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HOUSE

Wednesday, April 8, 1959

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

Prayer by the Rev. Father Lee Burns of Lewiston.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Highways reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Provide Funds for Land Acquisition and Plans for State Highway Office Building (S. P. 203) (L. D. 542)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Witnesses' Privilege in Gambling and Lottery Cases" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 552)

Report of the Committee on Public Health reporting same on Bill "An Act Increasing Fees for Licenses of Eating and Lodging Places" (S. P. 278) (L. D. 740)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

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

Ought to Be Adopted

Report of the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs on Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Equalize Retirement Benefits for Retired Members of the Armed Forces who Retired Prior to June 1, 1958 (S. P. 434) (L. D. 1293) reporting that it "Ought to be Adopted"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Resolution adopted.

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

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Warrants on Sales and Use Tax Assessments" (S. P. 231) (L. D. 614)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Examination by Judge into Causes of Criminal Character of

Prisoners" (S. P. 379) (L. D. 1105)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Authorizing Informations at Terms of Court in Cumberland County" (S. P. 380) (L. D. 1106)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Increasing Payments to Penobscot County Law Library" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1136)

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.

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Transportation reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Driver Education" (S. P. 185) (L. D. 428)

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

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this until Wednesday next. There is another bill coming over here that I don't quite understand that seems to conflict with this and I would like to make further study of it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that the Report be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 15, pending acceptance of the Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of eighth grade pupils from St. Patrick's School of Lewiston, accompanied by their teachers Sister St. John and Sister St. Paula.

The Chair would also recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of fifty students from Howland High School accompanied by their Assistant Principal, Mr. Jones. On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most cordial and hearty welcome, and we hope you will enjoy and

profit by your visit here today. (Applause)

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

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Providing Mandatory Jail Sentence for Second Offense of Driving under the Influence" (S. P. 329) (L. D. 905) 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.

(On motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 15.)

**Ought to Pass
Amended in Senate**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center and the Commitment of the Insane" (S. P. 330) (L. D. 906)

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

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

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 330, L. D. 906, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Pineland Hospital and Training Center and the Commitment of the Insane."

Amend said Bill in that part of section 5 designated "Sec. 143-B" by striking out the underlined words "medicine and surgery" in the 9th line and by inserting after the underlined words "State of Maine" in the 9th line the underlined words "by the Board of Registration in Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration"

Senate Amendment "A" was accepted in concurrence and the Bill

assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Gas Masks for Fire Departments" (S. P. 171) (L. D. 415)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MARTIN of Kennebec
— of the Senate.

Messrs. BROWN of Cape Elizabeth
HUTCHINSON of Carthage
TRUMBULL of Fryeburg
LINNELL of South Portland
GOOD of Sebago

— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CHARLES of Cumberland
MacDONALD of Oxford
— of the Senate.

Messrs. KELLAM of Portland
COTE of Lewiston
— of the House.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I will move you that the Majority Report be accepted, and I would like to speak briefly thereon.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. BROWN: This Bill, L. D. 415, is a very innocent looking little document, and I wonder how many of you realize what a package it holds. I would indulge in your time, if I may, in reading part of this. It says, "Gas masks, each municipality, corporation or individual providing fire protection shall supply each vehicle responding to a fire with a gas mask for use by the members of the fire department when required to enter any place where the supply of oxygen may be insufficient to sustain human life. such masks shall meet the requirements and standards set up by the United States Bureau of Mines."

Now, that sounds very fine, I want to say at the outset that this does not affect Cape Elizabeth, which I represent here, we have those things. But do you realize if this act receives passage that of the volunteer fire departments in the State of Maine, which there are many, many, it goes into the hundreds, in order to stay within this law, every vehicle that responds to a fire must have a gas mask in it, be it a public owned vehicle or a private owned vehicle. That brings up the situation where the small town has got to buy a lot of material that it has no use for.

I feel very strongly about this matter as being an imposition upon the small town, and a good way to dispose of it is to accept the majority report of the Committee.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: The constituents of Mr. Brown, my good friend, the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, are protected with masks, so they must consider life is worth more up there than it is in Bowdoinham. We don't have such protection but we would be glad to have it. I think our people who respond to fires in our small towns, their lives are just as dear and just as precious and worth just as much to the State as they are in South Portland.

I would like to table this so that we can amend it. I agree perhaps where it says that every vehicle responding, I think perhaps whoever wrote this bill didn't mean just quite that because, in other words, I am a member of our local department, I hardly ever have to get out but I am always there if I am at home, and we have some 25 or 30 that respond and we have about 20 that really do the work but we have these other 20 that are ready to help in case of need, so it would be rather simple for each one to carry 40 gas masks there. So I think if this was properly amended it would take care of the objections of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, and it would also furnish some protection for our small outfits like ours in Bowdoinham and towns of such size, and I

would like to table this until the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: With respect to Bill "An Act relating to Gas Masks for Fire Departments", the question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that both reports be tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow pending adoption of the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report. Will those who favor the motion to table please say aye; those opposed, no.

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

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report.

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

Mr. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I think that this is a question where each and every one of us should take a real serious look into the matters that concern this particular thing.

