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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. R. Andrew Cone of Gardiner.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would take a moment to point out to the Members that this morning's calendar is relatively short. We undoubtedly will have some extra time between the end of the session and noontime, and if any Members could see their way clear to taking matters off the table this morning, it would speed things up a bit, and make use of some good time.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money to Construct a Fishway at Aroostook Falls" (S. P. 320) (L. D. 1479)

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.

**Senate Reports of Committees****Leave to Withdraw**

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Exempting Commercial Aircraft Engaged in Geologic Exploration from Excise Taxes" (S. P. 458) (L. D. 1306) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

**Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Evonne J. Rollins of West Gardiner (S. P. 432) (L. D. 1185)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Lien for Inheritance Taxes" (S. P. 302) (L. D. 799)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating

to Alternative Jail Sentences in Default of Payment of Fines or Costs" (S. P. 388) (L. D. 1084), as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

**Refer to Committee on Retirements and Pensions**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Employees of Maine Maritime Academy Receiving Federal Social Security Benefits" (S. P. 51) (L. D. 82) reporting that it be referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass in New Draft Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Accounting and Audit" (S. P. 107) (L. D. 237) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 517) (L. D. 1475) 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.

In the House, the Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have that tabled for a little study, and I would like to speak briefly if my motion is accepted, until Wednesday of next week.

The SPEAKER: With respect to item seven, the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Accounting and Audit" be tabled until Wednesday of next week pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker, I had supposed that this present act was working very satisfactorily. I see this is a Senate bill, and I have not had an opportunity to discover or learn from anyone as to what—it apparently calls for several amendments or changes in the present law and I would just like to know what those mean before we pass on it.

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Time for Accounting for Fees by Registers of Probate" (S. P. 335) (L. D. 901) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 518) (L. D. 1476) 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.

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

#### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Business Legislation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Permit Blanket Accident and Sickness Insurance for Newsboys, Sport Teams and Campers" (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1138)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to County or Municipal Capital Reserve Funds" (S. P. 229) (L. D. 572)

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.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned for Later in Today's Session

Resolve Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge Across Saco River (H. P. 460) (L. D. 653) on which the House accepted the Majority

"Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Highways and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on April 9.

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

In the House: On motion of Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford, tabled pending further consideration and assigned for later in today's session.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Jackman" (H. P. 60) (L. D. 64) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on March 28.

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

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Moose River" (H. P. 61) (L. D. 63) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on March 28.

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

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

#### Orders

On motion of Mr. Karkos of Lisbon, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Fabian Onderovsky of the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church of Lisbon Falls, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 17, 1957.

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

On motion of Mrs. Smith of Falmouth, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Rancourt of Lewiston be excused from attend-

ance for the remainder of the week because of a death in the family.

#### House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Operation of School Buses" (H. P. 956) (L. D. 1357) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Totman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Reciprocal Agreements Concerning Operation, Regulation and Taxation of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 863) (L. D. 1223)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Mr. Brockway from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Home Delivered Milk" (H. P. 307) (L. D. 424)

Report was read.

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

#### Tabled

Mr. Caswell from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Milk to Benevolent and Charitable Institutions" (H. P. 308) (L. D. 425)

Report was read.

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

#### Tabled

Mr. Emery from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Store Sales of Milk" (H. P. 306) (L. D. 423)

Report was read.

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

Mr. MAXWELL: Mr. Speaker, until all major bills pertaining to milk are before the House, I would like to table those that are reported, unassigned, and I make the same motion on item five.

Thereupon, the Report and Bill were so tabled and unassigned.

#### Tabled

Mr. Roberts from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Policy of the Milk Commission" (H. P. 304) (L. D. 421)

Report was read.

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

Mr. Needham from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Actions for Injuries Causing Death" (H. P. 603) (L. D. 855), as it is covered by other legislation.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Actions Brought for Injuries Causing Death" (H. P. 745) (L. D. 1059), as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Bill Substituted for Report Tabled

Mr. Childs from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Location of Harness Race Meets" (H. P. 819) (L. D. 1162)

Report was read.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I spoke to the House Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, on this measure, yesterday and just now, and we have had two or three different thoughts and the bill was not written properly in the first place, so that the intent that I had does not fulfill the bill. So I would ask that the bill be substituted for the Report, then I will table it and prepare my amendment for your consideration.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, with respect to item nine, Bill "An Act relating to Location of Harness Race Meets", House Paper 819, Legislative

Document 1162, now moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending first reading and unassigned.

