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## SENATE

Wednesday, March 27, 1957

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. George F. Bolster of Gardiner.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Franklin,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Farley of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate, to my left in this great chamber of ours are students of Buxton High School in Buxton which is a part of York County the greatest county in the state of Maine. I think it would be very nice at this time if the President of the Senate would explain to this group the procedures of the Senate this morning.

The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Senate, the Chair welcomes these young people from Buxton. We will do everything we can, each one of us today, to make your day a happy one, and we hope that you will take back with you a little bit better picture of your Maine legislature and how it operates. You have just heard the Senator from York, Senator Farley, request that the Chair from time to time this morning, off the record, break into the proceedings to try to give to all of you youngsters a better picture of what we are doing, when we do it and why we do it.

After the session, each one of the Senators will be very pleased to answer your questions and we will be very pleased to take you to those parts of the state office building that you would like to see. Thank you for coming, and depend on us to do everything we can to make your stay here a happy and profitable one.

#### Papers from the House

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

In Senate on March 19, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A in concurrence.

Comes from House, under suspension of rules, passage to be engrossed reconsidered, and bill re-committed to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

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

In Senate on March 6, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and sent down for concurrence.

Comes from House, recommitted to the Committee on Liquor Control in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the Senate voted to recede and concur.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of Animal Husbandry Specialists." (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1364)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Increasing Maximum Grants in Public Assistance Cases." (H. P. 965) (L. D. 1365)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Forest Practices." (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1366)

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Sixty-six Million and Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways." (H. P. 937) (L. D. 1367)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Twenty-six Million, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways." (H. P. 968) (L. D. 1368)

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Establishing the St. Joseph Game Preserve, Cumberland County." (H. P. 969) (L. D. 1369)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Aroostook County." (H. P. 970) (L. D. 1370)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Restricting Certain Trustee Process Until After Judgment." (H. P. 971) (L. D. 1371)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Arbitration Pursuant to Collective Bargaining Contracts." (H. P. 972) (L. D. 1372)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Permitting the Issuance of Temporary Liquor Licenses." (H. P. 973) (L. D. 1373)

Which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Creating a Highway Safety Committee." (H. P. 974) (L. D. 1374)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Defining Adult Child in Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled." (H. P. 976) (L. D. 1375)

Which was referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

#### **House Paper received by Unanimous Consent**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Time of Annual Town Meeting in Town of Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 988) (L. D. 1376)

Which was received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

#### **House Committee Reports Leave to Withdraw**

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Decreasing Rate of Interest of Licensed Small Loan Agencies." (H. P. 852) (L. D. 1215) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

The Committee on Highways on Bill, "An Act Relating to Northern

Terminus of Maine Turnpike." (H. P. 600) (L. D. 847) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Malt Liquor of Wholesale Licensees." (H. P. 547) (L. D. 774) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Common Carriers." (H. P. 616) (L. D. 863) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Liability Policy for Applicants for Motor Vehicle Dealer or Transit Registration Plates." (H. P. 632) (L. D. 893) reported that same be granted Leave to Withdraw

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

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

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sale of Liquor by Hotels." (H. P. 715) (L. D. 1020) reported that the same Ought not to pass

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

(On motion by Mr. Bailey of Sagadahoc, tabled pending consideration of the committee report.)

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

#### **Ought to Pass**

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws by Juveniles." (H. P. 128) (L. D. 166) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Civil Actions in Western Somerset Municipal Court." (H. P. 421) (L. D. 598) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Cheverus Columbus Club." (H. P. 469) (L. D. 662) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Changing Name of 'Town of Madawaska Municipal Court' to 'Madawaska Municipal Court.'" (H.

P. 470) (L. D. 663) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Trial Terms of Superior Court in Cumberland County." (H. P. 506) (L. D. 716) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of and Reimbursement for the Reporter of Decisions." (H. P. 609) (L. D. 856) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and under suspension of the rules, was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

#### Ought to Pass—N. D.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Time, Inc." (H. P. 420) (L. D. 597) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 977) (L. D. 1362), and Under New Title: "An Act to Incorporate Finance Planning, Inc." and that it Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill in New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Ought to Pass—as Amended

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Wells and York Game Preserve." (H. P. 273) (L. D. 369) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 104)

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Increasing Civil Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts." (H. P. 368) (L. D. 498) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee A (Filing No. 116)

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on recommitted Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Public School Under State Retirement System." (H. P. 142) (L. D. 180) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 115)

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence and the bills read once.