The Federation of Fire Fighters have over the years tried to bring about necessary changes within their departments to make it better for the citizens of Maine and also the better working conditions for themselves.

I have here a letter that was sent to the members of the Legislature, I believe, from the Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters, Incorporated, and if the members have not read it, I think that it would be a worthy document to read before we kill such a worthy measure.

I was thoroughly deceived that the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, did not prevail because I think that this is something that deserved a better look.

I am not going to read this document because I believe it was mailed to every member of the present Legislature. I do hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sebago, Mr. Good.

Mr. GOOD: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We considered this bill very seriously when it came before the Legal Affairs Committee and I, being a member of the volunteer fire department in my home town, am quite close to the situation, and I am in favor, as is documented on today's calendar, of the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, that the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report be adopted.

The price of these masks is one of the predominant reasons for the decision. Now, we were given figures on these masks of anywhere from \$65 to \$250 each. If we put one of these masks on each of the four trucks that we have in Sebago, it would cost a total of \$1,000. Now, at this particular time in our town we need hose. Of course, before a fire can be extinguished you have got to have the water, we felt. Now we realize that the saving of human life by the use of a mask is a predominant factor but we do carry masks, and I am sure that many of the volunteer fire departments throughout the State of Maine do carry masks of one type or another, but not masks which will cost \$65 or \$250.

I have talked the situation over in Sebago and the fire department was opposed to this bill, feeling that they needed other things first, more particularly hose, in this particular situation. Therefore, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, does prevail.

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

Mr. KELLAM: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am sure that all you people realize, and particularly the people from the smaller towns, that there is a great deal of cost involved in fire departments and you feel that you are in the best position to know what is the most needed. However, I think that we should all take a close look at the gas mask problem since obviously there are situations when a human life might be saved by this piece of equipment being available.

We had an instance come up in Portland just at the time of this hearing where a man was trapped in the harbor who was removed be-

cause the trucks do all carry gas masks in that area and they were able to go down and bring him up. This particular situation with no ventilation, it was very necessary that there was a gas mask available, and I am sure that there are other instances where it would be very advisable to have one.

Now, it is possible that other pieces of equipment may be more important and, of course, I feel that the towns should not be handicapped in requiring them to have a gas mask possibly for every vehicle, but probably, at least in a certain area for a certain fire department there should be at least one mask, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, does not prevail in order that if the Minority Report is accepted, possibly an amendment could be submitted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would remind the House that according to the House Rules that standing in front of a member who is speaking is prohibited. The Chair will recognize everybody who stands, but we must request that the rules be observed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hardy.

Mr. HARDY: Mr. Speaker, I guess I got carried away here a little bit, being the chief of one of these volunteer fire departments that are being picked on right now.

I took it on myself to contact every volunteer fire department in the area in which I reside and I find without exception that we feel that this would cause undue hardship because as the gentleman from Sebago, Mr. Good, has already said, there are many items which we need far more than we need \$1,000 worth of gas masks. We have many, many pieces of equipment on these units that have to be kept up to date, and I think that most all of us have some air tank today, or some means of getting into these oxygen restricted parts, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Sebago, Mr. Good, prevails.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Carthage, Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. HUTCHINSON: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In support of my position

in signing the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report I would like to say that I think the bill, not only for the various reasons which have already been given you, but I think the bill is poorly written in that it cannot be properly interpreted in so far as whether or not vehicles are part of fire fighting equipment or belong to some of the individuals that go to the fires.

The cost of these masks is absolutely prohibitive to a lot of these small towns and it is going to make lawbreakers out of almost all of them. It would be very nice if all our small towns could have big city equipment but we possibly cannot afford it, and I think that the measure, if adopted, could not be properly enforced.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I didn't really intend to get into this but after listening to the debate I assume that these gas masks are available to any fire department presently that wishes to purchase them, that point seems to be evident to me.

I had on another matter gathered some figures which might give a picture statewide somewhat of the problem involved and the amount of money involved if this act were passed. I have found that there are 12,000 vehicles that would become involved in this, in other words, 12,000 members of volunteer fire departments, presumably all operating their own cars, so with a little quick figuring, it may not be too accurate, I come up with a total figure of somewhere around two million and a half of cost to the State if all of these volunteer cars were equipped with these gas masks.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear the opponents because they brought out just exactly what we are trying to have amended if we had a chance to amend it.

We do, in our town, we do have gas masks so this does not affect us at all. We are interested enough

in our people who fight our fires that we provide gas masks. Now, of course, if this were properly amended, I think two gas masks would be sufficient at a fire, and that was what I had in mind for an amendment. And I am sure that if our little town can afford to, which we do, and perhaps I owe my life to one of them because at a fire in the Grange Hall where I was Master, I rushed up where the fire was and couldn't get out, and a man with a gas mask on came up and took me out, I might have been up there and smothered with the smoke before I got out. That is why I feel so sincerely about it, it is so essential.