#### **Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Hersey from the Committee on Transportation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Loads on Vehicles Operated on Public Ways" (H. P. 848) (L. D. 1202)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Needham of Orono, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 17.)

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

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Giving Recognition to the Eastern Orthodox Church as a Major Faith in Maine (H. P. 746) (L. D. 1060) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1046) (L. D. 1487) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

#### **Ought to Pass Printed Bills**

##### **Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Lane from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Killing of Dogs Chasing Livestock or Poultry" (H. P. 990) (L. D. 1419)

Report was read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, due to my wanting more opportunity to study this with the possibility of adding an amendment, I request this be tabled and specially assigned to April 17.

Thereupon, the Report and Bill were so tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 17.

Mr. Roberts from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to

pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Damages Done by Dogs and Wild Animals" (H. P. 979) (L. D. 1403)

Mr. Violette from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Animal Husbandry Specialist" (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1364)

Mr. Needham from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Amount Recovered in Actions for Injuries Causing Immediate Death" (H. P. 777) (L. D. 1110)

Mr. Totman from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Record of Contents of Motor Trucks" (H. P. 958) (L. D. 1359)

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

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

Mr. Roberts from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Pasteurized Milk Only to Certain Institutions" (H. P. 738) (L. D. 1052) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

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

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 647) (L. D. 916) 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. 647, L. D. 916, Bill, "An Act Relating to Limitation of Financial Responsibility Law."

Amend said Bill by striking out that part thereof designated as "Sec. I." and inserting in place thereof the following:

Sec. I. R. S., c. 22, §77, sub-§V, ¶B, amended. Paragraph B of subsection V of section 77 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**B.** To either the owner or licensed operator of a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer involved in an accident when the Secretary shall be satisfied that neither such owner nor operator caused the accident the motor vehicle was in a lawfully stopped or parked position when the accident occurred;

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

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Natural Resources on Bill "An Act relating to Granting Mining Rights by Forest Commissioner" (H. P. 786) (L. D. 1119) 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. 786, L. D. 1119, Bill, "An Act Relating to Granting Mining Rights by Forest Commissioner."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 9th and 14th lines, after the underlined word "rights," the underlined words 'after the approval of the Mining Bureau'

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

Mrs. Hatch from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Persons from Indian Tribal Reservations" (H. P. 799) (L. D. 1131) 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. 799, L. D. 1131, Bill, "An Act Relating to Removal of Persons from Indian Tribal Reservations."

Amend said Bill in the 4th line by inserting after the word "judge" the underlined words 'with the recommendation of the Tribal Governor and Council'

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

### Divided Report Tabled

Report "A" of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Hours for Public Dance Halls" (H. P. 227) (L. D. 322)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MARTIN of Kennebec  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. CHILDS of Portland  
HATHAWAY of Columbia  
Falls

COTE of Lewiston  
MAXWELL of Winthrop  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CHARLES of Cumberland  
REED of Aroostook  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. QUINN of Bangor  
BRUCE of Buxton

Mrs. SMITH of Falmouth  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: On this particular bill which came before the Legal Affairs Committee, the proponent was a proprietor of a dance hall who felt that he wasn't making as much money as he should; that if he was allowed another hour that he could make a great deal more money, and consequently he wanted the time of the present law, which is the present standard time of the state, midnight on Saturday night, Sunday commences, and terminates at midnight on that day, he wanted that changed to conform to the daylight saving feature of adding another hour to the dance period in order that he might make a little greater profit.

