to protect the youth of our land, and I feel that the alcoholic beverage advertising over the air is detrimental to the welfare of our young people. Yesterday, we heard much about memorials to Congress. My feeling is, as

I said two years ago, that the members of Congress are the servants of the people and, if we want to memorialize them, we have a perfect right to do so.

Of course this does not enact any legislation, but it does let Congress know how we feel about such a matter, and I move that we substitute the Memorial for the Report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Presque Isle, that the Joint Resolution be substituted for the "Ought not to be Adopted" Report.

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

Mr. BRODERICK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Since 1947 there has been in the Congress of the United States on six different occasions, legislation similar to that legislation for which we petition here today, and on six occasions it has been soundly rejected by the Congress of the United States, the reason being given as that of constitutional grounds.

I am not going to take up too much time of the House here today, but I will point out that this bill memorializing Congress is in direct contradiction to the First Amendment of the Constitution, that is the Federal Constitution, inasmuch as it is an abridgment of freedom of the press and freedom of speech. It is in direct contradiction to the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, that is our due process clause. It is also in direct contradiction to the Twenty-first Amendment to the Federal Constitution which is the Repeal. The Twenty-first Amendment of the Constitution repealed the Eighteenth Amendment, and as you Ladies and Gentlemen know, the Eighteenth Amendment was the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

When the Twenty-first Amendment was enacted, the question of the regulation, advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages, was left with the individual states. We are asking the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which violates those three amendments to the Constitution.

Now I am not a lawman in that interpretation. I have here a letter which I would like to read into the record, and it is from the office of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. I will give you a little background on this letter. In 1952 during the presidential campaign, a letter from the National Headquarters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was delivered to the White House seeking Mr. Eisenhower's reaction as to this type of legislation. In reply, this letter was written to a Miss Elizabeth Smart at the National Headquarters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

I would like to read it at this time:

OFFICE OF  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.  
COMMODORE HOTEL

New York 17, N.Y.,

October 31, 1952.

MISS ELIZABETH A. SMART,  
National Headquarters,  
Woman's Christian Temperance  
Union,  
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Miss Smart:

General Eisenhower has asked me to reply to your telegram of October 29. The evils which are inherent in the misuse of alcoholic beverages are of deep concern to General Eisenhower. It is his feeling that no thinking person can deny that the intemperate use of alcohol constitutes a danger to the Nation as a whole, as well as to those individuals who are injudicious in the use of intoxicants.

As you no doubt know, the 21st amendment to the Constitution of the United States reserves to each State the plenary power to regulate or to prohibit the use of intoxicants within its borders. General Eisenhower strongly approves of this absolute power to deal with alcoholic beverages which has been given to the people of the various States. It is his deep conviction that since each State has its own problems regarding this subject, its people should be free to solve these problems without interference.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to present General Eisenhower's views on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG,  
Executive Assistant to  
General Eisenhower.

Ultimately, the decision lies with the Members of this House. Effectively, if this resolve is passed, this Memorial at least, you would be asking Congress to enact, as I have said here, legislation which has been held to be unconstitutional. The decision, however, is yours.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that the Joint Resolution be substituted for the "Ought not to be Adopted" Report.

Will those in favor of the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, please say aye, those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail, and the "Ought not to be Adopted" Report on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Pass Legislation Outlawing Alcoholic Beverage Advertising over the Air (H. P. 180) (L. D. 243) was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of eighth grade pupils from the Otisfield Central School, accompanied by their teacher Stella Edwards. On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most sincere and cordial welcome, and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

#### Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Hancock from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Enlarge Powers and Purposes of Trustee of Diocesan Funds in Episcopal Diocese of Maine" (H. P. 710) (L. D. 1016) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Hathaway from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Beano" (H. P. 905) (L. D. 1291)

Mr. Maxwell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Regulation of Beano" (H. P. 906) (L. D. 1292)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### **Ought Not to Pass**

Mr. Childs from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Regulating Gaming Devices" (H. P. 903) (L. D. 1289)

Mr. Cote from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Commissions on Pari Mutuel Pools" (H. P. 947) (L. D. 1340)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. Farmer from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Exemption for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions" (H. P. 400) (L. D. 530) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1036) (L. D. 1467) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Farmer of Wiscasset, tabled pending acceptance of the Report and unassigned.)

