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## HOUSE

Friday, April 3, 1959

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Milton Grant of the Congregational Church, Falmouth.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Erection of Signs Designating Accommodations" (S. P. 374) (L. D. 1101) reporting Leave to Withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Disability Retirement Benefits under the Maine State Retirement System" (S. P. 370) (L. D. 1053)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Licensing and Safety in Operation of Boats" (S. P. 79) (L. D. 151) which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence in the House on January 29.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Bill was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House:

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

Mr. LINNELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Among the attributes of L. D. 151, an item which has managed to escape the jaws of the legislative machinery for the last eight precious weeks, among its attributes are involvement in several fields of law. This

bill involves the law of negligence. It involves the law of evidence. It involves the law of personal property. If that is not enough, it also involves the field of constitutional law, criminal law, administrative law and admiralty law. It has nothing whatsoever to do with the conservation of the fish and wildlife of this State. I therefore move at this time that the House insist upon its former action whereby it referred this item to the Committee on Judiciary and I request that a committee of conference be appointed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, that the House insist upon its former action whereby it referred this bill to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence, and the gentleman requests a committee of conference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Signature or Countersignature by Rubber Stamp or Other Facsimile" (H. P. 630) (L. D. 922) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 18.

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

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

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

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, April 7th, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 443)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

### Orders

On motion of Mr. Chapman of Gardiner, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. William Dawes Veazie of Portland be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 29, 1959.

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, presented the following Order, moved its passage and requested that it be read by the Speaker.

The Order was read by Speaker Edgar as follows:

WHEREAS, Madam Fifi has ordained that the birthday of Harvey R. Pease henceforth and forever shall be April 1st:

IT IS HEREBY decided by the members of his office force that these words shall be written and made a part of the Records of this office:

“Harvey Pease is one great guy  
He drives his crew and makes them cry

He then sits back with a Mephistophelean grin

Wondering what he can do to correct his sin

Up comes a thought and he goes around to all

Admitting to them that they're right on the ball

The best crew he ever had  
He was only trying to make them mad”

They Work Better That Way!!!

Regis T. Strout  
Dorris R. Kenerson  
Edna Clement  
Betty T. Benner  
Bertha W. Johnson  
E. May Chapman  
Jane F. Delahunty

The Order received passage. (Applause)

#### House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Dunn from the Committee on Transportation on Bill “An Act relating to Weight of Certain Commercial Vehicles” (H. P. 779) (L. D. 1097) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Mr. Lindsay from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act Regulating Trucks Stopped on Highways to Load Pulpwood” (H. P. 840) (L. D. 1191)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Emmons from the Committee on Judiciary reported “Ought not to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to

the Reporting of Divorces to State Registrar of Vital Statistics” (H. P. 296) (L. D. 443)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Emmons from the Committee on Judiciary reported “Ought not to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Discharge of Chattel Mortgages and Conditional Sales” (H. P. 878) (L. D. 1252)

Report was read.

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

Mr. EARLES: Mr. Speaker, I note that the sponsor of this bill, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Kellam, is not here. He advised me yesterday he would not be here and I had asked him with relationship to another bill and I noticed this one. In view of the fact that he is absent, I would move that L. D. 1252 be laid on the table and specially assigned for Thursday next pending acceptance of the “Ought not to pass” Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles, moves that the Report and Bill be tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, April 9, pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Dumaine from the Committee on Transportation reported “Ought not to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Age of Applicants for Motor Vehicle Driver's License” (H. P. 374) (L. D. 532)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Lebel from the Committee on Transportation reported “Ought not to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Splash Guards on Certain Vehicles Used in Construction Work” (H. P. 800) (L. D. 1132)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Bacon of Sidney, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 8.)