Committee Amendments A were read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as so amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Report A — OTP

#### Report B — ONTP

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

(Signed)

Senators:

COLE of Waldo  
ROGERSON of Aroostook

Representatives:

ALLEN of Chelsea  
JACQUES of Lewiston  
KELLY of Rumford

Five members of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported (Report B) that the bill Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senator

HALL of York

Representatives:

TOTMAN of Bangor  
STILPHEN of Rockland  
HERSEY of Fort Fairfield  
BEYER of Cape Elizabeth

Comes from House, Report B — Ought not to pass — accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of the reports; and was especially assigned for later in today's session.

#### Majority — OTP

#### Minority — ONTP

The Majority of the Committee on Transportation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by State Liquor Inspectors." (H. P. 494) (L. D. 678) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

COLE of Waldo  
ROGERSON of Aroostook  
HALL of York

**Representatives:**

TOTMAN of Bangor  
STILPHEN of Rockland  
HERSEY of Rockland  
ALLEN of Chelsea

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the bill Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

**Representatives:**

BEYER of Cape Elizabeth  
JACQUES of Lewiston  
KELLY of Rumford

Comes from House, bill and reports Indefinitely Postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of the reports; and was especially assigned for later in today's session.

**Senate Papers**

The following bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order (H. P. 43)

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Partridge." (S. P. 501)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Towns and Counties**

Mr. Reed of Aroostook presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Development and Promotion in Aroostook County." (S. P. 502)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Joint Order**

On motion by Mr. Brown of Washington

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to George Stevens, Jr., Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians; and to John Nelson, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.) each, as balance due on compensation. (S. P. 500)

Which was read and passed.  
Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Committee Reports**

Mr. Rogerson from the Committee on State Government, pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 61), reported Bill, "An Act Revising and Relating to State Personnel Laws." (S. P. 504) with recommendation that the same be referred to the Committee on State Government

The same Senator from the same Committee, pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 61), reported Bill, "An Act Directing Review of Settlement Laws." (S. P. 505) with recommendation that the same be referred to the Committee on State Government

Which reports were read and accepted and the bills referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Briggs from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Time on Deer in Oxford County." (S. P. 156) (L. D. 403) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Ought Not to Pass**

Mr. Low from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Out-of-State Service Under State Retirement System." (S. P. 356) (L. D. 962) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass**

Mr. Rogerson from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Designating Department of Education as State Agency for Surplus Property." (S. P. 423) (L. D. 1182) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Ought to Pass — N. D.**

Mr. Pike from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Removal of Persons from Service in Department of Inland Fisheries and Game." (S. P. 264) (L. D. 703) reported the same in New Draft (S. P. 503) (L. D. 1412), same title and that it Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill in New Draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Ought to Pass — as amended**

Mr. Lessard from the Committee on State Government on Bill, "An Act Increasing Surety Bond for Treasurer of State." (S. P. 401) (L. D. 1097) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once. Committee Amendment A was read and adopted, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Second Readers**

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following bills and resolve:

**House**

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

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Applications for Aid to the Blind." (H. P. 675) (L. D. 953)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Installation of Certain Gas Burning Appliances." (H. P. 959) (L. D. 1318)

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

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**House—as amended**

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

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

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

**Senate**

Bill, "An Act Repealing Certain Duty of Liquor Commission." (S. P. 181) (L. D. 460)

Bill, "An Act Empowering the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine to Prescribe Rules." (S. P. 178) (L. D. 457)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Claims Against Estates of Decedents." (S. P. 237) (L. D. 638)

Bill, "An Act Authorizing the Annexation of Harbor Island to the Town of Brooksville." (S. P. 241) (L. D. 642)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Liberty Loan Corporation of Bangor." (S. P. 363) (L. D. 986)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Liberty Loan Corporation of Cumberland." (S. P. 364) (L. D. 987)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Liberty Loan Corporation of Caribou." (S. P. 365) (L. D. 988)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Liberty Loan Corporation of Auburn." (S. P. 366) (L. D. 989)

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate Liberty Loan Corporation of Augusta." (S. P. 367) (L. D. 990)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County." (S. P. 497) (L. D. 1378)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate—as Amended**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Applications for Liquor Licenses." (S. P. 261) (L. D. 700)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Authority of Public Utilities Commission over Construction of Water Supply Systems." (S. P. 285) (L. D. 744)

Which were read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Enactors**

**The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly Engrossed, the following Bills:**

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mount Desert to Give the Selectmen Authority to Make Ordinances." (H. P. 23) (L. D. 28)

Bill, "An Act Authorizing County of Somerset and Bingham Water District to Enter into Contract for Fire Protection in Concord Township." (H. P. 55) (L. D. 69)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Certificates under Sales Tax Law for Dissolution of Corporations." (H. P. 489) (L. D. 682)

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

(On motion by Mr. Parker of Piscataquis, tabled pending enactment.)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Source of Supply of the Brewer Water District." (H. P. 568) (L. D. 878)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Operating Motor Vehicles for Carrying passengers for Hire." (H. P. 867) (L. D. 1204)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Expense of Care of Neglected Children." (H. P. 870) (L. D. 1205)

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

Bill, "An Act to Exempt Transportation of Christmas Trees from

Public Utilities Commission Regulation." (S. P. 217) (L. D. 562)

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

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

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

Which Bills were passed to be enacted.