#### **Ought to Pass Printed Bill Tabled**

Mr. Brockway from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising the Maine Milk Commission Law" (H. P. 851) (L. D. 1214)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. MAXWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There are about seven or eight other measures affecting milk, and I would like to table item eight unassigned until those other measures appear.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Winthrop, Mr. Maxwell, with respect to item eight, Bill "An Act Revising the Maine Milk Commission Law" now moves that this Bill lie upon the table unassigned pend-

ing acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill and Report were so tabled.

#### **Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment Tabled**

Mr. Emery from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Milk on the Producer's Premises" (H. P. 305) (L. D. 422) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

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

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed**

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

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Moneys Received under Sardine Tax Law" (H. P. 516) (L. D. 726)

Bill "An Act relating to Children Resident at Private Tax-Exempt Institutions" (H. P. 598) (L. D. 845)

Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance" (H. P. 1033) (L. D. 1448)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Purposes and Powers of Continental Mills" (H. P. 1034) (L. D. 1449)

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

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

#### **Amended Bills Third Reader Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation Exemption of Certain Property of Veterans" (H. P. 97) (L. D. 127)

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

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



Mr. BEYER: Mr. Speaker, there is another hearing this afternoon on a bill which I believe would bear on this bill of mine which was heard several weeks ago and which has been amended and reamended several times. I believe perhaps I would like to table this and specially assigned it for tomorrow until after this afternoon's hearing.

The SPEAKER: With respect to item six, Bill "An Act relating to Taxation Exemption of Certain Property of Veterans", the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, moves that it be placed upon the table specially assigned for tomorrow pending third reading. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

Bill "An Act relating to Superintending School Committee of Town of Cumberland" (H. P. 410) (L. D. 587)

Bill "An Act relating to Filing Date of Annual Statement of Insurance Companies" (H. P. 592) (L. D. 841)

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.

### Third Reader

#### Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Certain Counties (S. P. 198) (L. D. 543)

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

(On motion of Mr. Morrill of Harrison, tabled pending second reading and specially assigned for Friday, April 5.)

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of two additional groups of students, one from the Garret Schenck School of Anson, eighth grade pupils accompanied by their Principal Mr. Kenneth Taylor; and another group from the Winthrop Street School of Hallowell, accompanied by Mrs. Frances Maher. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most

hearty and cordial welcome, and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Retirement Benefits for Members of City of Portland Police and Fire Departments (S. P. 179) (L. D. 458)

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

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

An Act relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve (H. P. 273) (L. D. 369)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "B" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Kennebec County", House Paper 209, Legislative Document 293, tabled March 27 by the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, pending acceptance of the Committee Report, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MATHIESON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this time to explain

the reason for my tabling the bill. Legislative Document 485, which was an Act relating to rabbit hunting in Waldo County, came from committee first "Ought to pass". We tabled that and it was taken back to the committee by the gentleman who tabled it, and after consideration in the committee was reported out "Ought not to pass", and at that time the Legislature accepted that report.

Now, Legislative Document 293, being an Act regulating rabbit hunting in Kennebec County, carried two amendments by the Committee, neither of which we have any objection to, and the only reason is, that in these two amendments Waldo County is placed back into the bill. Now all we are asking in Waldo County is that the law remain just as it is. We don't want to hurt any other county, and we think it is for our benefit that the law remain as is.

I would like to ask of the House at this time whether or not A and B amendments have been considered?

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman moves that the House accept the Report of the Committee?

Mr. MATHIESON: I would —

The SPEAKER: There are no amendments before the House at the moment.

Mr. MATHIESON: That is what I wanted to know. I move we accept the Report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, moves that the House accept the "Ought to pass" Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Committee "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, now moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A", under suspension of the

rules. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 209, L. D. 293, Bill, "An Act Relating to Rabbit Hunting in Kennebec County."