Mr. Lindsay from the Committee on Transportation reported “Ought

not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Single Axle-Weight Tolerance for Motor Vehicles Carrying Bulk Wood Flour" (H. P. 458) (L. D. 664)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**Ought to Pass  
Printed Bills**

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Prohibiting Use and Possession of Live Fish as Bait in Auburn Lake, Androscoggin County (H. P. 495) (L. D. 708)

Mr. Beane from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Valuation of Inter Vivos Transfers of Property for Inheritance Tax Purposes" (H. P. 243) (L. D. 354)

Mr. Berman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Parking in Municipalities" (H. P. 860) (L. D. 1228)

Mr. Earles from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction over Offshore Waters and Submerged Lands" (H. P. 642) (L. D. 933)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Legislative Jurisdiction over Federal Lands within the State" (H. P. 643) (L. D. 934)

Mr. Emmons from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Tax Collector's Warrant" (H. P. 293) (L. D. 440)

Mr. Knight from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Interstate Compact on Welfare Services" (H. P. 205) (L. D. 296)

Mr. Cousins from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act Exempting Lambs under One Year Old from Taxation" (H. P. 672) (L. D. 964)

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

**Ought to Pass with  
Committee Amendment  
Tabled and Assigned**

Mr. Berman from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding" (H. P. 292) (L. D. 439) reported "Ought to pass"

as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This Bill being broad in scope, I would like time over the weekend to check on this with several of my constituents. I would like to table this until Wednesday next pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the Report and Bill be tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 3. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

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

**Divided Report  
Tabled and Assigned**

Report "A" of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Restricting Certain Trustee Process until after Judgment" (H. P. 116) (L. D. 171)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. WOODCOCK of Penobscot  
— of the Senate.  
Messrs. EARLES of South Portland  
COX of Dexter  
BEANE of Augusta  
BERMAN of Auburn  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. LESSARD of Androscoggin  
WEEKS of Cumberland  
— of the Senate.

Messrs. EMMONS of Kennebunk  
KNIGHT of Rockland  
CARON of Biddeford  
— of the House.

Reports were read.

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

Mr. EARLES: Mr. Speaker, with reference to this item seventeen, as I mentioned earlier on a previous bill, the sponsor again is the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Kellam, and out of consideration for him, I now move that this be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday next pending acceptance of either report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles, moves that both Reports be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 8, pending acceptance of either Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

(Off Record Remarks)

### Third Reader Indefinitely Postponed

Bill "An Act relating to Certification by Automobile Dealers of Mileage of Used Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 364) (L. D. 1047)

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

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

Mr. DUDLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish at this time some of you who haven't already read this bill will take time to look at this L. D. 1047, and I would like to say a few words in relation to this bill, I am sure that a lot of you have overlooked it.

After reading the bottom part, Section 4, it refers to a dealer or holder of registration plates, let me tell you this: That there are over ten thousand cars brought into this State brought from these auctions out of State each year, and many more than ten thousand, I can say for sure. Now, these cars come in here with the speedometers already turned back. We have a lot of antique cars in this State. We people that run garages change a lot of speedometers, and I must say right now that I am not a dealer in automobiles, I have been but not in the last three years. Now, in changing these speedometers, which is done quite frequently with one type which is manufactured, the name of the manufacturer is Mercury, they are a rotating speedometer and they play out quite frequently, we change

them real often. And of course, this broken speedometer is like broken rear ends and broken everything else that has to be replaced. Several times these used car dealers have to take two cars and salvage what they can out of the two and make one.

Now, I would like to say that one of the bad things about this is that an individual can turn back his speedometer and we do just that for many individuals. We grease a man's car and he has it washed, he says, "I intend to trade in a week or so, will you please turn the speedometer back"? That is about a fifty-cent charge. Now, let me tell you how this would work. Assuming that you had a car and you wanted to trade it and you came to a dealer, it has 75,000 miles on it, and you traded and the dealer said, "Now, while I am making these papers out you wouldn't mind running that over next door to my neighbor and have that speedometer turned back for me." Because it is legal for you as an individual to do it but it wouldn't be for this dealer.