We are a Christian nation; we are a Christian state, and we believe as such in the Ten Commandments, the first one of which is that Sunday is the Lord's day and should be kept as such. The Committee

on this proposition was divided five and five as you will note according to the record. It appears to me that in six days of the week and Saturday up until twelve o'clock, that everyone can get all the dancing that they need and require, and I hope the House will go along with the Minority Report, and I move the acceptance of the Minority Report.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, that Report "B" "Ought not to pass" be accepted.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I want to concur with my colleague, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn. I happen to be manager of one of the largest ballrooms in New England and I realize and sympathize with the ballroom operator in this problem, but that is not the problem. These are two distinct industries, free and apart from each other. The ballroom and drinking are not two things that combine together. And in the ballroom profession today, which we think is a grand one and a good place for entertainment, clean entertainment, the particular ballroom which I happen to manage, is one where we prevent the sale of beverages of beer or intoxicating beverages at all times. We do not encourage it, and I don't believe that anybody should encourage it, because that is the place where teen-agers meet, where they gather, as well as adults. And I am not opposed to liquor in the form of proper use, but I am certainly opposed to it being used wherever a ballroom is, and I hope the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, prevails.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to concur with what the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, said. I also think the other argument that was brought up was—one of the other things that we ought to consider, that we vote for daylight saving time, and even this morning there

are those who have come to me and said: "Mrs. Smith, do you think the dance hall bill ought to pass?" Even they are confused by the confusion of the hours, and there seems no legitimate reason for this bill to pass. Even some of the Deering High School students said they didn't approve.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, I believe the same confusion exists on this bill as existed on the bill which is now lying on the table in regard to hours of sale of liquor.

What this bill is asking for is that they be put on United States Eastern Standard Time the year around giving them the extra hour during the summer months, and it is my feeling that the time which prevails here is the time on which they ought to operate, and that midnight daylight saving time in the summer is the best time, because that is late enough for young people to be out. And also I am certainly a Christian, and I don't believe in encroaching on the Christian Sabbath, and so I am in favor of the "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will be very brief on this because I really am not too interested, nor were the other four members of the Committee who signed with me. We all felt that we could get all the dancing that we wanted by twelve o'clock. We considered it was a question of principle more than a question of anything else.

Under the present law, on Saturdays, you can go into places where they have drinking and dancing. At twelve o'clock you have to stop dancing, but then you can go ahead and drink for another hour. As far as the Committee is concerned, we felt if you can drink until one, that you certainly ought to be able to dance, because I think if anything is immoral—if either are immoral, it certainly would be the drinking. You can play ball on Sunday, play basketball, play football, you can have all kinds of sports, and you can drink until one o'clock on Sunday, but



you can't dance. Now the Committee just didn't think that was right, that's all. Now we are not really interested in it. We felt we just wanted to be consistent with the law, and if the L. D. that is now on the table which is a bill that the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, has on the table, if that bill is finally passed, it means that there will only be drinking until twelve anyway, and if that happens, I and the other four members of the Committee would be opposed to this measure. So I feel that until we decide on the bill of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, and the one on the one o'clock drinking, I feel this should lie on the table so we can be consistent in our thinking, so I move this lie upon the table.

The SPEAKER: The motion now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, that Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Public Dance Halls", House Paper 227, Legislative Document 322, be tabled unassigned pending the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, that Report "B" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Reports and Bill were so tabled and unassigned.

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to State Liquor Tax" (H. P. 38) (L. D. 51) which was recommitted.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LOW of Knox  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin  
WYMAN of Washington  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. HANSON of Gardiner  
ROLLINS of Belfast  
FARMER of Wiscasset  
BROWN of Ellsworth  
BESSE of Clinton  
WALSH of Brunswick  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. CYR of Augusta  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Pierce of Bucksport the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.)

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Old Age Assistance" (S. P. 414) (L. D. 1147)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Incorporation of the Master, Wardens and Members of Freeport Lodge" (H. P. 367) (L. D. 497)

Bill "An Act to Create the Westbrook Parking Authority" (H. P. 428) (L. D. 604)

Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Trust Income Earned During Period of Administration" (H. P. 543) (L. D. 770)

Bill "An Act relating to Quinellas at Harness Race Meets" (H. P. 818) (L. D. 1161)

Bill "An Act relating to Time for Requesting Tax Exemptions by Veterans' Widows" (H. P. 885) (L. D. 1253)

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

#### Third Reader

##### Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles of Those Who Reside on Veterans Administration Facility, Togus" (H. P. 925) (L. D. 1314)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Carey.