Now, there are undoubtedly some people who think they need more than they need life and they will not buy them. We do have two gas masks and it does not affect us. If I get a chance to amend the bill that is all I would ask for, that everybody be provided with two gas masks.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? A division has been requested. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Brown, that the House accept the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report on Bill "An Act relating to Gas Masks for Fire Departments", Senate Paper 171, Legislative Document 415. Will those who favor the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" Report please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and seven having voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of students from St. Joseph's College in North Windham accompanied by its President, Sister Mary Carmel and Librarian, Sister Margaret Mary. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you ladies a most cordial and hearty welcome and we hope that you will enjoy and profit by your visit here today. (Applause)

Called to order by the Speaker.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Area Directional Signs" (S. P. 436) (L. D. 1284) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "B" in non-concurrence in the House on April 1.

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

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

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to the Bank Commissioner, Advisory Committee and Department Regulations (S. P. 228) (L. D. 611) which was passed to be enacted in the House on March 18, and passed to be engrossed on March 13.

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.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Fisher in Certain Counties" (H. P. 606) (L. D. 866) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on March 25.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Resolve in favor of Grand Falls Hospital, Grand Falls, New Brunswick (H. P. 483) (L. D. 701) on which the House accepted the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Claims and passed the Resolve to be engrossed on April 3.

Came from the Senate with the Minority "Ought not to pass" Report accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Johnson of Stockholm, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 15.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
Senate Chamber

April 7, 1959

Hon. Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of
Representatives
99th Legislature

Sir:

The President of the Senate today appointed the following Conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing actions of the two branches of the Legislature on:

Bill "An Act relating to Licensing and Safety in Operation of Boats" (S. P. 79) (L. D. 151)

Senators:

CARPENTER of Somerset
BRIGGS of Aroostook
HILLMAN of Penobscot

Respectfully,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce the appointment of the Committee on the part of the House to confer with the Senate on the disagreeing action of the two branches on Senate Paper 79, Legislative Document 151, Bill "An Act relating to Licensing and Safety in Operation of Boats". The members appointed to the Committee to represent the House are the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Berman, and the gentleman from Harrison, Mr. Pitts.

Orders

Mr. Wade of Auburn presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that permission be granted for the taking of sound television movies during debate in the House on Thursday, April 9, 1959 for the purposes of use on television news programs.

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

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This order should be discussed rather than passed automatically because it has some bearing on that part of Rule 24 dealing with the press. Television news has become a recognized form of news reporting and some people feel that this type of reporting should, within reasonable limits, be extended to the proceedings of this House. Others point out that over the years in this House photography has been strictly limited and that this order goes quite contrary to that tradition. This matter should be decided by the House, and I hope that you will express yourselves on it at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair awaits the motion on the adoption of this order.

The Chair is reminded that any order which affects the rules of the House must, under the rules, lie upon the table for twenty-four hours. Now, the Chair understands that the television people need a twenty-four hour notice to have their equipment ready and set up, and since the filming is asked for tomorrow, in order to consider this order at this time the House must vote to suspend the rules for that purpose.

Will those who favor suspending the rules that this order may be considered at this time please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the House voted to suspend the rules.

The SPEAKER: The rules have been suspended and the question now is on the adoption of the order. Is there any discussion on the order?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The point you brought up was what I was going to question along with one other point. It is my understanding that if this order has passage in order to entertain the T.V. on the date set that Rule 24 would either have to be suspended permanently or suspended for the day. I would like to know, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that Rule 24 has to do with

the subject of who may be permitted on the floor of the House, and the order as read, specifies the permission being granted only for the one day of tomorrow.

Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, I have two questions to ask of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his questions.

Mr. RANKIN: One, is the film to be silent or sound and, two, is there any special reason whereby the press wishes to choose tomorrow as the day for the filming?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin, has addressed a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, who may answer if he chooses.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the questions of the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin, I don't know about the sound and film, but on the other question I assume, in fact I know pretty well, that the television people asked to have this tomorrow because the Governor's Council matter had been tabled until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would further advise the gentleman from Southport, Mr. Rankin, that as the order was read it specified sound film. The Chair would further advise the House that the representative of the television station contacted the Chair to find out on what day some debate would be taking place. They did not necessarily specify tomorrow, and because there undoubtedly will be debate tomorrow on the Governor's Council question, that is why tomorrow was specified in the order.

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't know as I hardly know what I am going to say myself but I think it is this: That I find myself somewhat reluctant to go along on so short a notice on a matter that has apparently been somewhat controversial. I feel that possibly we should have had a little longer warning that this thing was going to take

place. I am not opposing it but that is my thinking.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell.

Mr. CASWELL: Mr. Speaker, I had a birthday. I won't tell you when, but it was long enough ago so that it is too late to do anything about it now, and I am a year older than I was when I came down here, and probably I am a year or two more conservative than I was when I came down in January and possibly I am too conservative, but particularly if this matter is coming up for debate tomorrow, it would be my feeling that some of the House members, in fact, I had almost an idea that I might say something tomorrow about that, and I should feel very restrained if I knew that I was being listened to. I have no hesitancy in letting my constituents know what little I say, they will find it out anyway, and I should hesitate and I would think others might, to let their hair down entirely on that matter. I think I am opposed to allowing this.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. HENDSBEE: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I quite take the opposite stand from the gentleman from New Sharon, Mr. Caswell. You take us politicians and especially town officials, we find it difficult to get anybody to listen to us. Now, I would be tickled to death to have somebody listen to me over the air if I get a chance to speak. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair will order a division.