Now, you see, this makes just a nuisance on the books for the attorneys to thumb through for one thing, and it makes a big nuisance for the dealer that has to keep the records. Most of us here don't want to extend these departments any further, and it is a great chance to add a couple of girls over in the Secretary of State's office, probably there are some that need employment but I don't like to expand these department heads any further and I am sure some of you don't. I think that at this point I would now move, after you have read this piece of legislation and see how useless and that it would accomplish nothing, that I would now move that it be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, that Bill "An Act relating to Certification by Automobile Dealers of Mileage of Used Motor Vehicles" and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, what I have to say probably will not add anything to what Mr. Dud-

ley, the gentleman from Enfield, has already said. I did want to let you know that I have read the bill and I consider it absolutely worthless, and I see no sense in cluttering up the statutes with it.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. SHEPARD: Mr. Speaker, I might add for the benefit of the House Members that the intent of it isn't too serious. I won't argue the point that it may clutter up the books a little, but the requirement of the dealer will be, in his report of the sale of the used car, he will fill another box showing the mileage as received. The purpose, as argued by the sponsor, is that it would give the purchaser a source of information should he wish to prosecute perhaps on the basis of fraud or concealment of fraud. The dealer obligates himself no further than to certify that that is the mileage when he received and sold the car. I might also add that the Maine Automobile Dealers Association were present at the hearing. We also had Mr. Weed of the Motor Vehicle Division and the sponsor, and they worked out a compromise, I understood there was to be an amendment. I haven't seen it but they were in agreement on the benefits of this bill.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Enfield, Mr. Dudley, that this Bill, "An Act relating to Certification by Automobile Dealers of Mileage of Used Motor Vehicles", Senate Paper 364, Legislative Document 1047, and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Will those who favor the motion to indefinitely postpone please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed, the Bill with accompanying papers was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Public Utility Commission's Orders

Concerning Rate Changes for Freight Transportation" (S. P. 369) (L. D. 1052)

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

#### Third Reader Amended

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement Benefits for Teachers with Fifteen Years of Service" (H. P. 171) (L. D. 245)

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

Mr. Call of Cumberland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 171, L. D. 245, BILL, "An Act Relating to Retirement Benefits for Teachers with Fifteen Years of Service."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end before the single quotation mark the following underlined sentence:

**'Proper adjustments in benefits already being paid under this section shall be made, in those cases affected, on the first monthly pension payroll subsequent to the effective date of this act.'**

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

Bill "An Act Classifying Certain Surface Waters in Maine" (H. P. 504) (L. D. 717)

Bill "An Act relating to Funds Appropriated for School Physicians" (H. P. 703) (L. D. 1003)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalties under Employment Security Law" (H. P. 757) (L. D. 1075)

Resolve in favor of Grand Falls Hospital, Grand Falls, New Brunswick (H. P. 483) (L. D. 701)

Resolve Providing a Pension for Miss Avis Robertson of Belfast (H. P. 669) (L. D. 961)

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.

**Amended Bill**

Bill "An Act relating to Voting Machines for Elections" (H. P. 873) (L. D. 1247)

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 Amending the Charter of the City of Biddeford (H. P. 842) (L. D. 1163)

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. 113 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Emergency Measure**

An Act relating to Licenses for Pari Mutuel Harness Horse Racing (H. P. 911) (L. D. 1283)

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. 116 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 Salary of Mayor of the City of Lewiston (S. P. 336) (L. D. 912)

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

An Act Clarifying Authority of Lewiston City Council to Require Financial Reports from Municipal Departments (H. P. 303) (L. D. 450)

An Act relating to Operation of Farm Trucks (H. P. 459) (L. D. 665)

An Act Enlarging Territorial Limits of West Paris Village Corporation (H. P. 619) (L. D. 887)

An Act Concerning Exit Facilities in Buildings and other Structures (H. P. 656) (L. D. 948)

An Act Permitting City of Lewiston to Raise Moneys for Aid of Conventions (H. P. 693) (L. D. 993)

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.

**Enactors  
Tabled and Assigned**

Resolve in favor of George Freyer, Jr. of Covington, Kentucky (S. P. 365) (L. D. 1048)

Resolve in favor of Lena Freyer of Covington, Kentucky (S. P. 366) (L. D. 1049)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

(On motion of Mr. Brown of Ellsworth, tabled pending final passage and specially assigned for Friday, April 10.)

**Finally Passed**

Resolve in favor of Edmund D. Schorr of Kittery (H. P. 236) (L. D. 347)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, finally passed, 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, Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on House Trailers", House Paper 255, Legislative Document 366, tabled on March 27 by the gentleman from Winslow, Mr. Dostie, pending assignment for third reading.

Thereupon, the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number two, House Divided Report, Majority "Ought not to pass" and Minority "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Permitting Employees Time Off to Vote", House Paper 300, Legislative Document 447, tabled on April 2 by the gentleman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, pending acceptance of either report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Pert.

Mr. PERT: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Minority "Ought to pass" Report be accepted and request per-



mission to speak briefly on this motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. PERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The problem of the worker who must leave his job during working hours in order to vote is one that has been with us for some time. If we check through the laws of the various states in the United States we find that Kansas back in 1935 was the first state to come to grips with this problem. Since 1935 twenty-nine states have adopted legislation providing time off to vote. A recent trend in this type of legislation has been that a worker will not be allowed time off to vote during working hours if he has sufficient time outside of his working hours to vote. Legislative Document 447 incorporates this provision. In seventeen of the twenty-nine states which have this type of legislation the employer is strictly prohibited from deducting wages from the worker when he goes to vote.

Legislative Document 447 has what I believe to be the most desirable features of "Time off to Vote" legislation. This bill would, as I said, permit an employee to take not more than two hours off to vote if he didn't have enough time to vote after he got through working. State Election Laws provide that polls can open as early as six o'clock in the morning. However, they are allowed to open as late as ten o'clock in the morning. Polls close in the evening at seven o'clock excepting in communities with three hundred or less population where they can close as early as five o'clock.

It is my opinion that this bill will create no hardship on the employer. If an individual wants to go and take time off to vote he has to request in advance permission to do so. The employer himself specifies the hour at which the worker will go to vote. I would like to assure you that this bill is not a partisan matter. While it is true that it was incorporated in the Democratic Platform this year, this type of legislation has been endorsed by the American Heritage Foundation as part of its 1959 Non-partisanship Good Citizenship Program. There are many reasons, I think we all know, for low vote

totals in various elections. It is not my opinion that this bill will be a cure-all; however, I do believe it will be a step in the right direction. If the "Ought to pass" Report is accepted by the House I shall offer House Amendment "A" to limit the provisions of the bill to state and national elections. Thank you.

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

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: If you remember your yesterday's calendar this bill came out of Labor Committee with a nine to one "Ought not to pass" Report. The Labor Committee gave it pretty fair consideration. The thing that disturbed us was the fact that the employer had to pay the employee for the time that he was gone to vote. It also said that the employee had to bring back proof, some sort of written proof, I presume, that he had voted. Now, I don't know what provisions would be made for that, I don't know whether the ballot clerks would have special sheets or not, but the Labor Committee brought this out nine to one "Ought not to pass" so I move indefinite postponement of both reports and when the vote is taken I move for a division.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, that with respect to Bill, "An Act Permitting Employees Time Off to Vote", House Paper 300, Legislative Document 447, both reports be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested. Is the House ready for the question?

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

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-three having voted in the affirmative and fifty-four in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number three, Bill "An Act Exempting Hospital Thrift Shops from Sales Tax",

House Paper 700, Legislative Document 1000, tabled on April 2 by the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number four, Bill "An Act relating to Splash Guards for Certain Trucks", House Paper 870, Legislative Document 1215, tabled on April 2 by the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Williams, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, I tabled this bill for the purpose of an amendment but I find it is hard to work out without hurting the bill which I do not wish to hurt. I think there are a lot of people interested in this. I would now like to table it unassigned and I will take it off the table just as soon as the amendment can be ironed out.

Thereupon, the Bill was retabled pending third reading and unassigned.

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

On motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Briggs, the House voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Issue Bonds for Construction of a Jail", Senate Paper 264, Legislative Document 677, tabled on March 26 by that gentleman pending acceptance in concurrence.

On further motion of that gentleman the Report was accepted, and the Bill given its first and second readings.

The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 264, L. D. 677, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Issue Bonds for Construction of a County Jail."

Amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out in the 4th and 5th lines the words "or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain as hereinafter provided"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 3 and 4.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that House Amendment "A" shall be adopted?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles.

Mr. EARLES: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair may I inquire of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Briggs, whether or not this deletion contained in his amendment, designated as House Amendment "A", has been discussed with the members of the County Commissioners group in Cumberland County.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles, addresses a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Briggs, who may answer if he chooses.

Mr. BRIGGS: Mr. Speaker, I have no comment.

