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HOUSE

Friday, April 12, 1957

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

The following paper from the Senate not on the Advance Journal:

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, April 16, 1957, in the forenoon. (S. P. 525)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

**Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Organization of the Police Department of the City of Lewiston" (S. P. 208) (L. D. 553)

Report of the Committee on Retirement and Pensions reporting same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Grace B. Veilleux of Biddeford (S. P. 313) (L. D. 810)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Providing for State Pension for Elizabeth F. Courtois of Saco (S. P. 314) (L. D. 811)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford" (S. P. 436) (L. D. 1233) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 522) (L. D. 1484) under title of "An Act relating to Raising Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford" 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 assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Enlarging Public Cemeteries" (S. P. 238) (L. D. 639)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Taxation of General Powers of Appointment" (S. P. 304) (L. D. 801)

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Volunteer Fire Departments from Sales Tax" (S. P. 79) (L. D. 136)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Payment of Fees by Clerks of the Judicial Courts" (S. P. 58) (L. D. 88)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker College" (S. P. 224) (L. D. 567)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Deputy County Treasurers" (S. P. 225) (L. D. 568)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Stenographic Services in Cases Before Referees" (S. P. 377) (L. D. 1000)

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 assigned the next legislative day.

**Ought to Be Adopted
with Committee Amendment
Tabled**

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Enact Legislation Concerning Unjustified Price Increases of Crude Oil and Refined Petroleum Products (S. P. 378) (L. D. 1001) reporting that it "Ought to

be adopted" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolution adopted as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, on this item, as I understand, the House of Representatives in Congress has done its duty on it, and we expect a report from the United States Senate. Therefore, until that report is received, I move this item lie upon the table unassigned.

Thereupon, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and unassigned.

Ought to Pass in New Draft with Senate Amendment Tabled

Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1089) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1478) 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.

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

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This item on our calendar today is the so-called Jacobs Report or Sinclair Bill. This bill has the unanimous Report of the Education Committee. However, we feel that this is a highly technical and voluminous bill and we want every single member of the House to have every opportunity to give the bill proper consideration. After you have had a chance to give it proper consideration, we feel that you will agree with us that it may not be a perfect bill, but that it is a good bill. Our job as I see it, is to ask ourselves:

"Is this good for the boys and girls of the State of Maine?" That is our main consideration.

Most of us here are far removed from the actual classroom situation where the highly technical aspects of learning are being developed, but most of us have children or grandchildren and we must say to ourselves: "Are they being short-changed?" We feel that they are. We feel that our boys and girls are being shortchanged in that in some cases they have inferior teachers, and poor facilities, that they are not being trained to cope with this fast-changing and technical social order in which they find themselves when they are through school. We think that this bill, if it becomes law, will open the door to much greater educational opportunity for our boys and girls.

As I have said before, if this is good for the State of Maine, we want it. If it is not good, we do not want it. Your Committee feels that it is good, and that when you have had an opportunity to discuss and study the bill thoroughly, you will agree with us.

There were some bugs in the original bill; there will probably be more. Nothing is ever perfect. However, your Committee feels that in the new draft we got rid of most of them. We like to think that we have made a good bill better. I hope that you will accept the Committee Report, allow the bill to have its first and second readings, at which time I promise you I will table it and give all of you plenty of time to consider it in all of its phases. I move we accept the Report of the Committee.

The Report was accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

On further motion of Mr. Fuller of South Portland, the Bill was tabled pending assignment for third reading and unassigned.

(Off Record notice)

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Service Retirement under State Retirement System (S. P. 184) (L. D. 463) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 27 and passed to be engrossed as amended by Com-

mittee Amendment "A" on March 21.

Came from the Senate recommit-
ted to the Committee on Retirement
and Pensions in non-concur-
rence.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Authorizing Department
of Inland Fisheries and Game to
Acquire Certain Lands and Water
Rights in the Towns of Pembroke
and Charlotte (S.P. 373) (L. D. 996)
which was passed to be enacted in
the House on April 10 and passed
to be engrossed as amended by
Committee Amendment "A" and
Senate Amendment "A" on April
4.

Came from the Senate passed to
be engrossed as amended by Com-
mittee Amendment "A", Senate
Amendment "A" and Senate
Amendment "B" in non-concur-
rence.