Will those who favor the passage of this Order please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and ten having voted in the affirmative and twelve in the negative, the Order received passage.

Mr. Call of Cumberland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be and hereby is directed to study methods of stabilizing pension income for members of the Maine State Retirement System. Such study shall include, but is not limited to, investigation into current trends and developments in private and public retirement systems, aimed at keeping benefits in line with inflationary trends, financial factors, and possible investment media. (H. P. 917)

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This order was put in through a request of the Maine State Retirement System. One of the greatest problems confronting them today is people who have retired years ago and receive a small pension, say, of eleven and twelve dollars a week, and only yesterday we had twenty-eight applicants in one hearing for an increase in their pension. The average age was 69 years of age and the lowest pay was \$11 a week for one man who has put in 29 years in the service of the State.

Now, the greatest thing that confronts the Retirement System is inflationary trends today and the financial factors. They realize that there are many hundreds of people who have given a great length of time and service to the State who are not receiving adequate compensation today and that is why I request this order to be passed by this House so that the Legislative Research Committee can delve into it and come up with some kind of an answer which would save us possibly from going out and spending a lot of money to have this investigated by outside interests, and I hope and pray that you will allow the passage of this order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. Emmons.

Mr. EMMONS: Mr. Speaker, the Legislative Research Committee has many matters referred to it, and two years ago we had a lot of matters referred to it. At times it seems to me that we have too many matters referred to it.

I am in favor of putting these orders and resolves in at the present time or whenever they are available, but I do think that there should at the end be some consolidation of the thing in this way, that they should not be overloaded. For that reason I move that this order be tabled unassigned for that particular purpose.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must remind the gentleman that the tabling motion is not debatable.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division on the tabling motion.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested on the tabling motion. Will those who favor the motion to table this Order please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

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

Thereupon, the Order received passage on a viva voce vote.

On motion of Mr. Karkos of Lisbon, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Fr. Fabian Onderovsky of the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church of Lisbon Falls, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 23, 1959.

On motion of Mrs. Smith of Fal-mouth, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Maddox of Vinalhaven be excused from attendance this week because of illness, and that Mr. Dow of Eliot be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of pupils from the Lewis S. Libby School of Milford, accompanied by Lionel L. Alley, Principal; and a group of pupils from Erskine Academy of South China, American Government Class, accompanied by Miss Robinson. On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most hearty

and cordial welcome, and we hope you will enjoy and profit by your visit with us here today. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Ervin from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Average Daily Membership Required for School Administrative Districts" (H. P. 140) (L. D. 196) reported Leave to Withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Special Report Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Berman from the House Committee on County Estimates reports that the Committee finds no error that requires correction in Chapter 53 of the Resolves of 1959.

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Brown of Ellsworth, tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for tomorrow.)

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of the Piscataquis Community High School Band accompanied by their Chaperones Vaughn Martin, Harriet Kronholm, Patricia Austin and Janice Lord. The Chair would like to congratulate the band on the wonderful performance they made a short while ago and we hope you have a pleasant visit here and a wonderful trip to Washington. (Applause)

Ought to Pass Printed Bill

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 844) (L. D. 1207)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Miss Cormier from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Teachers and Other School Personnel for Mentally Retarded Children" (H. P. 142) (L. D. 198)

reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 142, L. D. 198, Bill, "An Act Relating to Teachers and Other School Personnel for Mentally Retarded Children".

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraph:

'Teachers and other school personnel who are so trained may be reimbursed thru funds of the Department of Education on a matching basis for expenditures for such training approved in advance by the Commissioner of Education.'

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

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Frazier from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Providing Subsidy to Driver Education in Academies" (H. P. 872) (L. D. 1246) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais.

Mr. DESMARAIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this bill for awhile to give me time to confer with the Attorney General to see if an amendment would be in order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Desmarais, moves that this matter be tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 14. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Pert from the Committee on Election Laws on Bill "An Act Revising Certain Election Laws" (H. P. 857) (L. D. 1225) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 857, L. D. 1225, Bill, "An Act Revising Certain Election Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 1, the following sections:

"Sec. 1-A. R. S., c. 3, § 19, amended. The 5th sentence of section 19 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes is repealed as follows:

'Every person qualified to vote shall vote only in the ward of the city and voting precinct thereof, if any, in which he had his residence on the 1st day of April preceding, or in which he became an inhabitant after said day.'

Sec. 1-B. R. S., c. 3, § 24, repealed. Section 24 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 1-C. R. S., c. 3, §§ 24-A and 24-B, additional. Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, to be numbered 24-A and 24-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 24-A. Voting restricted to district of present residence. A voter must vote in the ward of the city and voting precinct, if any, in which he resides on election day.

Sec. 24-B. Change of address of voters. When a voter's street address is changed from one ward to another, he must give written notice to the board of registration of his new and former addresses before the close of registrations prior to election day. If he fails to notify the board of his change of address before the close of registrations, he must appear before the board on election day and notify it of his change of address. The board shall then correct his address on the voting list and issue him a certificate directed to the presiding officer of his new ward or precinct showing his new and former addresses. On presentation of the certificate to the presiding officer, it shall be attached to the check list and the voter may then vote.'