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

Mr. EARLES: Mr. Speaker, in view of the response to my inquiry, I would now move that House Amendment "A" to L. D. 677 be laid on the table until Tuesday next pending consideration of acceptance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles, to move that Bill, "An Act to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Issue Bonds for Construction of a Jail", be tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 7, pending adoption of House Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On a beautiful day like this, I hate to keep you in here, but just for my own sake, and perhaps for the sake of others, I would like to make a comment or two as to my tabling motion of a week ago on the Milk Bill.

It has become very evident to me that there is a great deal of interest from the telephone calls and from the number of people who have asked me why I have it on the table.

The reason that I have it on the table is because it is the only vehicle which we have in this session of the Legislature to do something about milk control. The fact that the day after my tabling motion in one of our leading Maine newspapers it was suggested that I was putting up a road-block or rather the fact that the bill was being withdrawn would make a road-block to my political strategy, I would just like to comment that in my opinion, political strategy is some device to outwit perhaps your opponent, so I don't think that I could be accused of using political strategy because I went to the Senate — which I am not supposed to mention — I went into the other branch and talked with Senator Coffin as to his feelings on this particular bill, and he said: "I don't care what you do with it"; I said: "If I table it in the House, do you mind?" and he said: "No, what you do is your own business." So thinking that I should go farther than that, I went into the office of Maurice Williams, as it says in here, I went in "feather-white", but I assure you that I didn't go in feather-white, because Ober Vaughn, who is the Director of Personnel was in Maurice William's office at the time. My complete conversation with Maurice Williams was held in front of Ober Vaughn. Ober Vaughn said to me: "Your boy goes to Kent's Hill and so does mine." He said: "I didn't realize that," and I said: "Well, you are telling me something I didn't know", and conversation such as that, I am not feather-white as a rule.

It goes on to say: "The Democratic leadership refused to comment publicly on Stanley's tabling motion, but they indicated privately that they were certain that Stanley had fervently hoped the bill would remain in the legislative machinery to afford him and other Republicans the opportunity to 'make political hay'."

As I have said several times, and many people have heard me say it, that here in this Legislature we

talked about ideas. Big minds talk about ideas; average minds talk about events, and little minds talk about people. Here in this Legislature I hope we have minds big enough to talk about ideas. And certainly on this particular thing, it is an idea. I have no political strategy. I don't want to make political hay for any particular reason. I like to fight on grounds which I know. I like to fight on grounds of which my opponent has the same weapons that I have. I would not, in any way, question the motives of the other party, or of any other member of this Legislature. For them to do it to any other member is certainly an injustice, one that I don't think we should condone. "They elucidated by contending that Stanley had hoped they would go through with the bill and make them and their party 'look bad' ". If I had that contention, why would I have gone to my opponents and told them what I was going to do?

"Stanley obviously was exceedingly unhappy when he learned of the Democratic decision to withdraw the bill." And even before this it tells about my visit to Maurice Williams and says: "Williams and Stanley have been friendly for several years." It reminds me of the two gentlemen who were on the train out west, and they were held up, and as the gunman came in nearer to them, the gentleman sitting next to his friend said: "Here Bill is the \$10.00 that I have owed you." Knowing that he was going to lose it anyway. That typifies the friendship of Williams and Stanley.

I think probably I have said enough on the bill. I really think it is kind of amusing, but I hate to have this type of thing happen, not because of Jim Stanley, because I feel able to take care of myself in the situation, but there are times when people can get hurt, and certainly we don't have enough people who take interest enough in this form of government which we have, and if we are going to cut people's throats and cut them down, just to build up yourself, I don't think we should do it. To kill people to build a foundation for yourself to grow on is a very poor foundation.

I have no complaint with the writer of the article because he prob-

ably wrote it as an honest story. The fact that the Democrats complain that I have closed the door, in big print, so that they would have no discussion on it, they were alerted that I was going to table the bill. If they had wanted to discuss it, certainly I would have no objection, and I would say now that anytime that they want to discuss the bill, they just have to tell me and I will

take it off the table. Thank you very kindly.

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

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On motion of Mr. Parsons of Hartford,

Adjourned until Tuesday, April 7, at ten o'clock in the morning.