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## HOUSE

Wednesday, March 11, 1959

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Louis Berube of St. Ann's Indian Mission, Peter Dana Point, Princeton.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing Mobile Banking in Maine" (S. P. 389) (L. D. 1133)

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:

Resolve in favor of Millicent N. Mann and Aetna Insurance Company (S. P. 390) (L. D. 1134)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

### Tabled and Assigned

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Augmenting of Stored Water" (S. P. 391) (L. D. 1135)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Whitman of Woodstock, tabled pending reference to a Committee and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 17.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Increasing Payments to Penobscot County Law Library" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1136)

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 relating to Second Injury Fund and Vocational Rehabilitation under Workmen's Compensation Act" (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1137)

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 relating to Inspection and Licensing of Ski Lifts" (S. P. 394) (L. D. 1138)

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:

Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications of Applicants for Registration as Licensed Physicians or Surgeons" (S. P. 395) (L. D. 1139)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Health.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Bumpers on Commercial Vehicles" (S. P. 396) (L. D. 1140)

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 Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Exemption of Veterans" (S. P. 144) (L. D. 339)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Digging Out Foxes" (S. P. 161) (L. D. 383)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Heald Pond, Somerset County (S. P. 93) (L. D. 211)

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

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

Bill read twice, Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing Ferry Service Between Mainland and Islands in Casco Bay, Cumberland County" (S. P. 246) (L. D. 629)

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

In the House, the Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Briggs of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 18.)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Distribution and Sale of Publications Depicting Crime and Torture" (S. P. 249) (L. D. 632)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Maturity Date of Bonds of Jay School District" (S. P. 263) (L. D. 676)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Ratify and Confirm the Incorporation of Woodfords Corner Congregational Parish Society" (S. P. 308) (L. D. 854)

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

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

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve Authorizing Arthur W. Bushey and Alice Bushey, John Tibbetts, Archie Leeman, and Oscar Bradstreet, all of Palermo, to Sue the State of Maine (S. P. 258) (L. D. 671) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 258, L. D. 671, Resolve Authorizing Arthur W. Bushey and Alice Bushey, John Tibbetts, Archie Leeman, and Oscar Bradstreet, all of Palermo, to Sue the State of Maine.

Amend said Resolve by inserting in the 10th line after the words and punctuation "State of Maine," the words and punctuation "on account of flowage damage, if any, that may have been caused by the erection, maintenance, or existence of said dam,"

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

Report of the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Laws Relating to Support of Dependents" (S. P. 283) (L. D. 745) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 283, L. D. 745, Bill "An Act Clarifying the Laws Relating to Support of Dependents."

Amend said Bill in the 23rd line by striking out the underlined word "**complainant**" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words and punctuation '**spouse, dependent**'

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

#### Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing Bounty on Bobcat, Loupcervier and Canada Lynx" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 328)

Report was signed by the following members:

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

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

Report was signed by the following members:

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

Came from the Senate with the Minority Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

Reports were read.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton.

Mr. WHEATON: Mr. Speaker, I make a motion that we accept the Majority Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton, moves that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call.

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, may I ask a question through the Chair of any one of the gentlemen on the Committee on this "Ought not to pass" Report? What is the price tag on this Bobcat, Canada Lynx and Loupcervier? We had a \$40,000 price tag on porcupines, what is the price tag on this? And did the Fish and Game Commission appear before your Committee, or did any member of the Fish and Game Commission appear in favor of this?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, addresses two questions through the Chair to anyone who may answer if they choose.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton.

Mr. WHEATON: Mr. Speaker, I believe the price tag on that was around \$12,000, that is for the last year.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, also

asked a second question, Mr. Wheaton.

Mr. WHEATON: Mr. Speaker, I don't know that anyone from the Commission did appear for it, from the Fish and Game Department, but it is my thought that if the Fish and Game Department is going to make all of our policy there is no need of having a committee.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Cumberland consider his question answered?

Mr. CALL: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. I now wish or desire that the House go along with me and lay this on the table unassigned.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may speak only in relation to the time of assignment, and since there was no time of assignment, debate is not in order at this time.

The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, that Bill "An Act Repealing Bounty on Bobcat, Loupcervier and Canada Lynx" and both reports be tabled unassigned pending the motion of the gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER: Will those who favor the tabling motion please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The motion does not prevail. The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley.

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We don't have to waste any time with this minor piece of legislation, because if you read the bill, it says to do away with the bounty on bobcat. We are not going to agree with the Senate and I am sure that the Senate isn't going to agree, and we will end up in disagreement, so we will end up with the bill —

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman that the action of the other body must not be used

to influence legislation in this branch.