#### Emergency Measures

Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Gardiner School District." (H. P. 335) (L. D. 420)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate, was passed to be Enacted.

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

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 30 members of the Senate, was Passed to be Enacted.

#### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the first tabled and specially assigned matter (S. P. 376) (L. D. 999) Senate Report from the Committee on State Government, on Bill "An Act Relating to Itemized Statements Filed by Legislative Counsel and Agents," Majority Report "Ought to pass", Minority Report "Ought not to pass", tabled by Senator Rogerson of Aroostook, March 20, 1957, pending consideration of reports; and the Chair recognizes the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Rogerson.

Mr. ROGERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I now move that the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee be accepted.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Rogerson, moves that the Senate accept the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. The Chair recognizes the senator from York, Senator Farley.



Mr. FARLEY of York: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I am strongly opposed to the minority report of the committee relative to this lobbyist bill. Two years ago I presented this before a committee and I think it did not receive a very good reception, nor did it receive a very good reception when it came back to the Senate.

It takes a lot of courage to stand up before this Senate and oppose that powerful body which is termed as the "Third House." We members are elected by our people in our communities in which we reside; we go through a primary, we go through an election, and we have to file a list of our expenditures as well as of anybody who contributes money. This must be filed with the Secretary of State.

I say to you, gentlemen, that this is a powerful organization, so much so that it reaches us not only while we are here but when we get back home. You would need a secretary to follow up the calls that come in here and to our homes relative to certain bills coming before us here. You do not see any of those gentlemen appearing before Public Welfare. They are not interested in the public welfare of the citizens of the State of Maine; they are simply interested in something, as Roger Babson said many times, "for services rendered."

Gentlemen, I am not going to take much more of your time in standing up here and debating this question; but I do think that the time has come for action when your newspapers in the State of Maine have editorials relative to this. I do not think it will do any harm to or cast any shame upon any decent lobbyist here to submit it to the Secretary of State so it will be a matter of public record any more than it is for me, who is only the little fellow who has to be elected by the public and who has to take the chances of winning or losing.

When the vote is taken I ask for a division.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Rogerson, that the Senate accept the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. The

Senator from York, Senator Farley, has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Rogerson, that the Senate accept the minority, "Ought not to pass" report of the committee will rise and stand until counted.

A division was had.

Twenty having voted in the affirmative and twelve in the negative, the minority "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Pike of Oxford was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I think we all remember that quite early in the session we had a young visitor here from Aroostook who was very keen and very much interested in what we were doing. This fellow, in fact, was a son of one of our Aroostook senators, Senator Rogerson. If you remember, I think he had his picture taken on the rostrum using the gavel, and he really was interested in what we were doing. He noticed, for one thing, that we had a chaplain give prayer before each session, and after going home he and his father were talking it over during the week-end and he was asking his father some questions. He says, "Daddy, why is it that before every session the minister always prays for the Senate?" His father said, "Sonny, there is one thing you don't understand. Have you noticed that when President Haskell calls on us to stand the minister always looks us all over and he does not pray for the Senate, but after he looks at us he prays for the State of Maine?" (Laughter and applause)

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mrs. LORD: Mr. President, in behalf of 120 pupils from South Portland High School government classes I would like to thank the President of the Senate for the instructions he has given here this morning.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair appreciates the courtesy and takes this opportunity to welcome you youngsters from South Portland. We hope that you have a fine day and we will do everything we can to make your day happy and instructive.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the second tabled and specially assigned matter, being divided report on Bill, "An Act Repealing Law Prohibiting Riding (L. D. 629) Report "A" "Ought to pass," Report "B" "Ought not to pass," tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session.

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President, this particular bill was without doubt very worthy at the time of its enactment, which was in 1821. Now many of you perhaps have not read the bill, and I would like to read to you the section that this bill repeals:

"Section 28. Riding with a naked scythe. Whoever rides on the highways or in any lanes, streets or alleys with a naked scythe, sharpened and hung in a snath, forfeits \$2 for each offense."