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

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman

from Lee, Mr. Frazier, to the rostrum to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Frazier assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Edgar retired from the Hall.

Divided Report Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Election Laws reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Authorizing Registration of Voters by Affidavit Registration" (H. P. 615) (L. D. 883)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WOODCOCK of Penobscot
WEEKS of Cumberland
— of the Senate.
Mr. WESTON of Farmingdale
Mrs. KNAPP of Yarmouth
Mr. BROWN of Bangor
Mrs. DEAN of Buxton
Mr. PITTS of Harrison
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. DUNN of Kennebec
— of the Senate.
Messrs. PERT of Bath
CAHILL of Moscow
— of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mr. Pert of Bath, tabled pending acceptance of either Report and specially assigned for Friday, April 10.)

Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Natural Resources reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Classifying Certain Waters in Meduxnekeag River Basin" (H. P. 403) (L. D. 587)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BRIGGS of Aroostook
COLE of Waldo
FARLEY of York
— of the Senate.
Messrs. SAUNDERS of Bethel
WHITMAN of Woodstock
BACON of Sidney

PERRY of Easton

— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HEALD of Union
JALBERT of Lewiston
WILLIAMS of Hodgdon
— of the House.

Reports were read.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Saunders.

Mr. SAUNDERS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House:

Before us I think we have perhaps one of the more important pieces of legislation. If you will carefully read the document, you will find it says to declassify one of our streams in the State. Many of us have worked several years in trying to work out a workable solution to our pollution problems. In my way of seeing this bill, it only means it is a step to stop this progress.

I would like to read an editorial from the Portland Press Herald, Thursday morning, April 2, 1959. It is entitled "The First Real Showdown In War To Keep Waters Clean".

"The current Legislature could seal the doom of the State's first hesitant steps toward cleaning up its precious waters.

"Houlton and Mars Hill are pressing for legislative action to downgrade Water Improvement Commission classifications of the Meduxnekeag and Prestile Streams in order to avoid the necessity of installing sewage treatment plants.

"This is the first real showdown on efforts of the Water Improvement Commission to reverse the trend toward greater pollution of Maine Waters. The Commission has registered a few minor victories, mainly through the compliance of some small industries with cleanup orders. But if Houlton and Mars Hill are successful in evading their obligation to halt pollution, one official commented, 'the Commission might as well close up shop.'

"The Water Improvement Commission doesn't amount to much under our present pitiful laws, but at least it's a start in the right direction. If selfish interests are permit-

ted to 'close up shop' on purer waters for Maine it will be a stinking shame — and the stench will linger throughout this State for a long time to come."

Maine has been one of the most backward States in New England. Federal funds were available to the amount of \$1,887,000 and of these, Maine has only used \$464,000. This stream is not just a stream in Maine, it runs across the Canadian border, therefore, we are not only confronted with another stream, but an international stream. This stream runs into the St. John River and also through the Town of Woodstock.

I would like to read a telegram from the New Brunswick Water Authority received the other day, and I quote: "Learned with dismay today of public hearing regarding downgrading Meduxnekeag River at Houlton. New Brunswick Department of Health writing you in conjunction with us. Intensive investigation of Meduxnekeag and Aroostook Rivers in New Brunswick planned this season as Woodstock, New Brunswick and other municipalities suffering from present pollution arising in Maine. Existing legislation already controls international waters and we hope sincerely for your cooperation in this project." Signed by John S. Bates, Chairman, New Brunswick Water Authority.

I would like to read one more from the Department of Health and Social Services in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

"We have learned that a public hearing is to be held on March 25th to consider the downgrading of the Meduxnekeag River from C to D. The unsanitary condition of this river has long been the concern of this province and especially to the people of the town of Woodstock.

"The New Brunswick Water Authority since its formation a year ago, has received requests asking that measures be taken to improve the Meduxnekeag and to restore it to some semblance of its original state. Any action by the Maine Water Improvement Commission to down-grade at this time would defeat our efforts before we start.

"In view of the international implications of the Meduxnekeag and the existing laws relating to

boundary waters, we respectfully request that no action be taken to downgrade this river." Signed by Alwyn J. Cameron, Provincial Sanitary Engineer. These are only a few of the things I wish to bring out at this time.

One other thing that has been brought up is the fact that in the 1957 Legislature that the Legislature downgraded a certain portion of the streams that were given us for water classification under that law. I have checked with the Water Improvement Commission and in no case did we downgrade a stream. The only cases where we changed were for the reasons which the Water Improvement Commission recommended, a higher classification than the river actually contained, or the stream. They felt it was necessary to upgrade some streams to keep the pollution problem to a minimum. However, as some of you know, the Legislature did not go along one hundred per cent with this idea and the streams that were put back on the unclassification were later put back to its present water quality. The Water Improvement Commission has been in action several years. I am sure that some of you know at least that the Water Improvement Commission is made up of two people representing municipalities, two people representing industry and two people from the State at large. These people meet and decide upon the factors which grade our streams at the present.

This stream has already been classified, it was classified two years ago to a "C", and they felt it was necessary and the Legislature went along with them. Now this bill is merely to downgrade that stream.