Mr. DUDLEY: I am sorry, but the thing is that no matter what action we take, we are going to end up with the bounty anyway. So we shouldn't waste too much time with this piece of legislation. We already have the bounty and this is to abolish it, and I am sure it will not come to pass, so we will still end up with the \$15 bounty.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question is the motion of the gentlemen from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

Will those who favor the motion to accept the "Ought not to pass" Report please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves  
Requiring Reference**

The following 9 Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research 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:

**Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Create a Parking Commission for City of Lewiston" (H. P. 843) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 844) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Members of Planning Board of City of Belfast" (H. P. 845) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Belfast)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Public Utilities**

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Topsham Sewer District" (H. P. 846) (Presented by Mr. Reed of Woolwich)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**State Government**

Bill "An Act Providing for Appointment of Commissioner of Education by the Governor and Council" (H. P. 847) (Presented by Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield)

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Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution for Appointment of Treasurer of State by the Governor with Consent of the Council (H. P. 848) (Presented by Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield)

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Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Annual Legislative Sessions (H. P. 849) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

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Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Abolish the Council and Make Changes in the Matter of Gubernatorial Appointments and their Confirmation (H. P. 850) (Presented by Mr. Plante of Old Orchard Beach)

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Sent up for concurrence.

**Veterans and Military Affairs  
and Legal Affairs Jointly**

Bill "An Act to Authorize Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Twenty-Two Million Dollars for Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean Campaign and Providing Revenue Therefor" (H. P. 851) (Presented by Mr. Dumais of Lewiston)

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Sent up for concurrence.

**Orders**

Mr. Couture of Lewiston presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be directed to study the policies of insurance companies doing business in Maine, which policies of insurance provide insurance for Maine residents against loss resulting from bodily injury or death by accident or from sickness, or both. The Committee is authorized in its study to determine whether or not Maine citizens are being deprived of their apparent benefits under such insurance policies; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Committee report the results of its study to the 100th Legislature (H. P. 852)

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

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am introducing this Order now at this time on a matter that is already tabled and will be taken up later on in the session today. I certainly realize that the time is getting short. The report that I wished to have on the Order previously is a very short report, and this is my reason for introducing this Order. They gave me the amount of claims denied and so on, but the time is getting short and I haven't the time to go through it. I have asked the names on these claims denied and it was impossible. So I felt that possibly I can throw into the Legislative Research Committee evidence that I have and let them work along with this to report at the next session, and that is my principal reason for introducing that Order.

Thereupon, the Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Machias, Mr. Dennison, who presents an Order and moves its passage.

Mr. DENNISON: Mr. Speaker, this is in behalf of Mr. Graves of Hancock County who is ill and cannot be here today.

The Order was read by the Clerk as follows:

WHEREAS, the basketball team of Mount Desert High School at Northeast Harbor, without a veteran of last year and seeded eighth or the bottom of the pile by the Principal's Association, by their courage, tenacity and efficient coaching, won the County championship, then the Eastern Maine championship at Bangor and on last Saturday night at Lewiston won the State championship for the S schools for the second consecutive year;

BE IT ORDERED, that the hearty congratulations of the members of the House be extended to the coach, Bunny Parady, and his fine team; AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk be directed to send

an attested copy of this Order to Mount Desert High School at Northeast Harbor and a copy to the team's efficient coach, Bernard Parady.

The Order received passage.

On motion of Mr. Briggs of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Rabbi Morris Bekritsky of Portland be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, March 19, 1959.

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

On motion of Mr. Karkos of Lisbon, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Joseph B. Mills of the United Baptist Church of Lisbon Falls be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 18, 1959.

#### House Report of Committee Ought to Pass Printed Bill

#### House Report of Committee

Mr. Caron from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Residence of Judge of Eastport Municipal Court" (H. P. 395) (L. D. 578)

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

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Warden of State Prison Concerning Convict's Property" (S. P. 80) (L. D. 152)

Bill "An Act relating to Work Permits for Minors" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 266)

Bill "An Act relating to Doors on Schoolhouses" (S. P. 255) (L. D. 668)

Bill "An Act relating to Acceptance of Outside Funds for Labor and Industry Research and Statistics" (S. P. 387) (L. D. 1078)

Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications for Examination for Registered Pharmacists" (H. P. 215) (L. D. 306)

Bill "An Act relating to Free Vaccination and Inoculation" (H. P. 313) (L. D. 460)

Bill "An Act relating to Disposition of Income on Unclaimed Deposits in Defunct Savings Banks" (H. P. 344) (L. D. 504)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Use of X-ray Shoe-fitting Machines" (H. P. 360) (L. D. 519)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Perry Improvement Association to Construct Dam Across Little River" (H. P. 402) (L. D. 586)