It is without doubt that this bill was very important at the time of its enactment, but in these days of motivation I think it has done its duty and should lie at rest. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that we accept the committee Report "A" "Ought to pass."

Mr. PARKER of Piscataquis: Mr. President, with some mixed emotions I rise to support the motion of the Senator on my right, Senator Cole of Waldo, because I realize the danger to persons that might meet a vehicle today with the increased speed that we have if a naked scythe was protruding from the rear of such vehicle. I realize that the danger has been multiplied probably thirty or forty-fold from what it was when the law was put on the books.

Mr. DOW of Lincoln: Mr. President, I seem to be a little confused in regard to the meaning of the bill or what it does and what the law says and what it does—"An Act repealing Law Prohibiting Riding with a Naked Scythe." I would like to ask through the Chair of the Sena-

tor from Waldo, Senator Cole, or any other member who cares to answer: Does this whole law prevent a person riding in the same vehicle with a naked scythe or does it prohibit a scythe from being transported in an uncovered condition?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes the confusion and advises the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow, that he doubts if anyone knows the answer.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole, that the Senate accept Report "A" "Ought to pass," will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being had, Report "A" "Ought to pass" was adopted in non-concurrence, the bill was read once, and on motion by Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin was tabled pending assignment for second reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate the third tabled and especially assigned matter being Divided Report from the Committee on Transportation; Majority Report ought to pass; Minority Report ought not to pass: on bill, "An Act Relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by State Liquor Inspectors." (H. P. 494) (L. D. 678) tabled earlier in today's session by the Senator from Waldo, Senator Cole, pending consideration of the reports.

Mr. COLE of Waldo: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I certainly would be remiss in my duty as Chairman of the Committee, if I did not give the Senate the thinking of the majority report. This bill was supported by the enforcement officers of the state and it was brought out at the hearing that many liquor inspectors in their jobs in private cars, unmarked cars, performing their duties many times at dance halls throughout the state found it very hard to stop possible violators, or cars containing evidence of liquor, and they found it very hard for an unmarked car to stop another at night. Also due to the fact that the door has already been opened, that we now allow fire inspectors, city and town fire chiefs, and assistant fire chiefs and police chiefs and so forth to have sirens on their vehicles, that we thought maybe it might be well to go along

with the liquor inspectors. Now it was with some reluctance that I signed the majority report and I can also speak for the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Rogerson that he also signed with reluctance. Now it seems that the other branch has taken care of everything. So, Mr. President, I move that we concur in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

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Mr. Sinclair of Somerset was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. SINCLAIR of Somerset: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I call your attention to the pamphlet placed on your desks today, which deal with the legislative documents and the price tag on them. You will note that there is a list of all legislative documents and the amount of money requested for each one of them, covering legislative documents up to March 20. There will be more L. D.'s with further information added to this as we go along.

I would call your attention to the current year 1956-57 which shows those bills that either have an emergency clause or maybe call for a bill to take effect when enacted and the amount of money involved in that particular bill. Also, each of these legislative documents call for money from the general fund for the years 57-58 and 58-59. Also those L. D.'s calling for money out of surplus. I call your attention to the fact that there are no totals and it would not help particularly if you did have totals, because there are many, many duplications, particularly in L. D. 118 at the bottom of page 1 and L. D. 119 and L. D. 120 on the next two pages which do include many of the legislative documents that are listed here also.

If you have any questions pertaining to this particular pamphlet, I am sure that the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Davis, and the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Lessard and myself will be very happy to serve you in interpretation of this report. Thank you.

On motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report Ought to pass from the Committee on Business Legislation on bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Farrar-Brown Finance Company." (H. P. 590) (L. D. 839) tabled by that Senator on March 14 pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Ought to pass report was accepted in concurrence and the bill read once.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

SENATE AMENDMENT A to L. D. 839.

"Amend said bill by striking out the words "To purchase contracts or notes incorporated in or secured by conditional sales contracts or chattel mortgages on personal property" in the 7th and 8th lines of Section 3 thereof."

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

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The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time notes that the House earlier this morning voted substantially unanimously to support the proposal of the floor leaders of both parties that the next legislative week be established on a four day basis. So I would call to the attention of the Committee Chairmen the fact that the days for hearings and executive sessions next week will be Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. We will have sessions on Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning and Friday afternoon.

It is the hope of the floor leaders I am sure that as many committee chairmen as possible will take advantage of the four half days for public hearings and for executive sessions. The Chair also notes that it was the exact same week two years ago that we started our four day week.

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On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock.