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HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. John Crowe of the Calvary Community Church, Harrison.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of fifty Seniors from St. Dominic's High in Lewiston accompanied by Brother Louis Arthur. They are here as guests of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques. On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a most hearty and cordial welcome, and we hope you will enjoy and profit by your attendance here today. (Applause)

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing for the Construction of a College of Education Building at the University of Maine in Orono" (S. P. 224) (L. D. 610)

Bill "An Act relating to Construction of a Building for Maine Employment Security Commission" (S. P. 244) (L. D. 627)

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Board of Trustees of Maine Maritime Academy" (S. P. 245) (L. D. 628)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Bank Commissioner, Advisory Committee and Department Regulations" (S. P. 228) (L. D. 611)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Act Incorporating the Maine Indemnity Company" (S. P. 229) (L. D. 612)

Bill "An Act relating to Bank Records" (S. P. 230) (L. D. 613)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Warrants on Sales and Use Tax Assessments" (S. P. 231) (L. D. 614)

Bill "An Act relating to Determination of Damages Caused by Taking of Land for Highway Purposes" (S. P. 232) (L. D. 615)

Resolve Relating to Determination of Damages Caused by Taking of Land for Highway Purposes (S. P. 233) (L. D. 616)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing Special Disability Compensation for Members of Organized Police Departments" (S. P. 234) (L. D. 617)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing Ferry Service Between Mainland and Islands in Casco Bay, Cumberland County" (S. P. 246) (L. D. 629)

Bill "An Act to Enlarge Powers and Purposes of Trustees of Diocesan Funds in Episcopal Diocese of Maine" (S. P. 247) (L. D. 630)

Bill "An Act relating to Distribution and Sale of Publications Depicting Crime and Torture" (S. P. 249) (L. D. 632)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Providing Retirement Benefit Increase for Miles McLaughlin of Augusta (S. P. 235) (L. D. 618)

Resolve Providing Retirement Benefit Increase for George P.

Campbell of Augusta (S. P. 236) (L. D. 619)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Reimburse Town of Thomaston for Loss of Tax Revenue" (S. P. 237) (L. D. 620)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of In-State Bidder in State Bids" (S. P. 238) (L. D. 621)

Bill "An Act relating to Procedure in State Construction Contracts" (S. P. 239) (L. D. 622)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Government.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Certain County Officers of Kennebec County" (S. P. 241) (L. D. 624)

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

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine.

Mr. DUMAINE: Mr. Speaker, Item 19, L. D. 624, Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Certain County Officers of Kennebec County", I would like to table that until after the Estimates, Budget Committee, County Committee, has met.

The SPEAKER: With respect to — the House may be at ease. Would the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine, approach the rostrum please?

(Mr. Dumaine of Readfield approached the rostrum)

House at Ease

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine.

Mr. DUMAINE: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine, with-

draws his motion. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Medical Examiners for View Without Autopsy" (S. P. 242) (L. D. 625)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers of Sagadahoc County" (S. P. 243) (L. D. 626)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Judge and Recorder of Bath Municipal Court" (S. P. 248) (L. D. 631)

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

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Transit Registration Plates for Construction Contractors" (S. P. 240) (L. D. 623)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Ella Braley of Belfast (S. P. 109) (L. D. 259)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Borrowing" (S. P. 103) (L. D. 221) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 252) (L. D. 584) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the New Draft passed to be engrossed.

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

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following 11 Bills (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Re-

search pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 47) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Office of Treasurer of State" (H. P. 515) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Establishing a State Committee on Children and Youth" (H. P. 516) (Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Domestic Finance Corporation" (H. P. 517) (Presented by Mr. Coyne of Waterville)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Eastport, Perry, Pembroke and Dennysville to Form a School Administrative District" (H. P. 518) (Presented by Mr. Boone of Eastport)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create a School Administrative District in Allagash Plantation" (H. P. 519) (Presented by Mr. Gallant of Eagle Lake)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Codyville Plantation, Danforth, No. 21 Plantation, Princeton, Talmadge, Vanceboro, Waite and Weston to Form a School Administrative District" (H. P. 520) (Presented by Mr. Wheaton of Princeton)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Employment of City Personnel in City of Lewiston" (H. P. 521) (Presented by Mr. Couture of Lewiston)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Aldermen of City of Lewis-

ton" (H. P. 522) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Number of Members of School Board in North Berwick" (H. P. 523) (Presented by Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Licensing Authority of Town of Old Orchard Beach" (H. P. 524) (Presented by Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach by request)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire, Rental and Expenses of Waterville Municipal Court" (H. P. 525) (Presented by Mr. Coyne of Waterville)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Licensed Milk Dealers on Certain Milk" (H. P. 526) (Presented by Mr. Brockway of Milo)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Standards of Quality in Egg Grading Law" (H. P. 527) (Presented by Mrs. Hendricks of Portland)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve in favor of a Gymnasium at Farmington State Teachers' College (H. P. 528) (Presented by Mr. Caswell of New Sharon)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Northern Maine General Hospital (H. P. 529) (Presented by Mr. Gallant of Eagle Lake)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Purchase One Hundred Copies of "A History of Aurora, Maine" (H. P. 530) (Presented by Mr. Young of Gouldsboro)
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Form of Standard Fire Insurance Policy" (H. P. 531) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Ellsworth)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Annual Statements of Condition of Foreign Insurance Companies" (H. P. 532) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Protection from Nuclear Loss in Standard Fire Insurance Policy" (H. P. 533) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Annual Statements of Condition of Domestic Mutual Fire Insurance Companies" (H. P. 534) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Clarence Ricker of Clinton (H. P. 535) (Presented by Mr. Bacon of Sidney)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse New Canada Plantation for Aid Extended to Adrien Saucier and Family (H. P. 536) (Presented by Mr. Gallant of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse Mrs. George Dumond of New Canada Plantation for Beaver Damage (H. P. 537) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Lloyd Moore of Gouldsboro (H. P. 538) (Presented by Mr. Young of Gouldsboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Arthur Robbins of Gouldsboro (H. P. 539) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Community School District Trustees" (H. P. 540) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Withdrawal of Town from School Supervisory Union" (H. P. 541) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Publication of Educational Statistics" (H. P. 542) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act relating to Applications for Voter Registration" (H. P. 543) (Presented by Mr. Briggs of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Oxford County" (H. P. 544) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Bounty on Bobcat in Certain Counties" (H. P. 545) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Stockholm)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting by Archery Licensees" (H. P. 546) (Presented by Mr. Whitman of Woodstock)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Wyman Lake, Somerset County (H. P. 547) (Presented by Mr. Cahill of Moscow)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Gull Pond, Franklin County (H. P. 548) (Presented by Mr. Carville of Eustis)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Haley Pond, Franklin County (H. P. 549) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Permitting Ice Fishing in Certain Ponds in Androscoggin and Kennebec Counties (H. P. 550) (Presented by Mr. Kinch of Livermore Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Jim Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 551) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Jay)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Arnold Pond, Franklin County (H. P. 552) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Crosby Pond, Franklin County (H. P. 553) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Concord Pond, in the Town of Woodstock, Oxford County (H. P. 554) (Presented by Mr. Whitman of Woodstock)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Creating Municipal Urban Renewal Authorities" (H. P. 555) (Presented by Mr. Earles of South Portland)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Acceptance of Surety Company Bonds in Lieu of Bail Bonds or Other Sureties" (H. P. 556) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Ellsworth)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Records of State Police" (H. P. 557) (Presented by Mr. Emmons of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Prior Convictions in Motor Vehicle Registration and License Suspensions" (H. P. 558) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Property Damage for Report under Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 559) (Presented by Mr. Lemelin of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Discrimination at Places of Public Resort or Amusement" (H. P. 560) (Presented by Mr. Earles of South Portland)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Water Improvement Commission" (H. P. 561) (Presented by Mr. Saunders of Bethel)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Obstruction of Discontinued Woods Roads"

(H. P. 562) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Jay)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve Providing State Pension for Philip Theriault, Jr. of Van Buren (H. P. 563) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Stockholm)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Digging Clams in Kennebunkport, York County" (H. P. 564) (Presented by Mr. Emmons of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Brooks and Rivers in Lincoln County to Taking of Salt Water Smelts (H. P. 565) (Presented by Mr. Hancock of Nobleboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Bill "An Act to Permit Employees of State of Maine to Receive Federal Social Security Benefits" (H. P. 566) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Labor and Industry" (H. P. 567) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Require a Roll Call Vote Upon all Bills on Final Passage (H. P. 568) (Presented by Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Excise Tax on Aircraft, House Trailers and Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 569) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Increasing Number of Medical Examiners for Somerset County" (H. P. 570) (Presented by Mr. Whiting of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Age of Motor Vehicle Operators" (H. P. 571) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 572) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Publication of Motor Vehicle Statistics" (H. P. 573) (Presented by Mr. Shepard of Stonington)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Special Registration Plates for Uninsured Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 574) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Obstructing Windshields of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 575) (Presented by Mr. Walter of Waldoboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Bill "An Act relating to Contributions under Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 576) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Residence Requirements in Public Assistance" (H. P. 577) (Presented by Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Miss Cormier of Rumford, it was

ORDERED, that Joseph A. Aliberti of Rumford serve as honorary Page for today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is already in his place, and would the gentleman kindly stand up so the House can see our new Page? (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Kinch from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Examination for Real Estate Broker's or Salesman's License" (H. P. 235) (L. D. 346)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Shepard from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Medical Payments under Assigned Risk Plan" (H. P. 273) (L. D. 405)

Report was read.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: I wish to move that we substitute the Bill for the Report and speak to it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I don't know just how much each one of you know about this bill and what it proposes to do or what the law is now concerning these young people who have to have insurance, would be placed into a higher class of assigned risk. Now it seems—in other words, I am an insurance agent, and I write considerable insurance, well we have a father insured and the boy becomes of age to get insurance, fifteen or sixteen years old, and so we simply for a small fee put the boy on with him and let him drive and he can have all the benefits that the father has. He can have medical payments or whatnot. Well then, perhaps later on the boy wants a car of his own, he is older, or he wants a car in the first place and so most of the companies because of the very unfavorable loss conditions of some of our boys, although it is not true of all of them—perhaps—of all the boys we have insured we probably don't have more than two per cent, while they are just as good drivers as their fathers, but perhaps two per cent of them do get into trouble; but usually all the old line companies and our company pretty much put these boys into assigned risk.

Well now, why should we only charge \$10.20 more for the boy if we take him as a regular insured, which would cost him altogether; yet if he goes into assigned risk it will cost him some over a hundred dollars more than it would if he went in as a regular insured. I think that is bad enough to use the boys, because as I say we are trying to get rid of those two or three out of a hundred that are the bad boys—but we are penalizing the

whole outfit. And so the law today is such, or at least the rulings of the insurance companies is when a boy goes into assigned risk he cannot have any medical payments. Now I think what all insurance companies are doing or should do is to sell service. I am sure that when I try to sell you an insurance policy on your car I don't try to sell you an insurance policy, I try to sell you service, service that will take care of you if you get into an accident.

Now why I believe that these boys should have some coverage, say that I am walking down the street and this boy comes along and asks me if I would like to have a ride and I get in and going down the street it is icy and for no cause of his own his car takes out of the road and strikes a tree or something or other and injures me, and I have to go to the hospital and it will probably cost a hundred or two dollars to get me back on my feet again. Well, the only way I can recover from that boy is to sue him, but if he had medical payments, in fact that is what medical payments was started for anyway, why I would be covered and we would still be good friends. Of course if I sued him, why he wouldn't like that and I wouldn't like to sue him because he was nice enough to ask me to have a ride.

So I think it is just plain ridiculous that we just deprive these boys while charging them so much, at least a hundred dollars more than we would if we had taken them regularly or perhaps if we had taken them when they were on Dad's car and then not allow them any medical payment. Now this bill does not ask to have medical payments at the same rate that they would if they were on Dad's car or if they were over twenty-five years of age. We simply left that for the Commissioner to set up the rates with the company.

Now this bill provides that it shall be mandatory. Now if we will accept this bill instead of the report, I would like to table it and put an amendment on it that it will not be mandatory; that is, it will be simply voluntary. As the bill is written now it would be mandatory that they give everyone, and per-

haps that might be a little harsh because there might be some boy whose record had been a little bit rough and they would not want to do it, so it would be voluntary this amendment will provide for, that if the boy wants this insurance he may have it. If he doesn't want to why the company will not have to furnish it.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that with respect to item two, Bill "An Act Providing for Medical Payments Under the Assigned Risk Plan," the House substitute the Bill for the "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Shepard.

Mr. SHEPARD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain to the House the Committee's position on reaching a decision of ought not to pass on this L. D. 405. As most of you know now, it is a problem for certain people to buy liability insurance either because of age, their record, or their location. The present plan, of course, is the assigned risk plan and application is made through an agent to the Bureau of Casualty Underwriters who assign to the different companies, and the companies participate one hundred per cent in shouldering this percentage or are apportioned their proportionate part of these poor risks. This is a voluntary plan promoted and carried on by the companies with the cooperation and supervision of the Insurance Department.

Now the Committee felt that inasmuch as this assigned risk plan is voluntary, if the Legislature should take the position of dictating and telling them what they shall do, the reaction might not be favorable; and they will come back and say we withdraw from this voluntary plan—let the Legislature figure out the procedure for the poor risks.

Incidentally, I would like to mention that there is another method of providing for these people who the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, is concerned about, and that is to go through an individual limited accident policy covering the individual for transporta-

tion or accidents resulting from transportation and other things.

As the father says to the son when he takes him to the woodshed: "Son, this hurts me more than it does you," and that is the same regard that I have for the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, when I request that we vote against his motion to substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I wish for a division when the vote is taken.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman requests a division. The gentleman moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report and has requested a division. Will all those who favor substituting the Bill for the "Ought not to pass" Report on Bill "An Act Providing for Medical Payments under Assigned Risk Plan," House Paper 273, Legislative Document 405, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Eight having voted in the affirmative and one hundred eleven having voted in the negative, the motion to substitute the Bill for the Report did not prevail.

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gallant from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Town of Norway for Aid to Lafayette Waterhouse (H. P. 23) (L. D. 46)

Mr. Maddox from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Setting Lobster Traps Near Weirs" (H. P. 58) (L. D. 80)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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Mr. Desmarais from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting Savings Banks to Make Loans to Certain Students" (H. P. 106) (L. D. 162)

Mr. Edwards from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Defining Blanket Accident and Sickness Insurance with Respect to Schools" (H. P. 275) (L. D. 407)

Mr. Hughes from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Allied Loan Co.'" (H. P. 234) (L. D. 345)

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

Mr. Harris from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fishing for White Perch" (H. P. 88) (L. D. 135)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table item 8, L. D. 135, so that a House member can prepare an amendment.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman care to assign the tabling or leave it unassigned?

Mr. DUDLEY: I think a couple of days would be long enough.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to remind the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, that if he would permit the report to be accepted and let the bill have its first two readings, it would be carried over until tomorrow for its third reading which would allow time for an amendment.

Mr. DUDLEY: That would be satisfactory.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman withdraw his tabling motion?

Mr. DUDLEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the Committee Report?

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

Mr. Maddox from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of Northport" (H. P. 219) (L. D. 310)

Mr. Rankin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating Taking of Alewives in the Damariscotta River" (H. P. 98) (L. D. 145)

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

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for Bounty on Bears" (H. P. 61) (L. D. 99)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset
HILLMAN of Penobscot
BRIGGS of Aroostook
— of the Senate.

Messrs. MONROE of Monroe
DUDLEY of Enfield
CARVILLE of Eustis
WHEATON of Princeton
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MOORE of Casco
DODGE of Guilford
HARRIS of Greenville
— of the House.

Reports were read and, on motion of Mr. Dudley of Enfield, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Opening Wilson Lake, Franklin County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 66) (L. D. 104)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HARRIS of Greenville
WHEATON of Princeton
DODGE of Guilford
MOORE of Casco
MONROE of Monroe
DUDLEY of Enfield
CARVILLE of Eustis
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somerset
BRIGGS of Aroostook
HILLMAN of Penobscot
— of the Senate.

Reports were read and, on motion of Mr. Carville of Eustis, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Divided Report
Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Two Inch Clam Law" (H. P. 177) (L. D. 248)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DOW of Lincoln
BROWN of Washington
— of the Senate.

Messrs. MADDOX of Vinalhaven
RANKIN of Southport
LOWERY of Brunswick
BOONE of Eastport
DANES of South Portland
YOUNG of Gouldsboro
DENNISON of East Machias
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. COFFIN of Cumberland
— of the Senate.

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

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:

I was not at the hearing when this came before the Committee, but it seems to me if you take our seed, how in the world are we ever going to have any more clams? If we take clams as large as your fingernail, what in the world is going to happen? Now we in Freeport are on Casco Bay, as you all know. The only place we can get a few clams to spare is the closed area that we have helps us to get clams in an open area. Now surely it seems to me if you take the eggs away from the birds and don't hatch them, you are not going to have any birds unless some miracle happens, and it would have to be a miracle to my way of thinking, if we can raise and propagate our clams by taking our seed. Therefore, I ask for the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire of the gentleman whether or not he would be willing to move acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report rather than indefinite postponement?

The net result is the same.

Mr. CROCKETT: I so move, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, moves that the House accept the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw.

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As many of you know, this is an old bill that has been around here for many, many years. It has been on the law books for twenty-four years and it has done very little good, this two inch clam law. We were quite pleased with the Committee Report.