Amend the Title of said Bill by striking out the word "County" at the end and inserting in place thereof the words and punctuation 'Hancock, Washington and York Counties'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 2nd and 3rd lines from the end and inserting in place thereof the following: '**Kennebec, Hancock, Washington, Knox, Somerset, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Aroostook and York**, where there shall be a closed season from the 1st day of'

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: True, I returned the other bill to committee, as my colleague, the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, says. It was with the understanding that the committee wanted to make the law uniform. Well, when the other bill came out, my bill came out ought not to pass, why I let it go, because I figured the uniform bill would take care of all our counties in question, but when it did come out, it omitted Waldo County and Androscoggin County. Androscoggin County came to me and they wanted to go in with Waldo County and go into that bill. Therefore, I prepared that amendment.

The big problem with us over in Waldo County, is that we are surrounded by four counties who are in this bill. There is Kennebec, Knox, Penobscot and Hancock, and we are sitting in there, a little island. Well now it is quite a problem since the county lines haven't been run for ninety-eight years, as near as I can ascertain. It is quite a job to find out to be sure whether your dog is running across that line from Kennebec into Waldo, and if he did we would shoot him. And I think perhaps the thing might generate into running those town lines so we know where we are. We have in our county now two instances, the

County Commissioners tell me, there is a house over in the town of Knox they don't know where it is, whether it is in Kennebec County or Waldo County. We have the same situation up in Winterport, between Winterport and Penobscot. There is land up there that isn't taxed for the simple reason that neither county knows who owns it, so I think perhaps it might generate into finding out where our county lines are in the State of Maine. But at the same time, I feel that there is a certain group that are opposed, but all you have got to do is run through this west end of the county and almost every piece of land is posted: "No Hunting, No Trespassing". They don't believe in hunting anyway over there. Those are the ones that are opposed to this, and the rabbits are as everyone knows — (laughter) increasing, and they are damaging our blueberries, they are damaging our garden crops, and they are—we have people over there and they tell me they came over and ate all their tulips so they couldn't have tulips for Memorial Day, and we all know the rabbit situation. They develop to a certain stage until they — something hits them and they die off. Why can't the boys do a little hunting with them, and still they get the disease and die. It is contagious too. I even know of a man that died from the poison from this diseased rabbit, that is a fact, from skinning a rabbit, he had a cut on his hand and eventually he died from the blood poisoning of it.

But that be as it may, I do not feel that we should be surrounded in a little island, when we don't know where the line is and our dogs don't—you can't train a dog—you can train a dog you know to chase rabbits or to chase cats or coon, and we had a little instance here just yesterday. I had a hearing. I have been surrounded by dogs and rabbits I told you the other day, but I had a hearing yesterday where a warden had shot one dog, he shot two of them, but one dragged himself home, and he asked me down in Committee, "Why did you put that bill in, Harry, for one dog?" Well I said: "There was only one dog shot, the other one was

wounded," but before I got the bill in they had to shoot the other dog, and it was all in error and the Department of Fish and Game are behind me one hundred per cent in paying the claim.

These dogs that hunt rabbits don't chase deer. A man who pays two hundred dollars for a dog, or two hundred and fifty, he doesn't let him run loose. It is the mongrel dog that is chasing the deer, and this won't help the deer situation one bit, and in fact, when a hunter is out, the hunters, a group of them with a hound hunting rabbits, they are a benefit to the warden. I hope that the House will adopt Committee Amendment "B".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, offers House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read House Amendment "B".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 209, L. D. 293, Bill, "An Act Relating to Rabbit Hunting in Kennebec County."

Amend said Amendment by inserting in the 4th line of the 1st paragraph before the word "and" the words and punctuation 'Androscoggin, Waldo'.

Further amend said Amendment by inserting after the underlined word "Washington" in the 4th line of the 2nd paragraph thereof, the underlined words and punctuation 'Androscoggin, Waldo.'

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson.

Mr. MATHIESON: Mr. Speaker, the only thing I can say in regard to that is that I guess we will have to train our rabbits not to bother them in Belfast.