Mr. CAREY: Mr. Speaker, considering that this bill would dictate to personnel on a government military installation, I feel it is not good legislation. I move that the Bill, Legislative Document 1314 and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed, and a vote be taken by division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Carey, with re-

spect to item seven, Bill "An Act relating to Excise Taxes on Motor Vehicles of Those Who Reside on Veterans Administration Facility, Togus" be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I can't imagine this House being so inconsistent as to vote one way one day and another another day.

This bill has a little more to it. This bill is aimed to protect the Town of Chelsea for money that should be due it. As it is now apparently the City of Augusta is collecting an excise tax on motor vehicles from people—civilian employees who reside in the Town of Chelsea. Now I don't think that they should do that. This would just correct an unfair situation that has been existing; therefore, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Carey, does not prevail.

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

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker, to clarify in the minds of all the Members of the House, the bill has added in here another paragraph, "that the annual excise tax on motor vehicles provided by this section shall be paid to the Town of Chelsea by those persons who reside on the Veterans Administration Center at Togus." This was before the Taxation Committee and came out unanimously "Ought not to pass". I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Carey, prevails.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Carey, that item seven be indefinitely postponed.

Will those who favor the motion to indefinitely postpone, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-nine having voted in the affirmative and sixty-two having voted in the negative the motion did not prevail.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Brockway of Milo, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be en-

grossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 17.

Bill "An Act relating to Requests for Secret Balloting at Town Meetings" (H. P. 1042) (L. D. 1481)

Bill "An Act Regulating Motor Vehicles at Traffic Circles or Rotary Intersections" (H. P. 1043) (L. D. 1482)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed 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 a group of forty-seven students from the Newport Elementary School accompanied by Miss Davis and Mr. Kent. 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)

#### Third Reader Amended

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Lincoln" (H. P. 1044) (L. D. 1483)

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

Mr. Dudley of Enfield offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1044, L. D. 1483, Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Lincoln."

Amend said Bill by striking out the 9th and 10th lines from the end and inserting in place thereof the following:

'98th Legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect'

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

### Amended Resolves

Resolve in favor of Francis J. Arnold of Providence, Rhode Island (S. P. 191) (L. D. 537)

Resolve in favor of Donald LaPierre of Westbrook (H. P. 694) (L. D. 1480)

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

### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to announce the appointment of two Committees of Conference which were requested yesterday.

The first on the disagreeing action of the two branches on Legislative Document 487, House Paper 357, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tributaries of Chain of Ponds, Franklin County. The Members appointed on this Committee to represent the House are: The gentleman from Eustis, Mr. Carville, the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell, and the gentleman from Wilton, Mr. Blanchard.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches on Legislative Document 714, House Paper 504, Bill "An Act Creating the Lake Christopher Game Management Area, Oxford County" are the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Saunders, the gentleman from Paris, Mrs. Mann, and the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report, Leave to Withdraw of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance for Certain Municipal Employee Associations", House Paper 653, Legislative Document 934, tabled on April 9 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, for tabling this bill, but now I would

move acceptance of the Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: With respect to item number one, Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance for Certain Municipal Employee Associations", House Paper 653, Legislative Document 934, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley, now moves acceptance of the Leave to Withdraw Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday", Senate Paper 411, Legislative Document 1144, tabled on April 9 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending third reading.

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

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, again my thanks to Mr. Totman. In tabling this item I hope that it did not give the inference that I was strongly opposed to it or strongly in favor of it. My remarks would be that I see no reason for having another holiday. This bill would make a school holiday, legal holiday and bank holiday. I see no reason for having it. I think it is wonderful to have holidays, but I think even that can be overdone.

The report of the Committee was the unanimous report that we have it. The only reason that I could see why they came out with the unanimous report was the fact that thirty-nine other states have it. In my opinion, that doesn't give a lot of weight to it. I am not strongly in favor or strongly opposed to this particular bill. I would vote against having such a bill however.

The SPEAKER: Is the gentleman making a motion?

Mr. STANLEY: I would move indefinite postponement of the bill.

The SPEAKER: With respect to item number two, Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday", the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley, moves that this Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fryeburg, Mr. LaCasce.

Mr. LaCASCE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley. And I do it from the standpoint of the schools. I feel that we have holidays enough and would oppose other holidays.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Rich.