Let us say, for instance, that the towns are faced with a financial problem. I am sure the members of the Water Improvement Commission are very capable people and they are people, where a town is financially in trouble, will give that town sufficient time to put the plan into operation. And I will explain just a little bit the way it works so that you all may understand. The first phase of any sewerage plant is the planning stage. Now, this is done by professional engineers, it could take a month, it could take

six months, it could take a year. In many cases it has taken over a year, merely the first step in planning. The second step is financing. Here again the Water Improvement Commission has shown that if a town is in trouble financially, they will go along with them for a year, maybe two, maybe three years, whatever it is necessary to get adequate financing.

I can assure you Ladies and Gentlemen, if this bill passes that there will be others. In fact, I know of one or two that will be introduced because of this, and I dare say in the next Legislature that you will have before you not only one, two or three, but thirty-five or forty or fifty. So that this is merely an opening, and I submit to you Ladies and Gentlemen, before you vote, think carefully what you are voting about. This is a very important step in Maine's future, and I recommend very strongly that you vote for the majority report and I so move.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Saunders, for the acceptance of the Majority Report.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Union, Mr. Heald.

Mr. HEALD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain my stand for signing the Minority "Ought to pass" Report on this bill. People keep talking about a matter of precedence and setting up a precedent. In the bill we have in here it is a precedent of a sort.

I was on this Committee two years ago and I was one of the fellows that voted to put the grading on the stream that is there now, that they want to downgrade. I am not above admitting that I have made a mistake. I don't think that we are showing enough consideration to individual communities. I think that we owe these various communities the opportunity to prosper as well as other communities.

For some reason this bill didn't come out in the order that some of the Committee members thought it was going to come out in, there was another bill that was going to precede this bill. I don't hardly understand the maneuvering, but I have an inkling what it is, and I just wanted to leave you that

thought, and that is the reason that I voted the way I did on this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Ervin.

Mr. ERVIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This is my bill. It is a very important bill, not only to the State of Maine but to the people of the Town of Houlton, perhaps to the tune of half a million dollars.

There is at the present time plans for a public meeting in our town regarding the sewerage disposal plant that is cited for our area, and for that reason I am going to ask this House to table this bill unassigned until the results of that meeting are known.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Ervin, to table Bill "An Act Classifying Certain Waters in Meduxnekeag River Basin", House Paper 403, Legislative Document 587. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No")

The SPEAKER pro tem: All those in favor of tabling this Bill will please say aye; all those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of either report and unassigned.

Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Dragners in Part of Penobscot Bay" (H. P. 406) (L. D. 590) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 916) (L. D. 1294) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. COFFIN of Cumberland
BROWN of Washington
— of the Senate.
Messrs. MADDOX of Vinalhaven
DENNISON
— of East Machias
RANKIN of Southport
DANES of South Portland
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. DOW of Lincoln
 — of the Senate.
 Messrs. LOWERY of Brunswick
 BOONE of Eastport
 YOUNG of Gouldsboro
 — of the House.

Reports were read.

(On motion of Mrs. Knapp of Yarmouth, the two Reports with accompanying papers, on a viva voce vote, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report and unassigned.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Special Deputy Sheriffs" (S. P. 145) (L. D. 340)

Bill "An Act relating to Duty of Full-Time Municipal Health Officers Concerning Tuberculosis" (S. P. 340) (L. D. 916)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Jury Commissioners" (S. P. 441) (L. D. 1288)

Bill "An Act relating to Maintenance of Guide-posts by Municipalities" (S. P. 442) (L. D. 1289)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Furnishing Liquor to Certain Persons" (H. P. 592) (L. D. 838)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Violation of Laws Regulating Operation of Motor Vehicles at Grade Crossings" (H. P. 721) (L. D. 1026)

Were 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 Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Formation and Operation of Mutual Trust Investment Companies under Supervision of Bank Commissioner" (H. P. 740) (L. D. 1059)

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

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

Mr. LINNELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: With respect

to item number seven, "An Act relating to Formation and Operation of Mutual Trust Investment Companies under Supervision of Bank Commissioner," I wish to call the attention of the House to a typographical error which appears not only in the document but in the original document, in Section 154-E, Subsection 1, and I believe the fourth line, the word as it appears is the word "comment," it should be "content." I therefore move that the Clerk be directed to correct the typographical error.

The SPEAKER pro tem: You have heard the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, that the Clerk be directed to correct the typographical error and make a verbal amendment to House Paper 740, Legislative Document 1059. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Clerk of the House was so ordered to make the correction.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Philbrick.

Mr. PHILBRICK: Mr. Speaker, in respect to item seven once again, inasmuch as that represents a radical departure from current banking practices in the State of Maine and also inasmuch as two of our larger trust companies have advised me that they are not completely satisfied about this particular bill, they don't necessarily oppose it, they don't necessarily propose it, they are a bit undecided about it, and I would like to consult with them and consult with a few others and for that reason I would like to table it unassigned.

Thereupon, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and unassigned.

Bill "An Act to Provide Pensions for Widows and Children of Deceased Public Works Employees of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 764) (L. D. 1082)

Bill "An Act relating to Petition for Support of Wife or Minor Children" (H. P. 877) (L. D. 1251)

Were 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 Tabled Until Later in Today's Session

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Certain Lights Along Highways" (H. P. 914) (L. D. 1290)

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

(On motion of Mr. Heald of Union, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for later in today's session.)

Bill "An Act relating to Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Wire Bridge in Town of New Portland, Somerset County" (H. P. 915) (L. D. 1291)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Repealing the Two Inch Clam Law" (H. P. 177) (L. D. 248)

Bill "An Act relating to the South Portland Park and Recreation Commission" (H. P. 422) (L. D. 606)

Bill "An Act Increasing Number of Members of School Board in North Berwick" (H. P. 523) (L. D. 758)

Bill "An Act Increasing Members of Planning Board of City of Belfast" (H. P. 845) (L. D. 1208)

Resolve in favor of a Survivor Benefit Allowance for Otelia M. Race of Guilford (S. P. 293) (L. D. 817)

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 as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER EDGAR: The Chair would take this opportunity to thank the gentleman from Lee, Mr. Frazier, for his excellent services as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms conducted the gentleman from Lee, Mr. Frazier, to his seat on the Floor, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Edgar resumed the Chair.

Passed to Be Enacted

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

An Act relating to Use of Surplus Funds by Counties (S. P. 300) (L. D. 824)

An Act relating to Time of Public Utility Commission's Orders Concerning Rate Changes for Freight Transportation (S. P. 369) (L. D. 1052)

An Act relating to Examination of Insurance Agents and Brokers (H. P. 133) (L. D. 191)

An Act relating to Protection from Nuclear Loss in Standard Fire Insurance Policy (H. P. 533) (L. D. 768)

An Act relating to Obstructing Windshields of Motor Vehicles (H. P. 575) (L. D. 808)

An Act Prohibiting Signature or Countersignature by Rubber Stamp or Other Facsimile (H. P. 630) (L. D. 922)

An Act relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker College (H. P. 777) (L. D. 1095)

An Act relating to Powers and Stock of Development Credit Corporation of Maine (H. P. 804) (L. D. 1143)

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:** The Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act to Revise the Inland Fish and Game Laws", Senate Paper 205, Legislative Document 544, tabled on March 26 by the gentleman from Eustis, Mr. Carville, pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A".

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

Mr. WHEATON: Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, I would like to recommit this bill back to the Inland Fisheries and Game Committee for further consideration.

The **SPEAKER:** The gentleman from Princeton, Mr. Wheaton, moves that this matter be recommit-

ted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of People's Benevolent Hospital at Fort Kent, House Paper 581, Legislative Document 828, tabled on March 31 by the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Rowe, pending acceptance of the Committee Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to attach an amendment to this and would it be in order to substitute the bill for the report?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may make that motion.

Mr. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Rowe, moves that with respect to Resolve in favor of People's Benevolent Hospital at Fort Kent, the Bill be substituted for the Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a somewhat unusual position for me to take at this time notwithstanding the fact that it is a resolve which apparently seems to be in favor of one of my constituents. This resolve needs some clarifying. It was introduced undoubtedly by the request of someone in Madawaska. I was surprised at the time it was introduced and somewhat humiliated because I represent my constituents in Fort Kent and Wallagrass and if I required aid I would be glad to call on some of my associates, and I called up the people in the hospital and wanted to know what the score was. I was wondering if I had been forgotten as their representative or what happened, and they told me they had nothing to do with the request of this resolve and that they did have a claim against somebody in Madawaska for services in the

hospital of which part had been paid and they requested payment for the balance for some time and finally decided the only chance they could get to receive payment and wipe out this was to place the account in the hands of their attorney and therefore concluded the matter closed. There is a long story behind this and in order to cut it short I make a motion to indefinitely postpone the resolve and the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Rowe.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that Resolve in favor of People's Benevolent Hospital at Fort Kent and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Rowe.

Mr. ROWE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: First of all, I hesitate to disagree with the fine and distinguished gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, but I would like to explain and lay before the Members of the House the facts behind this case.

First of all, I should probably explain why I introduced this particular resolve. The resolve, if you will go to L. D. 828, is in favor of Catherine Albert of Madawaska, who was born in 1875 and began teaching in the Town of Madawaska in 1894 for \$4.00 a week. She retired in 1939 and on her retirement pension she was earning \$600 a year until 1950 at which time her pension was increased to \$700 and until 1951 it was \$800, in 1953 it was \$900 and in 1957 it was again changed by the last legislative body to \$1250. This is roughly \$23.00 a week. She is a bedridden person. She is a person who has been deathly sick for years and has incurred continuing hospitalization expense for the last several years. The last figures I received from the Fort Kent Benevolent Hospital she had a bill of \$6060 and she had brought it down to \$300. She is not able to do any better. She has a brother and a sister living with her and they are both as sickly as she is. She is unable to handle and pay to the Fort Kent Hospital this bill of \$300 and at the request of my Town Manager, I thought it very proper, and in order to save Cath-

erine Albert, the best way we can get her out of the pending thing, she is at this time going to be taken into Court in Fort Kent and sued for the \$300 which is the outstanding bill she owes to the hospital.