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

Recommitted

Report of the Committee on In-
land Fisheries and Game report-
ing "Ought not to pass" on Bill
"An Act Increasing the Bounty on
Bobcat" (H. P. 108) (L. D. 146)
which was recalled from the Legis-
lative Files to the Senate by Joint
Order.

Came from the Senate recommit-
ted to the Committee on Inland
Fisheries and Game.

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

Messages and Documents

From the Senate: The following
Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

April 11, 1957

Honorable Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of

Representatives
Ninety-eighth Legislature

Sir:

The Senate today voted to insist
on its former action on "Resolve
Regulating Fishing in Tributaries
of Chain of Ponds" (H. P. 357)

(L. D. 487) and to join a Committee
of Conference. The President ap-
pointed the following Conferees on
the part of the Senate:

Senators:

CARPENTER of Somerset
BRIGGS of Aroostook
HILLMAN of Penobscot

The Senate also voted to insist on
its former action on Bill, "An Act
Creating the Lake Christopher Game
Management Area, Oxford County"
(H. P. 504) (L. D. 714) and to join
a Committee of Conference. The
President appointed the following
Conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

DAVIS of Cumberland
COLE of Waldo
CARPENTER of Somerset

Respectfully,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW
Secretary of the Senate

In the House, the Communication
was read and ordered placed on
file.

Orders

On motion of the gentlewoman
from Paris, Mrs. Mann, House Rule
25 was suspended for the remain-
der of today's session in order to
permit smoking.

The gentlewoman from Minot,
Mrs. Hatch, was granted unanimous
consent to address the House briefly.

Mrs. HATCH: Mr. Speaker and
Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:
I would like to call your attention
again to the packages you found
on your desks this afternoon. These
are donated, for your eating pleas-
ure, by the Fort Halifax Packing
Company of Winslow, Maine.

This company with seven others,
making up the Maine Poultry As-
sociates, is unanimously in favor of
a bill in Congress for the compul-
sory inspection of poultry. In fact,
the five largest companies in Maine
are having voluntary inspections
now.

We have all received tickets to a
chicken barbecue to be held at the
Augusta Armory on April 30 at 6:30
p. m., and anyone belonging to a
service club or church group who
might like to try a barbecue, is
welcome to come to the Armory at
5:30 and watch the process.

Maine's poultry income is divided almost equally between eggs and commercial broilers. Because of the close relationship between the eggs and the chicken you will note that there are two packages instead of one on the desk of our champion egg-eater, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote.

Mr. Speaker, I now present an order and move its passage.

The Order was read by the Clerk as follows:

WHEREAS, Poultry is Maine's number one agricultural enterprise in terms of cash receipts from products marketed;

AND WHEREAS, the Sixty-Six million dollars derived from poultry products in 1955 represented 37 per cent of Maine's total agricultural income;

AND WHEREAS, there are eight modern poultry processing plants in the State of Maine employing approximately twelve hundred people with a weekly payroll of about Eighty-Five thousand dollars;

AND WHEREAS, Maine poultry products enjoy an excellent reputation in all areas in which they are marketed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the House of Representatives of the 98th Legislature does hereby express its appreciation of the importance of the poultry industry to the economy of the State of Maine.

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

Mr. ELWELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a broiler grower and as President of the newly organized Broiler Growers Association of Maine, I would like to concur with all that has been said by the gentlewoman from Paris, Mrs. Mann.

I would like to again repeat that it would be in the best interest of the poultry industry in the State of Maine if the legislation pending in Congress relative to Federal inspection were to become law. I should like to point out that on this package of poultry that you have on your desks, you will see already the Federal inspection seal for wholesomeness by the United States Department of Agriculture. All poultry eviscerated in this manner

and exported from the State of Maine already bears that seal, and the law pending in Congress would require that other states do what the State of Maine is already doing.

You will also see on the wing band on the chicken the Grade "A" red, white and blue Maine label, and that is also a guarantee of quality. I would like to point out that the Maine broiler industry and the processors of poultry in particular are spending around a quarter of a million dollars a year to provide this protection to the consumers, and the legislation in Congress would reward them for what they have already been doing, and I would like to ask you people individually to look about you and see the position that our Maine poultry industry is now in, and I would like to invite you to become one hundred and fifty-one ambassadors for us in trying to promote the thing which has been emphasized here. Thank you.