I hadn't come prepared to debate this bill this morning, but I am going to urge you in all sincerity to vote against the motion made by the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

(At this point, Mr. Wade of Auburn assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem)

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Being a representative of a large community of seashore people, I want to heartily endorse the motion of my good friend, the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw. This has been studied over the years by biologists and wardens and everything, and it is a last drastic move to save the clam industry, and I hope the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, does not prevail.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of this House: Those of us who were here two years ago know this bill was recommended by the Legislative Research Committee as a bill which should

pass in the interests of the Sea and Shore Fisheries of the State of Maine. Two years ago I sponsored this bill, and the Sea and Shore Fisheries Committee of which I was a member reported this out "Ought to pass". I want to go on record here now as being opposed to the motion of the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mrs. KNAPP: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I come from a town where they depend a lot on the fish and clams. Now this is certainly a vicious law. They have dug up all of our clams now and what there are left we should protect. If we do not protect—if we pass this law that will be it. All of our clams have been dug now and shipped down to Maryland and put on the flats there and the water being warmer than up here they grow a good deal faster. Now they are shipping the clams back from Maryland and that is where Burnham and Morrill are getting their clams to pack, and this is a vicious bill and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, is held.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Clark.

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, would it be in order to table this bill until Thursday next pending acceptance of the Committee Report?

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman moves that this bill be tabled until Thursday next pending the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, to accept the "Ought not to pass" Report.

For what purpose does the gentleman rise? The Chair must rule that the tabling motion takes precedence over the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Scarborough, Mr. Clark, that Bill "An Act Repealing the Two Inch Clam Law" House Paper 177, Legislative Document 248, be tabled and specially assigned for Thursday of this week. All those in favor will mani-

fest it by saying aye; those opposed, no.

The motion prevailed on a viva voce vote and the two Reports with accompanying papers were so tabled and assigned pending the motion of the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, to accept the Minority Report "Ought not to pass."

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to License Plates for Disabled or Paraplegic Veterans" (H. P. 229) (L. D. 319)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. COLE of Waldo
PARKER of Piscataquis
DUNN of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Messrs. LEBEL of Van Buren
DUNN of Poland
HOBBS of Acton
LINDSAY of Brewer
DUMAIS of Lewiston
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DUMAINE of Readfield
WALLS of Millinocket
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Letourneau.

Mr. LETOURNEAU: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would move that we accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report and I would like to speak briefly.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. LETOURNEAU: Mr. Speaker, I was approached by these specially designated veterans, paraplegic and amputees, to introduce this bill for the issuance of a special number plate. Now in the past sessions we have had a lot of opposition to specially designated plates, and I would like to explain what this plate will do. To my understanding there are less than five hundred of these veterans in this State. The expense of taking care of this plate wouldn't

be very great because all they want is a "V" before the number, like if you have a beachwagon before your number you have an "O" and if you have a commercial truck you have "com" commercial, and in this particular instance all the State would have to do is to get a die and make a plate V-1, 2, 3 down the line. I have been informed that the cost would be hardly negligible, and this would be a big help to these veterans as they are driving along, we would know that they are handicapped and we could give them a little more consideration. Also I understand that in the cities and large shopping centers and at railroad stations special ramps are designated for these veterans. In Maine they have no designation so when they go to a place like that they have to take pot luck. I think it is not asking too much to grant this privilege to these veterans, and I so move the acceptance of the Minority Report.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I too want to put myself on record as being in favor of the Minority "Ought to pass" Report.

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

Mr. HENDSBEE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to be recorded in favor of the Minority Report.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Letourneau.

Mr. LETOURNEAU: Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken I would ask for a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Letourneau, has requested a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I hope this bill passes because I believe it will help the public to give a great deal more courtesy to these veterans, and I believe that they deserve this courtesy and I hope that this bill passes.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Couture.

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I certainly want also to go on record as favoring the Minority Report on this bill, and I would like to inject in there that in the past in this House of Representatives we have had bonus bills introduced to us and we have never found any way to recognize them at all in the State, and that is about the least that we can do for our veterans in the State of Maine under their circumstances. I certainly want to go along with the Minority Report for these veterans. We have got to recognize them to a certain extent.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Normally I have opposed all these moves for special number plates, but I believe that we could afford to do this thing for these gentleman and I want to favor passage of this bill.

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

Mr. BRIGGS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee I want to go on record as favoring this bill. I think that a veteran that has served his country and is handicapped should have some consideration from the rest of the citizens in the State of Maine.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Caron.

Mr. CARON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Not only as a member of the House but also as the Judge Advocate for the D.A.V.'s in the State of Maine, I certainly am in favor of this bill. I see no reason in the world why we can't do this little for our disabled veterans.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Poland, Mr. Dunn.