Mr. RICH: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley. I do think this matter of holidays is being overdone. Thank you.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the State Government Committee and one of the signers of this report, I would like to make a few statements.

As a former self appointed authority on holidays, because during the last session I sponsored a bill whereby all holidays would fall on Monday. That was a very popular bill with industrial workers but not very popular in this House, and it was defeated one hundred to ten.

Now, I am probably going to talk against the Committee, because when I signed this bill, one other gentleman and I said we would sign it but we would sign it with the reservations that perhaps we could talk against it in the House.

This is a bill that I thought would open the door for just one more holiday for all of the industrial workers in the State. Now, when I brought that up in front of the Committee, the Committee said if that was so the industries would have their legislative agents there to state their position, and they were not there. And I realized that in industry, as far as holidays go, if you have a union job it is in your agreement, and if you have a non-union job it is managerial policy. So, not necessarily would this mean a holiday for all workers.

And, the statement was made that either thirty-nine or forty other

states have it, so why haven't we. And to this I replied that also, except for the New England States, those states do not have Patriots' Day. So if we wanted to honor Columbus, perhaps we should not honor the patriots of the Revolution. So I was not strongly in favor of this bill in signing the report, and at this time I am happy to go along in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: At last it has happened, I find that I am in accordance with the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross. I too signed this report somewhat reluctantly, and I may find myself voting with the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

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

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It is true, these two gentlemen did say when they signed the report, in the Committee on State Government, that they would speak against the bill on the floor of the House. Many of the things, perhaps all of the things that the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, has explained to you are true. But there is one important feature that he did not explain to you that is also true. All of the New England States and the State of New York have Columbus Day a legal holiday. And when you are down doing business and you find the offices and so forth closed in Boston, New Haven, Hartford and New York City on October 12, what are you going to do? You are going to stay over and have to do business the next day. That is the reason that the majority of the Committee signed this report "Ought to pass". It was the day on which this country was discovered. That is what you are commemorating, October 12. And I strongly feel that we should recognize that day in view of the fact, if no other than those which I have cited. It is recognized in all of the other New England States and the State of New York where we do most of our bus-

iness back and forth. That alone is enough for me, and I certainly hope that the motion of indefinite postponement does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Hickey.

Mr. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise in protest against the motion because of the fact that Columbus Day, as my colleague, the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, has already stated, that it is being enforced in every other state in New England. And therefore, I think in commemorating the birth of this country, you might as well say by the discovery by Columbus, I think it is no more than right that we should go on record like the other New England States by endorsing this measure by the Majority "Ought to pass", and I make that as a motion substituting the Majority Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman that such a motion is out of order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee.

Mr. HENSBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Speaking as a member of industry, I am willing to go along with Brother Walsh. In industry we have six holidays a year. Three are shut down holidays, the other three we work. If this motion is adopted or this bill is in order, and we do have Columbus Day as a legal holiday, it will be just another day in industry, but we will receive two days pay for one days work.

It has been adopted in the pulp and paper industry here in Maine, and according to our union resolutions, that we do run on those days. And consequently to industry it would mean to us just one more days pay, a holiday on the calendar but we still work. I am in favor of Mr. Walsh's motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that Mr. Walsh did not make a motion, he was merely speaking against the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

Mr. HENSBEE: I will go along with Mr. Walsh.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-

nizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE: Mr. Speaker, I concur with the reasoning and thinking of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, and request a division.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley, that Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday", Senate Paper 411, Legislative Document 1144, be indefinitely postponed, and the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, has requested a division. Is the House ready for the question?

Will all those who favor the motion to indefinitely postpone this Bill please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Seventy-three having voted in the affirmative and fifty-five having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Bank Deposits or Loan and Building Shares in Two or More Names", House Paper 918, Legislative Document 1308, tabled on April 10 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, pending third reading, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House: I tabled this bill to make a slight amendment that the bill needed. This bill was before the Committee on Business Affairs and since the session started I am informed by a member of the Judiciary Committee that there was a bill, or is a bill pending from that Committee which has to do with some of the items in the matter which we are considering.

Consequently, and that matter is more or less extensive, it covers a couple of pages, and it can't be given the proper reading here. Therefore, I would ask that this item three be retabled until next Wednesday the 17th, in order that we can see if they conflict, and straighten it out.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, with respect to item number three, moves that this item be retabled, specially assigned for Wednesday of next week pending third reading. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was retabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 17.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the matter tabled earlier in this morning's session by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Nadeau, Non-concurrent Matter, Resolve Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge Across Saco River, House Paper 460, Legislative Document 653, on which the House accepted the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Highways and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on April 9. It now comes from the Senate with the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee accepted in non-concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Nadeau.

Mr. NADEAU: Mr. Speaker, when this came in the House earlier this morning I noticed the absence of the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante. Seeing he was the author of that resolve, and I figured he must have overslept and that he would show up during the day, I thought it was a matter of courtesy to table this.

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

Mr. PLANTE: Mr. Speaker, that was a good intuition by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Nadeau, I did oversleep. In regards to item eleven, I move that the House insist on its action accepting the Majority "Ought to pass" Report, and I request a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, with respect to this matter, moves that the House insist on its former action and requests a committee of conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will appoint the committee on conference at tomorrow's session.

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

On motion of the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax", House Paper 444, Legislative Document 620, tabled March 6 by that gentleman pending acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As this bill has an "Ought not to pass" Report, I would like to substitute the bill for the Report and then present an amendment to the bill. This amendment has been talked over with Mr. Singer of the Sales Tax Department and some members of the Tax Committee. If this order goes this far I would like to again table the bill and give the Committee time to study the new amendment.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, that with respect to item number two under tabled and unassigned matters, Bill "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax", that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair to any member of the Taxation Committee, to explain to the House the significance in loss of revenue, if there is any, if we substitute this Bill for the Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, asks a question through the Chair of the Taxation Committee.

The Chair recognizes the Chairman of that Committee, the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have the figures here as to the loss of revenue that there would be to the State as the bill was presented to us.

The gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, requested permission to take this bill off the table and bring it back with an amendment whereby he is cutting off a certain percentage, and also giving us the privilege to find out the exact number of dollars that it would cost the State. I think it would be, under the present bill, as it is now set up, it would mean the loss of approximately \$300,000 to the State, and a cost to administrate of between \$5,000 and \$6,000 annually.

The SPEAKER: Does that answer the question of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, satisfactorily?

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Hanson, for answering my question in part. Frankly, it does not, in view of the amendment striking out only one-third of the total new effect of the bill. However, if the Chairman of the Taxation Committee wishes this bill to be reconsidered I will certainly withdraw any objection motion.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am opposed to this bill on principle. Of course, everybody likes to save taxes, who doesn't? And I might say that I do sell gasoline. Brother Totman, please take notice. It is another one of the many things I do. I do milk cows and the other morning the boy carrying the milk stubbed his toe and spilled two pails of milk. I don't expect the State to reimburse me for those things, and I don't expect the State to reimburse me if the gasoline fellows fail to deliver the right amount of gasoline. This cock and bull story, which I call it, that there is a great loss of gasoline in handling it that cannot be overcome, I don't believe it is so, because I check my gasoline when I put it in and I check it when it is sold, when we take it out, and I find that if there is any loss I always can find where it is, the pump

is overpumping, which you can have attended to, or something has happened along the line. This idea that the gas swells all up when they put it in because of the heat and when you get it down into the ground where it is going to be around fifty-five it shrinks way back into nothing is just a figment of the imagination. And I think on the principle this thing is ridiculous. It would be just simply to open the door and then everybody would come in handling everything to relieve them of paying taxes.

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

Mr. TEVANIAN: Mr. Speaker, what is the motion before the House?

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report. We are referring to item number two under the tabled and unassigned matters, Bill "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax".

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think that it is with fairness to any bill to have full knowledge of the meaning and the wisdom of the bill. Until we find that out in the new proposed amendment, I think it is only fair that this bill should be kept alive to the extent that we can find that out. We do have a later opportunity of killing this bill if it is not proper and right as we might see it. So I would like to go along with the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, and hope that we will have an opportunity to know what this amendment is, what it concerns, and how much it does reduce the loss of revenue, and I hope his motion will prevail.