The Order received passage.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Browne from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Creating a Municipal District Court System for Androscoggin County" (H. P. 813) (L. D. 1156) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Frost from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Price Controls on Milk" (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1455)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Kinch from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Rate of Interest Charged by Licensed Small Loan Agencies" (H. P. 593) (L. D. 842)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack.

Mr. JACK: Mr. Speaker, I move the bill be substituted for the Report, and open for debate.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may speak to his motion at this time if he cares to.

Mr. JACK: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill is not for you or I. I am not sponsoring this bill in that category. I have been fighting for the young people of this State as well as a certain proportion of the older people who have no idea of fighting it whatsoever.

You will notice on television that they are inducing these young people to borrow money from fifteen, twenty-five, fifty, seventy-five dollars or more, no questions asked, take it and go out. And it is just an inducement to get these young people to get in the category they want which they will lead up to larger amounts which will be slaughter in the future for these young folks. The majority of them think they are paying only three per cent a month, and they have told me so, many of them.

Television also at six-thirty will show you or advocate that if you owe three or four or five bills that are bothering you, to come in and they will loan you up to twenty-five hundred and then you will only have one bill to pay. Those people do not realize that they are not paying any interest on the bills that they owe, but once they are caught they are certainly being bled. If they are loaning in these companies the money at five per cent, that is why the banks do not care to carry on with these small loans. That is equivalent to the banks of around seven per cent, instead of the six per cent they might derive from loaning the money from the bank, there is no work whatsoever, no paper work, no extra help.

Now I want to cite a little case that happened in Topsham, in my own home town which I have told a number of you. This young couple, a man and his wife and three children, he was taken seriously sick. Unbeknown to him, after she had run out of finances, too proud to call on for help, they notified her on the second date that the furniture would be taken from the house.

Our Pastor in the Baptist Church was notified of the affair. The payment she had paid along until she couldn't pay any longer. We took up a collection of furniture and we traced the furniture when they took it out. I reported this to the Banking Commissioner which he did not think it was possible. I told him the company's name and also the party's name. He made an investigation the next day and reported to me that it was so, that they had paid two hundred and fifty dollars of the three hundred dollars, the furniture was in storage in Portland, and he did not know what they were going to do with it.

Well that's been a little over a year, gentlemen and ladies, and that bill is so high that the people cannot refund their furniture. There is no heart in this matter, it is just simply as I say old Kit Carson used to rob the rich and give it to the poor. This is just the opposite, they are robbing the poor and keeping it.

I was called from the City of Portland by telephone and told that I would be offered up to eight thousand dollars to withdraw this bill. I told that gentleman that the Almighty could not oblige me or could not ever make me withdraw this bill. I wasn't fighting it for myself and I did not need the money and I was not going to be sold down the river.

I had another boy that came to me, a friend of my friend's son. He was in the Air Corps, and on his last jump he broke his leg. He was married just before he went in, he had a car, and he had his folks—his folks went to work and backed him up on the note. He came to me crying and wanted to know if I would help him out, a boy twenty-four years old. I asked him what the matter was. He wanted me to go over to the finance company and back him up because they were going to put an attachment on his folks' home. I said: "No, by no means. You get in the car and we will straighten this matter out." I took him over to the Auburn Trust Company in Brunswick, had a talk with Mr. Douglas, President of the bank, and told him the situation. I said I would loan this boy the money

immediately but I wanted him to get into the banking line. I will go on the note for this boy if you will furnish the money which he said he would. I saved the family, their home, I honestly believe I did. The boy—I asked him how much he could pay a month and he said thirty-five and I said we will make it twenty-five and you won't slip. He never has slipped since. But he realized the mistake he made by getting in the finance companies.

Now the Committee on this bill, the first vote on this bill in the Senate, that Committee, was five-five. Then it came out six-four. Then they had the Banking Commissioner over and had a long talk—I had talked with him previously before, and the bill comes out now "Ought not to pass" unanimous. I really think, ladies and gentleman, the attitude of this Committee in there is to find out what the House will do with this bill.