I now move for indefinite postponement of House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B".

The SPEAKER: The motion now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, that House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell.

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wouldn't say that the people in Waldo County consider this to be a major piece of legislation worthy of the consideration that it is getting. In fact, I think it is safe to say that the right to hunt rabbits in the month of March is the least of their worries. However, we have no choice here but to make our position clear as to why the Waldo County delegation with one exception as I know the unanimous report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game when they reported ought not to pass on L. D. 485 An Act Relating to Rabbit Hunting in Waldo County, which report was read and accepted in this House and accepted in concurrence in the other body.

It was my understanding at that time that the issue was dead, but apparently, as they say a cat has nine lives, and apparently has nothing on a rabbit bill. Seriously I think to establish a policy of bringing an issue back in this manner is not conducive to good government and might be on some important issue getting legislation through the House that was not intended.

As far as the county lines go, I don't think this rabbit bill will settle that issue. We have a very healthy deer herd in Waldo County, and we are concerned about the problem of dogs running deer in the winter months, especially in the spring or late winter when you have a crust over the snow. A small dog of any breed can run on top of the crust and the deer will flounder and break through it. Oftentimes the deer becomes frustrated and we find that the does that are heavy with lambs will die along with their unborn lamb. There is much concern among sportsmen in the county for this reason.

Evidence of this fact has been brought out by the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, when he presented the resolve asking this legislature to pay one hundred and fifty dollars for a dog that was shot in error. I think that you would certainly please the majority of the Waldo County delegation, the majority of the people in Waldo County, the deer and the rabbits in particular, if you could dispose of this bill in as merciful a way as you can

find, and I can't think of any better vehicle than the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, has presented in his motion for indefinite postponement.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, that House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" shall be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Winterport, Mr. Bean.

Mr. BEAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to go along with my other colleagues from Waldo County, the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, and the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, and hope that the motion of the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, prevails.

During my trips home over the week end, I have been contacted by several citizens of my own town who would like to have the law remain as is on account as has already been expressed that dogs do chase deer at that time of year when it is detrimental to the best interests of our deer population.

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman from Brooks, Mr. Elwell, that this isn't a major problem for Waldo County to consider, but at the same time, I do want to impress upon this House that this is not going to stop dogs chasing deer. The dogs that are chasing deer are the mongrel hounds that are kicking all over the county. It isn't the dogs that these boys have in the pack, they keep them chained up all the time only when they are out hunting, and they are very valuable. The most of them are insured for a hundred and fifty or two hundred dollars apiece, and they are not going to take any chances of having any man shoot them chasing a deer. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Montville, Mr. Mathieson, that House Amendment

"B" to Committee Amendment "B" be indefinitely postponed.

Will all those in favor of postponing House Amendment "B" please say aye, those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The ruling of the Chair has been doubted and the Chair will order a division.

Will all those who favor the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "B" please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-two having voted in the affirmative and twenty-six having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" was indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Mathieson of Montville, Committee Amendment "B" was adopted and the Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Kennebec County" (H. P. 209) (L. D. 293) assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to call the attention of the House at this time, the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of thirty-seven students, who have been brought to the Legislature today by the Lions Clubs of Naples, Casco and Raymond. These are eighth grade pupils from these three towns accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Libby, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Chute. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to all you ladies and gentlemen a most hearty welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Divided Report, Majority "Ought to pass" and Minority "Ought not to pass", of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to Itemized Statements Filed by Legislative Counsel and Agents", Senate Paper 376, Legislative Document 999, tabled on March 28 by the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, pending a motion of the

gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, to accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report which came from the Senate with that Report accepted in that body.

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

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Like Waldo County we too as legislators are surrounded with a group that at times, in my opinion, can move much more rapidly than rabbits ever thought of being able to move. They are known as the lobbyists.

Now, they have gained the title of being the third legislative party. Although they are not elected as we are they are certainly actively engaged in influencing our vote on measures which do become law. We as elected members of this body, and those of the Senate, are required to file financial statements.