Mr. DUNN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am not opposed to this, but as a member of that Committee I would like to explain that they already have a metal red strip which I believe says Disabled Veteran to attach to their plate which costs nothing, which should be fully as much identification as this would be.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Letourneau, that the House accept the Minority "Ought to pass" Report on Bill "An Act relating to License Plates for Disabled or Paralegic Veterans," House Paper 229, Legislative Document 319, and a division has been requested.

As many as are in favor of the acceptance of the Minority "Ought to pass" Report, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Ninety-seven having voted in the affirmative and twenty-eight having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the Minority Report "Ought to pass" was accepted.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned.

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to take this opportunity to thank the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, for his excellent services.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Butter and Margarine under Weights and Measures Law" (S. P. 20) (L. D. 1)

Bill "An Act relating to Deficiency Appropriation for State Treasury" (S. P. 49) (L. D. 82)

Bill "An Act relating to Capital Stock of Rumford Bank and Trust Company" (S. P. 91) (L. D. 209)

Bill "An Act relating to Travel Allowance for Members of the Legislature" (H. P. 16) (L. D. 25)

Bill "An Act relating to Gas Cartridges for Woodchuck Control and Rodenticide for Orchard Mouse Control" (H. P. 87) (L. D. 134)

Resolve Opening Muddy Pond, Wayne, Kennebec County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 35) (L. D. 55)

Resolve Closing Shin Ponds, Upper and Lower, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 62) (L. D. 100)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Hot Pond, Penobscot County (H. P. 63) (L. D. 101)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read

the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Grace Pond, Somerset County (H. P. 64) (L. D. 102)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Moscow, Mr. Cahill.

Mr. CAHILL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: When this bill came up before the Committee I had the unfortunate experience of getting lost trying to find the hearing room. I was supposed to oppose it, and when I finally got to the hearing room the bill had been disposed of. However, I was permitted to speak after the end of the session briefly.

This particular pond is a small pond, and it is now regulated to fly fishing only, and under L. D. 102 it would be open to bait fishing except for live bait. Now the people in that locality, the Fish and Game Association in Bingham, the Fish and Game Association at the Forks, the Fish and Game Association and the Chamber of Commerce in Jackman, who are all reasonably close to this pond, all feel that to open this pond under the general law is going to clean it out in about two years. It is a show pond and if it is opened under the general law in the spring of the year as soon as the ice is out the pond will soon be cleaned if it goes into the regular general law, and in the course of a couple of years the fishing would be done.

I drove to Jackman and I have talked with probably a hundred different people between Bingham and Jackman and in Jackman and I didn't speak with anyone that was in favor of putting this pond back under the general law, and at the time—before it came up for hearing I was asked if I thought it would be necessary for any of those people to drive clear down here because for some of them it would be a distance of around a hundred and fifty miles, some of them a hundred and sixty probably, just to oppose this bill. Being a Representative I supposed that a Representative of the people should be

able to speak for the people in his district, and I allowed that I didn't believe it would be necessary for them to oppose this bill. Apparently I was wrong. However, I oppose it now on the floor, and now I am really going to stick my neck out, I am going to move the indefinite postponement of this bill.

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

Mr. HENDSBEE: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I will take you back a little on the past history of why we are asking for this. You have heard my worthy friend from Moscow, Mr. Cahill, tell how under his idea this pond would be cleaned out under general law. This pond was under general law for many, many years. Six years ago a group of so-called sportsmen allied themselves together, and called a hearing with the Fish and Game Department at the Forks. Thirty-two members of the various fish and game departments came there to support the bill; I went there and opposed it. At that time my opposition felt that I had a reasonable cause and they agreed to close the pond for two years. That was six years ago. Now all this pond was closed for was so that it could be more or less of a private pond by a group of mercenary individuals.

This was one of the very few ponds in the State of Maine where I, as a citizen, used to take out-of-state friends of mine who came here to go fishing and cared to fish under the old-fashioned barnyard hackle law or rule, which was the worm. Now my understanding is that we could always get a mess of fish there and we always did. Not very many, probably five or six, but there is a camp site at the pond and it made a very pleasant day and it created a lot of good will amongst out-of-state friends of mine as far as the State of Maine was concerned in this particular pond.

Now we went along with them on the closing for two years, and when this bill came up it had the sanction and the ratification of the Department of Fish and Game; it had a unanimous "Ought to pass" Report from the Committee, and all

we are asking for is that they do what they said they would do six years ago.