Now this bill simply drops the borrowing down to two hundred dollars, they would not loan anything under two hundred dollars because they would not make any money. But from two hundred dollars they would make three per cent a month, and that would have a tendency to stop the young people from going in and getting these very small loans which leads them up later to the larger loans that I am very much interested in. My whole tendency, ladies and gentlemen, is not selfishness by any means. It is simply a category that has been going along. It should be stopped down to a certain limit, and I hope you will go along with me.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, that with respect to Bill "An Act relating to Rate of Interest Charged by Licensed Small Loan Agencies," the bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't wish to go into a discourse on the operations of the small loan companies, but I do want to point out as House Chairman of the Business Legislation Committee, the basis upon

which the Committee arrived at its "Ought not to pass" Report.

This type of bill has been introduced into most of the sessions of the legislature in the post World War II period. Without exception the bills have failed to pass. The last ten years, up until less than a year ago, has been recognized as a period of unparalleled low money rates. Within recent months money rates have stiffened very materially. And one of the reasons the Committee decided upon an "Ought not to pass" report was the apparent incongruousness of this legislature changing the rates at which this particular business, rates of interest at which this particular business operates at the exact time when money rates in all other lines of business were rising and rising substantially.

We were also influenced by the fact that the rates of interest charged by the small loan agencies in the State of Maine are very comparable to the rates of interest charged by the same kinds of businesses in the other New England States.

It is recognized that they are doing a different kind of business from some of the commercial banks. The business that they take is very largely business that is ineligible for one reason or another for loans from commercial banks. And inasmuch as these rates have been in effect during the low interest period, it didn't seem to us reasonable that this 98th Legislature would look particularly sensible if in drastically cutting the rates at which the small loan companies operate just at this time when other rates are rising so fast. Those are the principal reasons for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Business Legislation Committee on this bill, and it is now in your hands that the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, to substitute the bill for the report does not pass.

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

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hate to disagree with my seatmate, but at this time I feel that I should go on record as in favor of this bill. It seems to me that one and one-half

per cent a month is really sufficient. And I have come in touch with some of the cases where people have been upset financially because they have gone to these loan companies and have had to suffer the treatment which they received from them.

I feel that this rate of interest as required by this bill is sufficient, even though I realize that the loans which are made by these companies are perhaps not as good loans as would be made by the bank.

When people have come to me and asked for help in two cases at least, I have helped them because I was sorry for them that they had to go to a company where such exorbitant rates were charged and where such methods were employed. And I hope that the bill is accepted.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First I want to correct a statement made by my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, that this bill has been rejected from several legislatures in the past. I will say last session it was withdrawn because I had the bill in myself. One other bill was introduced by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques. We both withdrew our bills because we accomplished part of our mission which was to put some loan sharks out of business, which we successfully did. So I wish to correct that statement. That was not acted upon in the last legislature. We withdrew those bills because we accomplished our mission.

In regards to the statement made by my good friend, the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, that he was offered some sort of a bribe to drop this issue, is in itself something that we should not drop right here. We had the same tactics of lobbying on the utility rate bill last session, and I don't think that this body should be intimidated, told what to do and how to do. You are here to make the laws and have them administered. And when you allow things of that nature to exist without finding out who it is or what it is I think it is time we put a halt to it.

I think with the many members who are absent here today, who I know are interested in this particular bill, I would ask this body to give consideration to tabling this bill until next Tuesday when we do have the full assembly here. And I think this merits discussion then because it is an important bill.

The SPEAKER: The motion now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, with respect to item number three, Bill "An Act relating to Rate of Interest Charged by Licensed Small Loan Agencies", House Paper 593, Legislative Document 842. The gentleman moves that this item now be placed on the table specially assigned for Tuesday of next week pending the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, that the bill be substituted for the Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Jack, to substitute the Bill for the "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 16.

Tabled

Mr. Hathaway from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Planning Board for City of Lewiston" (H. P. 84) (L. D. 110)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Rancourt of Lewiston, tabled pending acceptance of Report and unassigned.)

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

Mrs. Knapp from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Age of Admission to State Hospitals" (H. P. 850) (L. D. 1203) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1048) (L. D. 1490) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Childs of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 17.)

Mr. Walter from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Requiring Railroads to Provide Safety Measures for Those Walking Along Railroad Tracks" (H. P. 908) (L. D. 1294) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 1489) under title of "An Act relating to Walks and Handrails on Railroad Bridges" and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Hutchinson from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Town of Stetson for Aid to Carlton Johnson and Family (H. P. 737) (L. D. 1041)

Mr. Morrill from the Committee on Natural Resources reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Portland University" (H. P. 1026) (L. D. 1458)

Mrs. Harrington from the Committee on Public Health reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Boarding Homes for the Aged" (H. P. 789) (L. D. 1122)

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate Bowdoinham Water District" (H. P. 384) (L. D. 515)

Mr. Hendsbee from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of West Paris" (H. P. 826) (L. D. 1172)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Foss from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Town of Masardis, Aroostook County (H. P. 408) (L. D. 585) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 408, L. D. 585, Resolve,

in Favor of Town of Masardis, Aroostook County.