It is interesting to note that at the public hearing not a single lobbyist appeared against this measure. It is also interesting to note that not a single lobbyist has contacted anyone to the best of our knowledge, against the measure. Why? Because we have a high class group of lobbyists here circulating among our Maine Legislative Group.

The opponents will say for that reason it is not necessary. I will heartedly agree with them that it is not necessary while we maintain such a high standard. The reason I voted on the opposite side of the fence was certainly because I would just hate to see some especially assigned lobbyist come down here and then we would attempt to lock the barn after the horse was gone.

I see no reason why they should not be required to file financial statements just as we are. I just want to point out these few facts and that is all.

In the New England states, Connecticut requires registration, complete financial reports, and contingent payments are prohibited. Rhode Island is the same, Massachusetts is the same. New Hampshire requires registration and complete financial reports, with very heavy penalties. Vermont and Maine are alike. It is also interesting to note that twenty states have financial requirements as well as

these listed above. And there is provisions in the constitution of fifteen other states with heavy penalties and even greater restrictions. That is why I voted on the opposite side of the fence.

As you know, the measure has already been killed in the Senate, and I don't believe it is going to make any great difference to this measure if we should override the Senate rule and have to appoint a committee. So I therefore, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, have no motion to make, but I just wanted to point out these facts to you.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, that the House accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As Mr. Walsh has just ably stated, the reasons for what I believe to be good legislation to pass the "Ought to pass" Report instead of the recommended "Ought not to pass" Report, as he stated and I will restate, that we have to file our contributions, our expenditures, the public knows what our salary is, our expenses of travel, everything in general. We are doing legislative work here for the public, they are doing it for the individual concerns or private citizens, and to me, I would believe that they would be entitled to the same privileges that we are as far as letting the public know what our expenses are.

I do not believe in this bill they have asked for expenses of private practice or private privileges, but anything pertaining to legislative work certainly should be known to the public through this body. And, of course as you know, they are a larger body than we are this year, they have more members in their organization, the third party, than we do in this House. And if we are going to let that override us then I think it is time we really brought this thing to life.

Of course there has been a party label attached to it, as far as some are concerned, but to me this is

nonpartisan, this is in the interest of good government and letting the public know what the activities are here in the State House.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First of all I want to say that I wholeheartedly agree with a great deal of what my very fine colleague, the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, has said. A lot of states do find it necessary to have the legislative agents file what their salaries and expense accounts are. As far as I am concerned where the legislative agents in the State of Maine have not filed expense accounts and their salaries in past years I consider it a tribute to the men who lobby in this legislature and also a tribute to the legislators.

As far as influencing what our vote is I can't see how it is material that we have knowledge of what a legislative agent's fee is or what his expenses are. As far as I am concerned, and I know that all the members of this House are only influenced under one condition, and that is good sound reasoning on the part of the lobbyists. I feel that such legislation as this would do no good whatsoever. First of all you have got to take into consideration that many of the legislative agents are not here just on their legislative salary. They are retained all year long by the companies that they work for, and the salary that they receive is the same salary they get when the legislature is in session and when it is not in session. I hope that my motion will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I can't agree with my good friend, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs. Unfortunately there is today existing in some areas, and I have found it to be so when I have been speaking amongst young groups, a cynical conclusion that there is existing graft and greed. Now we know that this is not so, however it is important that we should give lie to such a conclusion. We can

only do this by accepting the "Ought to pass" Report on this legislation. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote.

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

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Under our election laws, in order to prevent and avoid corruption, all candidates to any office in the State of Maine are required to file at specific periods itemized statements of all expenditures of money. We all had to do it as members of the legislature, and all other candidates for public office had to do the same.

Now, this bill provides that within thirty days after final adjournment of the legislature, every legislative agent or counsel shall file with the Secretary of State an itemized statement of his fees and expenditures in connection with such legislative employment, and by whom paid or to whom charged. Such statements shall be in such form as the Secretary of State may prescribe and shall be open to public inspection.