Now a group of the people that I represent who go there to that pond to fish, probably will not go there again, because lots of times you don't care to go where you are not wanted, and for that reason I, for one, would not go there again; but I would like to see the pond reopened the way it was before and the Fish and Game Department assured us there are plenty of fish there for everybody regardless of how you want to catch them. And I believe that we still have certain rights to my thought and judgment that this pond was created by the Creator for any man who wanted to use it for any purpose to enjoy himself, and if a man enjoys fishing with a worm I don't think we have a right to take it away from him. Now I am going to ask for a division and that the unanimous "Ought to pass" Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Moscow, Mr. Cahill.

Mr. CAHILL: Mr. Speaker, if we are to assume that all fly fishing ponds are to be considered private ponds, then we certainly have a lot of private ponds in the State of Maine. I feel that a poor argument as far as opening this pond to the general law. I know that I am going against the whole Committee Report and the Fish and Game Department; the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee, says that the Fish and Game Department went along with this "Ought to pass" Report. At the hearing they may have, although I talked with the Fish and Game Department in their office and they were not opposed to leaving the bill as it was,—to leaving the pond as it is, rather, and the wardens in the Jackman area and the Bingham area too feel as I said before that if this pond is opened to the general law, that within a couple of years due to your early spring fishing with worms that it will be cleaned out.

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

Mr. HARRIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain the Report.

We were given to understand at the public hearing by the biologists of the Fish and Game Department that it would not hurt the pond biologically to open it to general fishing, so that is the reason for the Majority Report. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker, I am sure this Committee of Fish and Game of which I am a member gave this very careful consideration. We feel as though there were fish there to be harvested and that they should be harvested not by but a few but by everyone. There are a lot of people who don't fly fish, especially in that area, and we thought that it was unfair to make this a pool for just a certain few. We felt as though everybody should have a chance to fish and I hope the House will go along and not indefinitely postpone. I don't want to go along with the indefinite postponement of this bill. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin.

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, we of the House cannot attend every Committee meeting. That would be a physical impossibility. I believe that we this morning are setting a bad precedent in challenging and overturning every Majority Report of each committee.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Moscow, Mr. Cahill, that Resolve Regulating Fishing in Grace Pond, Somerset County, House Paper 64, Legislative Document 102, be indefinitely postponed. The gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee, has requested a division.

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

A division of the House was had.

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

Thereupon, the Resolve was given its second reading, 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 pupils from the Crescent Park School in Bethel, Maine, accompanied by their principal, Mr. Charles Hinds. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you young ladies and gentlemen a most cordial welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit here today. (Applause)

Resolve Regulating Smelt Fishing in Coffee Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 67) (L. D. 105)

Resolve Opening Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, to Taking Smelts (H. P. 89) (L. D. 136)

Resolve Providing Funds for Conservation Education (H. P. 90) (L. D. 137)

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

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Power of Municipal Courts to Issue Real Estate Attachments" (H. P. 159) (L. D. 236)

Was 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 Issuance of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses (S. P. 75) (L. D. 125)

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. 134 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 relating to Age Eligibility of Firemen and Policemen of City of Saco (S. P. 42) (L. D. 40)

An Act relating to Compensation of Councillors of Town of Houlton (H. P. 71) (L. D. 109)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report, "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Initial Motor Vehicle Number Plates," House Paper 227, Legislative Document 317, tabled on February 11 by the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, pending acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen: We who are interested in this from the standpoint of getting some extra money without taxing anybody, we are trying to find out the cost and also the amount it brings in, and we will require a little more time to bring out the things so that you can see just how it would sum up. In New Hampshire we have contacted them and we are trying to find out just what this would do, and with that in mind I would like to table it for another week.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that item number one, Bill "An Act relating to Initial Motor Vehicle Number Plates" be retabled for one week from today pending acceptance of the Committee Report. The Chair must remind the gentleman that no debate is in order at this time except as to the time of assignment, if the gentleman would care to question that.

The motion is to retable this item for one week and specially assign it for one week from today pending acceptance of the Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number two, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Night Hunt-

ing," House Paper 32, Legislative Document 52, tabled on February 12 by the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine, pending acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. DUMAINE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: For some years this night hunting has been increasing and many persons figure that the almighty dollar on the fine basis is little or nothing. This is not a sport, it is a mean, vicious slaughter. I wish it were at a point where I would be able to take off the dates on the bill which says thirty days and put it down to fifteen to thirty days without any money on the first offense, carrying the second offense as is, but I doubt if at this time it can be done. I would like to hear other members of this Legislative body speak for or against this bill before it goes out.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman would like to amend this bill?