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

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

Mr. Hickey from the Committee on Claims on Resolve Reimbursing Town of Bristol for Certain Pauper Claims (H. P. 638) (L. D. 905) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 638, L. D. 905, Resolve Reimbursing Town of Bristol for Certain Pauper Claims.

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

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

Mr. Jack from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Enfield for Certain Pauper Claims (H. P. 155) (L. D. 203) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 155, L. D. 203, Resolve, to Reimburse the Town of Enfield for Certain Pauper Claims.

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

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to take this opportunity to remind the Members of the House that we have on today's calendar two emergency enactors. As you know, we must have present two-thirds of the Members elected, and unless it is absolutely necessary that you leave early, please stay with us until we reach those enactors.

Mr. Johnson from the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Waldoboro for Aid Extended to Leverett Carter (H. P. 202) (L. D. 289) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 202, L. D. 289, Resolve, to Reimburse the Town of Waldoboro for Aid Extended to Leverett Carter.

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

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

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Sick Leave Benefits for Employees of the Department of Public Works of the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 374) (L. D. 504) 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. 374, L. D. 504, Bill, "An Act Relating to Sick Leave Benefits for Employees of the Department of Public Works of the City of Lewiston."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure "90" in the 4th line from the end and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '50'

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

Mrs. Smith from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Annual Town Meeting in Town of Mechanic Falls" (H. P. 988) (L. D. 1376) 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. 988, L. D. 1376, Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Annual Town Meeting in Town of Mechanic Falls."

Amend said Bill in the 5th line by indicating the striking out of the words "by the town as hereinafter provided" by drawing a line through said words as follows: "by the town as hereinafter provided"

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

Mr. Emerson from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Definitions of Narcotic Drugs" (H. P. 13) (L. D. 12) 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. 13, L. D. 12, Bill, "An Act Relating to Definitions of Narcotic Drugs"

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 3 thereof and inserting in place thereof, the following:

"Sec. 3. R. S., c. 68, § 40, sub-§ I, ¶ D, E, repealed and replaced. Paragraphs D and E of subsection I of section 40 of chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes are hereby repealed and the following paragraphs enacted in place thereof:

'D. Not more than one sixth of a grain of dihydrocodeine or any of its salts.

E. Not more than 2 grains of noscopine, formerly narcotine, or any of its salts.

F. Not more than 2 grains of paverine or any of its salts.

G. Not more than $\frac{1}{2}$ grain of dihydrocodeine or any of its salts, and

H. Not more than one of the drugs named above in paragraphs A, B, C, D, E, F and G."

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

Mrs. Hendricks from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Age of Applicants to Pownal State School" (H. P. 94) (L. D. 125) 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. 94, L. D. 125, Bill, "An Act Relating to Age of Applicants to Pownal State School."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "at the discretion of medical evaluation" in the 6th and 7th lines and inserting in place thereof the underlined words "if in the judgment of medical staff at Pownal State School commitment would provide essential treatment which would not otherwise be available"

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

Mr. Plante from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Limerick Sewerage District" (H. P. 76) (L. D. 1048) 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. 76, L. D. 1048, Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the Limerick Sewerage District"

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of the next to the last paragraph thereof, the following sentence:

"If, at the first such special meeting, the total number of votes cast for and against acceptance of this act is less than 20 per cent of the total vote for all candidates for Governor as aforesaid, not more than one more such special meeting may be called within the time prescribed above."

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

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Maynard Lindsey of Harrington (H. P. 407) (L. D. 584) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. SILSBY of Hancock
— of the Senate.
Messrs. JACK of Topsham
HUTCHINSON of Carthage
FOSS of Chapman
GALLANT of Eagle Lake
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. FOURNIER of York
HILLMAN of Penobscot
— of the Senate.
Messrs. HICKEY of Biddeford
SHAW of Bingham
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, at the specific request of the gentleman from Columbia Falls, Mr. Hathaway, due to his absence, I would like to make the motion that this bill be tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 23, pending acceptance of either Report.