Myself, I don't think it fitting and proper, a retired school teacher of eighty years old, she has made her contribution to the town and to the State, and I don't think it fitting and proper that she should be taken into Court and this judgment should be made against her. I have filed an amendment and I have crossed out the figure of \$356 and changed it to \$250 and I have also attached on the amendment that this \$250 be considered full and final payment for the hospital payment of Catherine Albert of Madawaska. I think it fair, fitting and proper for this fine and fitting person. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from St. Albans, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. HUGHES: Mr. Speaker, this resolve came before our Committee and with the information we received it seemed that the resolve was more in favor of the Town of Madawaska and not of the People's Benevolent Hospital or the lady mentioned, and we considered that this was the town's responsibility and not the State's responsibility. The elderly lady is presently receiving a pension of \$104 monthly which we considered a fair pension. I will support the motion to indefinitely postpone and I hope the motion prevails.

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As a member of the Claims Committee I reluctantly signed the "Ought not to pass" Report because that is about the way we were using a lot of those claims, but I want to give my feeling in the case of this elderly lady. The reason I was reluctant in signing it, while I think it was Madawaska's place to pay it, it would pauperize her. Do we want to pauperize a woman who taught school all her life and started teaching for a small sum and who at this age is sick and ailing and has

a brother and sister she is taking care of who are sick too? Do we want to pauperize her for \$250? I don't feel that I do now.

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

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Later on we will be called on to vote for multimillion dollar bills, we will do so if the rumors are correct. I shall go along with the motion of the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Rowe. I believe this Legislature can well afford to spend \$250 to save an aged woman from the indignity of having to appear before a court of law.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Mathews.

Mr. MATHEWS: Mr. Speaker, if you do go along with Mr. Rowe, I am afraid in years to come you will have all the town pauper cases in the laps of the State Claims Committee.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Portland, Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. HENDRICKS: Mr. Speaker, I request a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, that Resolve in Favor of People's Benevolent Hospital at Fort Kent, House Paper 581, Legislative Document 828, and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Will those who favor the indefinite postponement of this Resolve, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Seventy having voted in the affirmative and forty-eight having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed, the Resolve was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Splash Guards on Certain Vehicles Used in

Construction Work", House Paper 800, Legislative Document 1132, tabled on April 3 by the gentleman from Sidney, Mr. Bacon, pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Davis.

Mr. DAVIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The gentleman from Sidney, Mr. Bacon, kindly tabled this matter for me as a courtesy when I was absent. It now appears that the purpose of this act will be served by the amended version of a new draft which combines the better features of several bills involving splash guards and therefore there is no further need for this bill, so I move that the Committee Report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Calais, Mr. Davis, moves that the Committee Report "Ought not to pass" be accepted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, the Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding", House Paper 292, Legislative Document 439, tabled on April 3 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Early this morning my good friend from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, tabled L. D. 905 on page 2, "An Act Providing Mandatory Jail Sentence for Second Offense of Driving under the Influence". This is a serious bill and it came out "Ought to pass" and the one on page 8 which we are now talking about, "Ought to pass", "An Act relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding", this came out with a Committee Amendment which tore the guts out of it, but we feel it is a good strong bill and with your permission, I would ask the House to

take the two bills and study them and I will ask that this be retabled for Thursday of next week and I would ask a favor of the House if they will reconsider the assignment made by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn — I can see that I can't. I will table it unassigned with the permission of the House. I will work it in that way.

The SPEAKER: With respect to Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Motor Vehicle Licenses for Speeding", the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, moves the "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment Report be tabled unassigned pending acceptance of the Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number five, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Regulating the Use of Otter or Beam Trawls," House Paper 405, Legislative Document 589, tabled on April 7 by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Knight, pending acceptance; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number six, Bill "An Act relating to Tax Collector's Warrant", House Paper 293, Legislative Document 440, tabled on April 7 by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, pending passage to be engrossed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante.

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 seven, Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction Over Offshore Waters and Submerged Lands", House Paper 642, Legislative Document 933, tabled on April 7 by the gentleman from Old Orchard Beach, Mr. Plante, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item number eight, Bill "An Act relating to Parking in Municipalities," House Paper 860, Legislative Document 1228, tabled on April 7 by the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, 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 the matter tabled earlier in this morning's session by the gentleman from Union, Mr. Heald, Bill "An Act Prohibiting Certain Lights Along Highways", House Paper 914, Legislative Document 1251; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. HEALD: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The reason I tabled this bill was in regard to rotating lights that are appearing on buildings. They are quite prevalent in the south and they are very confusing, and people might confuse them with the rotating lights on vehicles such as police cars and school buses.

I called Colonel Marx, he was out to lunch, and I tried to get into the Attorney General's office and I missed out on that, to find out if this bill covered those lights. I would like to ask some member of

the Committee that heard this bill if they can pass an opinion on it as to whether or not it will. If they can assure me that it will I wouldn't like to table it, but if they can't I would like to table it until they do find out.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that no member of the Highway Committee is present here today, so your question addressed to that Committee would have to be answered by someone else. The gentleman from Union may proceed.

Mr. HEALD: Mr. Speaker, that being the case, I would like to table this until Friday if that is a good day, tomorrow is obviously pretty busy.

Thereupon, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Friday, April 10.

On motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Cousins, the House voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Excise Tax on House Trailers", House Paper 255, Legislative Document 366, tabled on April 7 by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs of Acton,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.