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

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I have been asked if we would consider having this bill recommitted. We would not. It was only my thought in showing courtesy to the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Mor-

rill, that we would allow him to bring it back in this manner, adding an amendment. But for further information to the House, as I stated before, under the present bill it would cost the State at minimum an estimated minimum of \$300,000 and the cost of administrating it between \$5,000 and \$6,000. And were another cent added to the sales tax it would mean it would cost the State \$420,000 per year. And it was only through courtesy to Mr. Morrill that I was willing to let this go back but we would not like to see it recommitted in any way.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Lovell, Mrs. Harriman.

Mrs. HARRIMAN: Mr. Speaker, in all due courtesy to Mr. Morrill, this bill, it bothered me, because we were collecting the sales tax when it was first introduced in the State of Maine. It bothers me greatly. We also withhold taxes for the Federal Government in withholding tax. We do not get reimbursed for withholding this tax, and I can't see if there is a need for additional tax, of taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another, and that is exactly what it would amount to. The small dealer who doesn't collect \$300 per month wouldn't be reimbursed for his work, and I assure you that the work of the small retailer is just as much as that of the big retailer. This would apply mostly to such sales as cars and things like that. The small retailer would not be reimbursed to any great extent. And my apologies to Mr. Morrill for opposing it, I cannot see the wisdom of such a bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, unless the Committee would very much desire that this be recommitted, I would like to oppose the measure. I am in business, and under the bill as written, I suppose I would accrue some interest. However, my group as a whole oppose any payment for collecting the sales tax.

We are too much in need of money, and when we keep breaking in this way we continually break up our tax program. Then of course, as to this new amendment of over

\$300, you understand if someone sells a car it is very easy to figure the sales tax and send it into the State, but if you sell \$300 worth of small items you have a lot of book-keeping to do, so certainly the amendment is very unfair.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, I am not trying to get a present for the retailers of the State of Maine of this amount of money. This amount that is spoken of is small in comparison to what it costs the retailers in the State of Maine to collect these taxes.

Some states allow up to five per cent for collecting this tax. That is the point, the question. I think the boys in the retail field have been doing a wonderful job, this sales tax collection is going up, up, up every year, and the cost of collecting this tax by the stores and dealers is going up too. That is the question, whether you are going to penalize the dealers for collecting this tax.

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

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Taxation Committee, we carefully considered this bill. The things that you have been told by the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Hanson, is true. It would cost the State over \$400,000. We are sent up here to try to do the best job we can for all of the people in the State of Maine, not any particular segment. We are up here scratching the best we have in the way of brains to try to come up with the answers to meet the absolute needs and necessities of the State of Maine, and here we are wanting to vote an item through that will cost the State of Maine half a million dollars.

Five per cent is being paid in some of those other states, that too is true. But how many states is it being paid in? Answer that question. Two as a matter of fact, to the best of my knowledge, it may be more than two states, but I believe it is two that allow that percentage.

I can't see where we are going to be doing the people of the State of



Maine any good in passing this measure, I can see where we are going to be doing them an awful lot of harm. The gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, just made the statement that the sales tax is going up and it costs so much to collect it now and it will cost more to collect it. It doesn't cost any more to collect it if it goes up five hundred times more than it is right now. You still have so much clerical work to do to report it, and that's that. So Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I would move indefinite postponement of this bill and all its accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House now is the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, for the indefinite postponement of this Bill.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill.

Mr. MORRILL: I would just like to answer one question of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh. He said two states have rebates. I have here a list presented by the Sales Tax Department. There are thirty-three states giving allowances for collecting sales tax.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. HARRIS.

Mr. HARRIS: Mr. Speaker, I think there seems to be a misinterpretation of what the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, is after. I operate a small drugstore. We are set up on a percentage basis. As near as we can tell, we kept very strict count in the store for a year, and then we take a test period every once in a while of one month or three months, and near as we can tell it costs us from six dollars to twelve dollars per month over and above what we collect to pay the State sales tax. There are two months of the year that we can break ahead, that is the month of December and the month of October when we usually run a one cent sale, Rexall one cent sale. We have so many large sales at that time that we do get a breakage. But the other months every ice cream cone for five or seven cents that is sold, every chocolate bar that is sold for five cents, every cigar that is sold for five cents, we do not collect, but we have to pay.