Thereupon, the Reports and Resolve were so tabled pending acceptance of either Report.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to County or Municipal Capital Reserve Funds" (S. P. 229) (L. D. 572)

Bill "An Act to Permit Blanket Accident and Sickness Insurance for Newsboys, Sport Teams and Campers" (S. P. 405) (L. D. 1138)

Bill "An Act relating to Time for Accounting for Fees by Registers of Probate" (S. P. 518) (L. D. 1476)

Bill "An Act relating to Amount Recovered in Actions for Injuries Causing Immediate Death" (H. P. 777) (L. D. 1110)

Bill "An Act relating to Record of Contents of Motor Trucks" (H. P. 958) (L. D. 1359)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Animal Husbandry Specialist" (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1364)

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

Resolve Giving Recognition to the Eastern Orthodox Church as a Major Faith in Maine (H. P. 1046) (L. D. 1487)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 647) (L. D. 916)

Bill "An Act relating to Granting Mining Rights by Forest Commissioner" (H. P. 786) (L. D. 1119)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Persons from Indian Tribal Reservations" (H. P. 799) (L. D. 1131)

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.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Benefits of Social Security Extending to Employees of National Guard (S. P. 399) (L. D. 1095)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 114 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

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

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 114 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act Amending the Charter of the Rumford Municipal Court (S. P. 329) (L. D. 825)

An Act relating to Deduction of Sentence of Prisoners in Maine State Prison (S. P. 343) (L. D. 925)

An Act Permitting Convicts at State Prison to Attend Funerals Outside (S. P. 344) (L. D. 924)

An Act Increasing Payments to Penobscot County Law Library (S. P. 371) (L. D. 994)

An Act related to Press Facilities in the State House (S. P. 431) (L. D. 1184)

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

An Act relating to Part-Time Liquor Licenses (H. P. 163) (L. D. 210)

An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Kennebec, Hancock, Washington and York Counties (H. P. 209) (L. D. 293)

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

Finally Passed

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

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)

Resolve Closing Sebago Lake, Cumberland County to Taking Smelts (H. P. 466) (L. D. 659)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to announce the appointment of the following Committee of Conference to confer with the Senate on the disagreeing action of the two branches on Legislative Document 653, House Paper 460, Resolve Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge across Saco River. The Members appointed to this Committee of Conference are: The gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante; the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Higgins, and the gentleman from York, Mr. Hancock.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse Town of Caribou for Aid to Alpee Ouellette, House Paper 681, Legislative Document 970, tabled on April 10 by the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Brewer, pending acceptance of Report, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have spoken to the Chairman of the Committee on Claims, and we have more information on this item one, House Paper 681, Legislative Document 970, and they have agreed to have this again in Committee. I move that it be recommitted to Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Brewer, with respect to item one, Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Caribou for Aid to Alpee Ouellette, House

Paper 681, Legislative Document 970, now moves that this Resolve be recommitted to the Committee on Claims. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Deputies by County Sheriff", House Paper 731, Legislative Document 1035, tabled on April 12 by the gentlewoman from Paris, Mrs. Mann, pending acceptance of Report, and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentlewoman from Paris, Mrs. Mann, the Report with accompanying papers was retabled until Thursday, April 18, pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Time of Applications for Refunds of Gasoline Tax", House Paper 913, Legislative Document 1299, tabled on April 10 by the gentleman from St. Albans, Mr. Hughes, pending acceptance of Report, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from St. Albans, Mr. Hughes, the "Ought to pass" Committee Report was accepted, the Bill given its first and second readings, and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis.

Mr. DAVIS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to inquire if the House is in possession of L. D. 1144?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is advised that the House is in possession of that document.

Mr. DAVIS: I now move that the House reconsider its action taken yesterday whereby this bill was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday", Senate Paper 411, Legislative Document 1144.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair I would like to inquire of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, when the vote was taken yesterday on the indefinite postponement, whether he voted on the prevailing side.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, is asked through the Chair as to whether or not he voted on the prevailing side when the vote was taken yesterday? The gentleman did. His motion therefore is in order.

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

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, I don't like to appear arbitrary about this thing, but I do think that we had a full discussion of this bill yesterday, that we made a mature decision, and I think that we are mature enough to stick with our decision. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, does not prevail.