Now as has been said before, by and large the members of the third group, known as the lobbyists or agents, are people of very high standards. But like all groups it is not one hundred per cent that way. And we, the people of the State, have just as much right to know what is going on among that third group as they have concerning the activities of candidates for office. There isn't any group that has more influence on the legislature that goes through this body.

We are here as elected representatives of our people at home to come down here and consider matters before us, to use our best judgment and to act for the best interests of the State of Maine and the people of the State of Maine. The people in the third house are interested people for interests before this legislature. They are here to set forth all the good points of their bills. Sometimes, it is true, their bills are for the best interests

of the State, but not always. And it is our duty in conscience and legally to determine what is for the best interests of the State of Maine, and many times it will not be the interests of those interested people.

Now there is no reason in the world why the light of day shouldn't be shown on their expenditures, to whom it is expended, from whence it came, just as much as it is for you or I. Now, that will be a control over that body that will be very beneficial, and if by chance something is discovered in those returns that should be investigated and prosecuted, the opportunity is there for that purpose, and if there should be something of that sort it should be investigated and prosecuted. Consequently, the motion now before the House to be acted upon by this body is the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, that the Minority Report be accepted.

Now if you believe as I do, that this Report should be made and filed according to the bill, you should vote against his motion, and then the motion will be in order to accept the "Ought to pass" Report on the bill. Thank you.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a signer of the "Ought not to pass" Report of this Committee I think I would like the opportunity to explain my thinking in the matter.

I signed that report because I felt that it would accomplish absolutely nothing. It would be a matter of just further cluttering up the archives of our State House here with something that no one would ever pay any attention to and would make extra work for another department and nothing would be thereby accomplished.

I think perhaps I look upon lobbyists as the valuable agents of our legislative procedure. We, as members of the House, consider some fourteen, fifteen or sixteen hundred bills. We can't give them serious consideration, the consideration that they deserve. These men here as lobbyists are here representing various industries, labor, the old

teachers, other groups, they pick out the bills that they are interested in. And any approach I have ever had from any lobbyist was just to point out something perhaps that I had missed or some bill I hadn't even considered. As I have said before, I look upon them as a valuable adjunct of our legislative procedure. They are men of integrity and experience in legislative matters. Moreover, I felt in signing this report that we would perhaps accomplish nothing by it for the reason that there are many ways to get around it. For instance, many of these men could be hired on a year round basis, and in that manner no report would be required. As I said before, I feel this will accomplish absolutely nothing.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Rowe.

Mr. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I want to concur wholeheartedly with my colleague from Bangor, Mr. Quinn. Too often, even in our free community, it is difficult to find out who is doing what. Yet a free community is predicated on the assumption that its citizens can have free access to the facts as to who is doing what.

This bill is that kind of bill to identify what is being done and who is doing it. It is an affirmation of the right of the people to know what is going on. I want to submit this then for your consideration, Members of the House, if I may do so. That a vote approving the Majority Report on this bill, the "Ought to pass", is an affirmation of the people's right to know who is doing what.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, that the "Ought not to pass" Report be accepted on Bill "An Act relating to Itemized Statements Filed by Legislative Counsel and Agents", Senate Paper 376, Legislative Document 999.

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, has requested a division.

Will those who favor the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr.

Childs, that the "Ought not to pass" Report be accepted, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Thirty-eight having voted in the affirmative and ninety-one having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Majority Report "Ought to pass" was accepted in non-concurrence, the Bill given its first and second readings, and assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a class in Problems of Democracy, eighteen students from Sherman High School accompanied by Mr. Cardani, and also in the rear of the House a group of ladies from, according to my information, all sections of the State of Maine, of the Maine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, accompanied by Mrs. Barton. To you students and to you ladies in the rear of the Hall the Chair extends a most cordial and hearty welcome, and we hope that you will enjoy your visit with us and profit by it too. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Divided Report, Report "A" reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A", and Report "B" reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Visible Indication of Elapsed Time on Parking Meters", House Paper 361, Legislative Document 491, tabled on March 28 by the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Brown, pending acceptance of either report, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You have all had an opportunity to observe the clockless parking meters as they are installed outside the State House. You probably have even read the directions on them. It says in effect that you can put in as many as three nickels at one time and park as long as six hours. But, I must point out that this all



depends on the officer that checks the meter.