Now, I do not think that the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill, is asking the State to give up any money that really belongs to them, but he is talking about, I think, money that is coming out of the retailers' pocket, and that is just what has happened. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I collect this sales tax every day. I have made a very, very careful study, and I find that it doesn't cost me one nickel to collect that tax. I pay two cents on the dollar. I have many items like greeting cards, for example, that are five, ten, and fifteen cent sales. But every time that I make a twenty cent sale I collect a penny. Therefore, I am really, in a great many instances, collecting five cents on the dollar, and I am paying to the State two cents on the dollar. So in the long run I have found that this additional three cents offsets any tax that I do not collect. So I feel very conscientiously that it does not cost me any money to collect this sales tax. I do have the reports to make, but I also make reports for the Federal Government, for which I get no compensation. I make reports for the State Government otherwise, for which I get no compensation. I think that is part of being in business. Also, we have collected this tax now for a few years, we are accustomed to it, we are set up for doing it, and I fail to see why we as retailers should be paid to collect that tax.

Pretty soon the gasoline people will wonder why they are not being paid to collect the gasoline tax. I think that we should be striving to broaden our tax basis and certainly not to limit it. And I certainly hope that this motion to indefinitely postpone prevails.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Yarmouth, Mrs. Knapp.

Mrs. KNAPP: Mr. Speaker, back in 1918 when we were running our pharmacy during World War I, we used to go to the post office and buy a little small blue stamp, a cent a piece. When we unpacked

our drugs and marked them up we put a stamp on every one, one for twenty-five cents, and these were put on the shelf. A lot of those drugs were outmoded, and when we sold our drug business in 1942 a lot of those drugs were on the shelf in the back shop. We didn't get our money back from them. We didn't get any compensation for those stamps, and I see no reason why they should be paid today.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to restate the motion.

The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, that Bill "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Morrill.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct a statement that I made about Mr. Walsh's question. There are thirty-three states that collect sales tax, and fifteen of them pay a percentage for collecting it.

Of course this morning I am not asking for passage of this bill, I am asking for a chance to present an amendment, which according to Mr. Singer in the Sales Tax Department, will cut the cost more than in half for the collecting of it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I do hope the motion to indefinitely postpone will prevail. I think those of us who are in the food industry have all the problems that the others do too. But we do not feel that we should be paid for collecting this tax.

However, as to the amendment, I again call to your attention that it would benefit those who have the larger sales more than it would those who have the smaller sales, and if there is excessive bookkeeping it is on the smaller sales.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh, that Bill "An Act to Provide an Allowance to Retailers for Collecting Sales and Use Tax", House Paper 444, Legislative

Document 620, be indefinitely postponed. The Chair is going to order a division on this vote.

Will all those who favor the indefinite postponement of this Bill please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and fifteen having voted in the affirmative and twelve having voted in the negative, the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Maynard, the House voted to take from the table the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to be adopted" of the Committee on State Government on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Enact Legislation Providing for Federal Aid to Education, House Paper 723, Legislative Document 1030, tabled on March 27 by that gentleman pending acceptance of Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. MAYNARD: Mr. Speaker, I understand that there is a great deal of objection to memorials per se. However, in this particular case it seems to me that a memorial to this effect might do a little bit to spur our Congress to get on with the job of Federal aid to education, something that has been in the hopper for several years.

Now, I can't help feeling that if this were a memorial not to accept Federal aid that it would even be proposed. Perhaps many of you do not already know that from 1932 to 1948 the State of Maine has accepted over \$30,000,000 worth of Federal aid for education. So it is nothing new.

We seem to accept Federal aid for roads and many other things pretty handily, but we suddenly get very noble when it comes to education. Perhaps it is a much easier thing to get noble about and be independent about. However, I should like, before I make this motion, to say that being a freshman member I should bow to the weight of the Committee, a unanimous report "Ought not to pass", and very regretfully I move the adoption of this report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Maynard, moves the acceptance regretfully, of the "Ought not to be adopted" Report on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Enact Legislation Providing for Federal Aid to Education, House Paper 726, Legislative Document 1030. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Miller, the House voted to take from the table the

third tabled and unassigned matter, An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Portland, Senate Paper 203, Legislative Document 548, tabled on March 12 by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

(Off record remarks)

On motion of Mr. Hatfield of Oregon,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.