Bill "An Act relating to Retail Installment Contract under Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law" (H. P. 480) (L. D. 698)

Bill "An Act relating to Regulations of Insurance Commissioner under Unfair Methods of Competition and Trade Practices Act" (H. P. 603) (L. D. 863)

Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Grant Pole Line Easements on the Property of the State of Maine in Bangor (H. P. 446) (L. D. 652)

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

#### Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Town Meetings of Sanford" (H. P. 12) (L. D. 21)

Bill "An Act relating to Quinellas at Harness Race Meets" (H. P. 70) (L. D. 108)

Bill "An Act relating to Hydraulic Brake Fluid for Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 73) (L. D. 111)

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

#### Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Taxation of Veterans Estates" (H. P. 180) (L. D. 251)

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

(On motion of Mr. Dumaine of Readfield, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 18)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Forest Commissioner to Convey Interest of

the State in Chase Island" (H. P. 250) (L. D. 361)

Bill "An Act relating to Unfair Methods of Competition and Trade Practices" (H. P. 602) (L. D. 862)

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

Bill "An Act Appropriating Monies for a Continuance of the Revision of the Election Laws" (H. P. 129) (L. D. 187)

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

#### Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Construction Reserve Fund in Department of Finance and Administration (S. P. 279) (L. D. 741)

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. 136 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 Increasing Payments to Kennebec Law Library (S. P. 165) (L. D. 386)

An Act Creating an Interdepartmental Board on Mental Retardation (S. P. 177) (L. D. 421)

An Act to Incorporate C. I. T. Corporation (Maine) (S. P. 202) (L. D. 541)

An Act relating to Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicles, Aircraft and House Trailers (S. P. 207) (L. D. 546)

An Act relating to Care of Children of Women Committed to Reformatory for Women (S. P. 209) (L. D. 548)

An Act Increasing Payments to Hancock County Law Library (H. P. 246) (L. D. 357)



An Act to Incorporate Mark-Continental Corporation (H. P. 274) (L. D. 403)

An Act to Incorporate the Superior Finance Co. (H. P. 276) (L. D. 408)

An Act to Incorporate United Finance Corporation (H. P. 277) (L. D. 409)

An Act to Incorporate County Finance Corporation (H. P. 278) (L. D. 410)

An Act relating to County Parking Areas (H. P. 324) (L. D. 471)

An Act relating to School Bus Operators (H. P. 329) (L. D. 476)

An Act to Incorporate the Berwick Finance Company (H. P. 343) (L. D. 503)

An Act to Incorporate the Aroostook Finance Corporation (H. P. 385) (L. D. 568)

An Act relating to Investment of Certain State Funds (H. P. 407) (L. D. 591)

An Act relating to Unsecured Loans of Savings Banks (H. P. 436) (L. D. 642)

An Act relating to Disposition of Income on Unclaimed Liquidating Dividends (H. P. 479) (L. D. 697)

An Act relating to the Investment of State Sinking Funds (H. P. 505) (L. D. 718)

An Act to Incorporate the Domestic Finance Corporation (H. P. 517) (L. D. 752)

An Act relating to Annual Statements of Condition of Foreign Insurance Companies (H. P. 532) (L. D. 767)

An Act relating to Annual Statements of Condition of Domestic Mutual Fire Insurance Companies (H. P. 534) (L. D. 769)

#### Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Malcolm M. Salisbury of Bar Harbor (H. P. 345) (L. D. 943)

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

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter on page seven of the House calendar, House Report of

the Committee on Rules and Business of the House on House Order Creating a Committee to Investigate the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Couture, pending acceptance of the Report of the Committee on Rules and Business of the House, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Couture, the Committee Report that the Order should not receive passage was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number two under tabled and today assigned matters, House Report of the Committee on Election Laws on Bill, "An Act Revising Election Laws relating to Registration of Voters and Boards of Registration," House Paper 438, Legislative Document 644, reporting that this matter should be referred to the next Legislature, tabled on March 4 by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, pending acceptance of the Committee Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, the Committee Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number three under tabled and today assigned matters, House Report "Ought to pass" as amended, of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to Dragging for Scallops in Bagaduce River and Bay in Hancock County," House Paper 365, Legislative Document 524, tabled on March 5 by the gentleman from Stonington, Mr. Shepard pending acceptance of the Committee Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SHEPARD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On this bill there have been two tabling motions made, the first to permit the Speaker to dig up additional information, the second one on March 5 to make it possible for the sponsor, the gentleman from Verona, Mr. Walsh, to dig up additional information.