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

Mr. BEYER: Mr. Speaker, if it is in order, and because of the absence of so many people, I would now move to table this motion and specially assign it for Wednesday, April 17.

The SPEAKER: The motion now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Beyer, that the motion to reconsider the action whereby the House indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday", now be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday of next week pending that mo-

tion. Is this the pleasure of the House?

A viva voce vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion lost.

The SPEAKER: The ruling of the Chair is doubted and the Chair will order a division on the motion to table the motion for reconsideration.

Will all those who favor the motion to table the motion to reconsider our action please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-six having voted in the affirmative and eighty having voted in the negative the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The motion now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, that the House reconsider its action whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday."

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will concur with the remarks of my colleague, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley, that we thoroughly debated this, I think, yesterday. They showed their reaction to this measure, and I am certainly one who is not in favor of harming the business of the State of Maine, which by another holiday you will do. We are in dire straits in the State of Maine for industry and employment. When you have employment you don't want to cause unemployment by asking for an additional holiday but that is one of the things you are doing. Your stores will be closed on legal holidays you make as such, that ceases business. The next thing you know the employees will be after double days pay as a legal holiday in union contracts. If you want to make penalties more severe for the employee and the employer then you will vote for this measure. If you do not then I hope the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, does not prevail.

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

Mr. HENDSBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to make an apology. I spoke on this

matter yesterday and I opened my big mouth at the wrong time. I spoke as a member of organized labor merely to acquaint the members of the House that under organized labor we have four paid holidays a year. The other holidays we work. I was in support of the motion to make it a legal holiday, but not for mercenary motives. I believe I was understood in that manner. It doesn't matter to me whether I get an extra day's pay or not because if it did I should not be here today, I would be working. But, the idea is I went along in support of making that a legal holiday, and I didn't wish to think that as a member of organized labor I did it simply because I would get an extra day's pay. I thank you.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I look at this bill from a different angle entirely. Our great country and the State of Maine is made up of a bunch of immigrants that came over here and made this great State of Maine and the great Country that we live in.

I look on it as honoring a race of people called the Italian people. They are proud of Columbus because he discovered this great country of ours. Therefore, that is why I am in favor of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Davis, that the House reconsider its action whereby it indefinitely postponed Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday." Is the House ready for the question?

Will those who favor reconsidering our action whereby this Bill "An Act Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday", Senate Paper 411, Legislative Document 1144, was indefinitely postponed please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote was taken and the Chair declared the motion lost.

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

Will those who favor reconsidering the action whereby this Bill was indefinitely postponed 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 seventy-one having voted in the negative the motion to reconsider did not prevail.

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

The gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: On many an occasion I have listened with pleasure to a member of this House speak in glowing terms of his county, his district or his community. I rise today to speak upon a sadder occasion.

A week ago last Tuesday one of the largest shipyards on the Maine coast, in the Town of Boothbay Harbor, was forced to close its doors because it no longer had sufficient funds to meet its payroll. There are still two undelivered minesweepers in the water.

Last Tuesday the unemployment line, those seeking unemployment compensation in Boothbay Harbor, numbered hundreds of men and women out of work because of the closing of the yards.

At the present time officials of the shipyard are meeting with the United States Navy officials in Washington. And on this point I am happy to say they are being assisted by the good services of the United States Senator, Margaret Chase Smith; United States Senator, Frederick G. Payne; and United States Representative, Frank M. Coffin.

A few hours ago I was talking to merchants and to workers in the Boothbay region, and they are greatly distressed by the economic situation that now prevails in my district. I know there are other districts in this State which are also facing an economic crisis. The people of my district do not ask for your pity or sympathy, nor do I. But on driving up here late this morning I thought that perhaps it would be well for all of us to consider seriously the economic consequences upon our people when any measure enters this House which

involves large expenditures of money. And I hope that we will all consider seriously before voting on any measure which will increase taxation rates upon our constituents. And in closing I might say that history tells us that no people have ever been taxed into prosperity.

Now, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I thank you for your kindness and patience in listening to me.

The SPEAKER: The Chair might add that it knows how long and

hard the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin, has been working up to this maiden speech, and I would like to congratulate him. (Applause)

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

(Off record remarks)

On motion of Mr. Heald of Union,

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, April 16, at ten o'clock.