I don't question the honesty of the officer, but do feel that he can make a mistake like the rest of us. He might turn down one, two or all three of the nickels. I object to this as a citizen as I have no way of knowing whether I can park one hour or more. I have no way to tell when the officer turns the key.

You will note that the clock type meter indicates time permitted and shows whether properly parked or not.

I feel the clockless meter is unfair and penalizes the public. In fact, I feel that the public is buying a pig in a bag.

Now, I have no objection to the committee amendment that permits these clockless meters in public parking areas where they belong, but I don't believe that it is good business to permit these meters on public roads. There is no municipality that will be penalized, because they can be used in parking areas. I have had many complaints from people who have been victims. Many more will soon be victims if something isn't done about it. The public should be protected. How would you like to play a game not knowing the rules? I believe this is a free country, and everyone, I repeat, everyone, is entitled to know what he is buying.

For the record, I would also like to point out that the bill was prepared long before the meters appeared outside the State House.

I now move that we accept the "Ought to pass" Report of the Judiciary Committee and accompanying papers on Legislative Document 491, "An Act relating to the Visible Indication of Elapsed Time on Parking Meters", as amended. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Brown, moves that the House accept Report "A", the "Ought to pass" Report as amended by Committee Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was given its first and second readings.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read Committee Amendment "A".

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 361, L. D. 491, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Visible Indication of Elapsed Time on Parking Meters."

Amend said Bill by adding after the underlined word "hereafter" at the beginning of the 5th line thereof the underlined words 'on any public street or way'

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

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Splash Guards for Motor Trucks", House Paper 1010, Legislative Document 1414, tabled on March 28 by the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion of Mr. Edwards of Raymond, the Bill was retabled pending third reading unassigned.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Bath", House Paper 836, Legislative Document 1192, tabled on April 2 by the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Ross of Bath, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment Filing 129, and sent to the Senate.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hermon, Mr. Leathers.

Mr. LEATHERS: Mr. Speaker, Item three under tabled and unassigned, I would like to take from the table House Paper 496, Legislative Document 708, and with the consent of the Committee I move that it be

recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture for further consideration.

The SPEAKER: With respect to Item three under tabled and unassigned matters, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Horse-Pulling", House Paper 496, Legislative Document 708, tabled on March 7 by the gentleman from Hermon, Mr. Leathers, pending acceptance of the Committee Report, that gentleman now moves that this item be removed from the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hermon, Mr. Leathers, now moves that this Bill be recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perry, Mr. Frost.

Mr. FROST: Mr. Speaker, this bill, having a unanimous Report "Ought not to pass", and after several attempts by the proponents of the bill to get amendments on it without the hearing on it, really a new bill the amendment is, and they would like to get it on there without hearing the case before the opponents, I now move that this bill and all its connecting papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Perry, Mr. Frost, moves that Bill "An Act Prohibiting Horse-Pulling", House Paper 496, Legislative Document 708, now be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question?

Will all those who favor the indefinite postponement of this Bill please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Bill with all accompanying papers was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

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

The gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. STORM: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I find myself through no fault of my own in the very embarrassing position of

having to ask for unanimous consent to present a Resolve, which was first called to my attention last Sunday. It vitally affects one of the towns in my area.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sherman, Mr. Storm, requests unanimous consent to introduce a Resolve notwithstanding the cloture rule. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine General Hospital.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the reception of this resolve notwithstanding the cloture rule?

The Chair hears none and the resolve is received.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Storm of Sherman, the Resolve (H. P. 1037) was referred to the Committee on Claims, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, the House voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Certain Waters, tabled on March 14 by that gentleman, pending acceptance in concurrence.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted and the Resolve given its first reading.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read Committee Amendment "A".

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 197, L. D. 542, Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Certain Waters.

Amend said Resolve in the 12th line by indicating the striking out of the word "and" by drawing a line through said word.