Mr. DUMAINE: Mr. Speaker, if it were possible, but I doubt if it is, sir.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear a motion regarding the acceptance of the report?

Mr. DUMAINE: I move that it is not accepted by the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman make a positive motion? Does the gentleman care to substitute the bill for the report? Or recommit the bill to the Committee?

Mr. DUMAINE: Recommit the bill to the Committee for amendment purposes.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine, moves that item two, Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Night Hunting" be recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There is absolutely no point in sending it back to Fish and Game, you will get the same report, and we feel very strongly that the Judge has plenty of cause and, right at the present time, he can set as much fine as is necessary and a certain amount is

made mandatory. In other words, second offense now you have to serve a jail sentence and the first offense it might be just some children out fooling and we didn't feel it right for someone fooling around on the first offense to penalize them, and we were unanimous and it is such a very few times that the Committee in unanimous, I hope you will support us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Dumaine, that this Bill be recommitted to the Committee. Will all those who favor the motion to recommit please say aye; those opposed, no.

The motion did not prevail on a viva voce vote.

Thereupon, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Whereas, this last Saturday was St. Valentine's Day; and Whereas, you, and the other members of this august body had departed for parts unknown at that time; and Whereas, it seems fitting and proper that we take time off from the business of the day to pay tribute to this patron saint who is symbolic of love and affection; Be it hereby resolved: that I be authorized and empowered by the Speaker to read a short poem which I have composed for the occasion. May I have your permission, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman requests the passage of the Resolve. Does the Chair hear objection to the Resolve? The Chair hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. HAUGHN:

The House has held a caucus,

In case you haven't guessed it;
And decided since we like you so,

It's time we all expressed it.
We thought a special valentine

Might be the perfect way,
To bring to you a little part

Of all those thoughts today.

And so we chose a gift for you

In hopes that it would serve,
To bring our hearty wishes

For the good things you deserve.

So as you while the hours away
 Just lapping, lapping, lapping,
 Remember, Joe, the House for once
 Did catch its Speaker napping.

It is now my privilege and pleasure to present you the biggest sucker in the House. May I have permission to approach the rostrum?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may approach the rostrum.

At this point, Mr. Haughn approached the rostrum and presented Speaker Edgar with an eight pound sucker amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would thank the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, most sincerely. For a moment I thought you were going to pin a rose on me or something like that, but I do appreciate this very much, and I can see that my diet has gone right out the window. Thank you very much for your kind thoughts. (Applause)

Mr. Brown of Ellsworth was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and fellow Members: I have been asked by my City, the City of Ellsworth, to introduce a bill at this late date. The City of Ellsworth has had extreme difficulty in obtaining candidates to run for their City Council due to the great work load and lack of pay. They would like to amend the present charter by local referendum so that the local citizens can vote whether or not a compensation might be paid to the Councillors. Therefore, maybe more candidates would be interested in running for these important city positions. In order to do so legislation must be introduced at this time. I now therefore, Mr. Speaker, ask unanimous consent to introduce this bill notwithstanding the cloture order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Brown, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Ellsworth re Compensation of City Council".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Brown, requests unanimous consent to introduce this bill notwithstanding the cloture order. Does the Chair hear objection?

(Cries of Yes)

The SPEAKER: The Chair does hear objection and the Bill is not admitted.

On motion of the gentleman from Mount Desert, Mr. Graves, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Permitting Ferry Service for Long Island Plantation", House Paper 55, Legislative Document 77, tabled on February 10 by that gentleman pending third reading.

On further motion of the same gentleman, by a viva voce vote, the Bill was recommitted to the Highway Committee and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, was granted unanimous consent to address the House briefly.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As many of you are aware of, yesterday the great City of Lewiston held an election. Three members of this body participated in this election. Representative Emile Jacques, successfully without opposition, renewed his work as an Alderman in Ward 3. Representative Paul Couture, also unopposed, scored a resounding victory. The third member of the House somehow or other didn't get quite enough votes. I don't think that we feel any less as far as affection is concerned regarding Representative Roland Tardiff. As I told Roland last night, shed no tears, I lost three elections in one year and I am still here. However, without the order of procedure, I would made a motion that we recognize these three members, congratulate the two winners and congratulate the unfortunate loser for being a good loser.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that the House recognize and congratulate the gentlemen from Lewiston who participated in yesterday's

election in Lewiston. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the motion is declared unanimously passed. (Applause)

(Off Record Remarks)
On motion of Mr. Davis of Calais,
Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.