When this bill was heard before Committee, Mr. Walsh, the sponsor,

was present in support, and I was present in opposition. Our study reveals that in the Town of Castine there is a group of seven or eight that will benefit by this. In my district we have a group of eleven or twelve who are opposed, not because of the loss in dollars and cents particularly, but because of establishing a precedent. They feel that this action by the Legislature may establish a precedent which could be dangerous, that is, additional closing of sections of our coastal waters to a specific group. The group in this case are small operators, they have small drags with a limit of three feet, and should somebody from my district come over with the standard equipment used today, which have twin drags, it would be tough competition.

In consideration of the Committee Report, and out of courtesy to the sponsor, the gentleman from Verona, Mr. Walsh, I will not further oppose the bill, and I move that the Committee Report be accepted.

Thereupon, the "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee was accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 365, L. D. 524, Bill, "An Act Relating to Dragging for Scallops in Bagaduce River and Bay in Hancock County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "3-foot drags" in the 6th line and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'one 3-foot drag'.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number four under tabled and today assigned matters, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the New England Corporation", Senate Paper 154, Legislative Document 375, tabled on March 5 by the gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Choate, pending acceptance of the Report in concurrence, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Choate of Hallowell, the Committee Report was accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number five under tabled and today assigned matters, An Act relating to Retirement Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System, House Paper 627, Legislative Document 874, tabled on March 10 by the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill originally was the bill for the elderly teachers, the fifteen year teachers who had made no contribution. However, it comes out of Committee with a redraft, and it covers much more, it covers also State employees.

There are just a few facts that I would like to bring to the attention of the House on this. I have checked with the Department of Retirements and Pensions, and I find that the actual cost of this bill in redraft form will be for the biennium \$34,000, that is actual money that will be spent in the two years of the coming biennium. However, based upon the figures of the actuary, and based upon the longevity that the actuary has given in all of these cases, it would mean that eventually the Maine State Retirement Fund must be drained to the amount of \$146,180.20. I was a little bit disturbed because I think that this Fund that has been set up as a State Retirement Fund and is contributed to by members of the profession, I think that we should be a little bit leary about draining the fund to the extent that this bill would do. I have talked it over with the Chairman of the House Committee, the House Chairman of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions, and also the Senate Chairman of the Committee, and the Senate Chairman has informed me that if we let the Bill go through the House when it reaches the other body it will be put on the appropriations calendar.

Now, I have no quarrel with the aim of the bill, I think that the

elderly teachers definitely deserve our consideration. Some of them are getting pensions of three and six dollars or nine dollars a month. I agree with the principle of the bill; however, I think that we should be very careful about what we do with the entire Retirement Fund. And with those remarks, what I would like to see is the bill referred to Committee. However, I have pointed out these things to the House, and I will abide by your decision.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to concur with the thoughts of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier. The people who have been in the House for the last three sessions know that this bill or these bills were sponsored by myself through the recession, that is, to get something done for these old teachers. The first time it got through they said it was unconstitutional. The second time someone stuck onto it that everybody for ten years and, of course, that just made it too prohibitive, so we lost that. At the last session we got the small pension that these teachers are getting. Now, I think it would be fine because there are not too many, I don't think there are over fifty-three teachers that are getting this, and some age getting anywhere from six to nine, and one in my area is getting eighteen, and she has taught twenty-two years, and she had to stop because of ill health. So I will go along with making it at least twenty-five. But I think to go back and pick up this thing and pick up everybody that had ever worked for the State for ten years, I think it would upset the whole thing, and I would be in favor of sending it back to Committee.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House at the moment is on the passage for enactment of this Bill. Is the House ready for the question?

This Bill, An Act relating to Retirement Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System, House Paper 627, Legislative Document 874, having had its three several

readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed, and having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and the Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported it as being truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that this Bill shall be passed to be enacted?

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

#### (Off Record Remarks)

Mr. Crockett from Freeport was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Just a short reminder, some of the members here that haven't invited the old-timers that have served in the Legislature years back, that if you haven't obtained your invitations, so-called, or had them come back from the Sergeant-at-Arms, that will be a week from next Friday, this coming Friday, and if you haven't asked them, get as many here as you can and let us make it a gala day for the old-timers.

On motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Cousins, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Weekly Payment of State Officials with Annual Salaries", House Paper 408, Legislative Document 592, tabled on March 4 by that gentleman, pending passage to be engrossed.

Thereupon, Mr. Wade of Auburn offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 408, L. D. 592, Bill, "An Act Relating to Weekly Payment of State Officials With Annual Salaries."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last 3 underlined lines and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words: 'Any state officer, whose salary is established at an annual rate, shall receive weekly a sum which will, in the year's aggregate, most nearly equal the annual rate.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Saco, Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.