Further amend said Resolve in the next to last line by indicating the striking out of the word "and" by drawing a line through said word.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Baldwin, Mr. Sanborn.

Mr. SANBORN: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment "A" which is an emergency clause.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Baldwin, Mr. Sanborn, now offers House Amendment "A" to Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Certain Waters, and moves its adoption.

The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 197, L. D. 542, Resolve, Regulating Taking of Smelts in Certain Waters.

Amend said Resolve by inserting after the Title the following Emergency Preamble:

**'Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the following legislation is necessary to regulate the taking of smelts in certain waters in the spring of 1957; and

Whereas, such legislation is in the best interest of conserving our natural resources; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Further amend said Resolve by inserting before the next to last paragraph beginning with "Resolved:" the following:

**'Resolved:** That the 2nd sentence of the 12th paragraph of that part designated "Cumberland County" of chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1955 be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**'All tributaries closed to smelt dipping except the Crooked River and Songo River the taking of smelts.'** "

Further amend said Resolve by adding at the end thereof the following Emergency Clause:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of students from the South Hiram Grammar School of South Hiram, Maine, accompanied by Mrs. Beryl Wescott. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you students a most cordial and hearty welcome, and we hope you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us today. (Applause)

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

On motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, the House voted to take from the table the seventeenth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Part-Time Liquor Licenses", House Paper 163, Legislative Document 210, tabled on March 26 by that gentleman pending assignment for third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. BAIRD: Mr. Speaker, I move that Committee Amendment "A" be adopted, filing 122, and I have an amendment to offer at the proper time.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the Committee Amendment.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 163, L. D. 210, Bill, "An Act Relating to Part-Time Liquor Licenses."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 3rd line from the end thereof the underlined word "fiscal" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'calendar'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, now presents House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption.

The Clerk will read House Amendment "A".

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 163, L. D. 210, Bill, "An Act

Relating to Part-Time Liquor Licenses.”

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, before the single quotation mark, the following underlined sentence: **‘A part-time hotel licensee shall conduct his hotel business on the premises only during the time when such part-time license is in effect.’**

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

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I would ask permission of the House to take from the table Item seven, which is specially assigned for next Wednesday, to facilitate the movement—

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman approach the rostrum please.

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I was just trying to facilitate the working of the House, but where that is specially assigned, of course I never liked these specially assigned, I don’t put them on there to hold for anything, but I put them on to look them over and then I can take them off at my pleasure. But it seemed to me the other day they weren’t so willing to table unassigned so I stuck a date on it. But now, Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion, we will take it off the table and send it along next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Rollins, withdraws his motion.

Mr. Dumais of Lewiston was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. DUMAIS: Mr. Speaker, notwithstanding the cloture rule, I have several bills I was working on, and I was busy with the Health and Welfare Department and I was three to five minutes late in filing the bills and I would like to present the bills now.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill “An Act to Authorize Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Twenty Two Million Dol-

lars for Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign and Providing Revenue therefor”

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the introduction of this bill notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears objection and the bill is not admitted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the same gentleman requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears objection and the Resolve is not admitted.

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

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker, maybe I am out of order but I hope not. This morning we allowed one bill to be presented. Now, I don’t think we are being fair not to allow this bill to be presented. It doesn’t make any difference to me whether the man is a Democrat or a Republican. If we allow one bill to come through I think we should allow the rest of them the same day, if there is one or ten they should all come through.

On motion of the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County, Senate Paper 497, Legislative Document 1378, tabled on April 2 by that gentleman, pending passage to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of the gentleman from Baldwin, Mr. Sanborn, the House voted to take from the table the

eightth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve Closing Sebago Lake, Cumberland County to taking of Smelts, House Paper 466, Legislative Document 659, tabled on March 13 by that gentleman pending second reading.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was given its second reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-sixth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Motor Vehicle Financial Security Act", House Paper 987, Legislative Document 1411, tabled on

April 2 by that gentleman pending further consideration and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Stilphen of Rockland, the House voted to recede from its former action whereby the bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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(Off record remarks)

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On motion of Mr. Frost of Perry,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.