

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1959

DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL
AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Monday, April 27, 1959

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Alfred H. Ives of Gardiner.

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

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Increase in Temporary Loans for County of Kennebec" (S. P. 465) (L. D. 1329)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

**Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass
Covered by Other Legislation
Tabled**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Advertising and Promoting Maine's Recreational Industry (S. P. 153) (L. D. 374), as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, I hate at this late time to request the tabling of a bill of this nature, but whereby there is other legislation still in committee and the report has not come out, as expressed here is covered by other legislation. Until such time as we see that, I would like to indulge upon the privilege of the House to table this unassigned until that other Report comes out.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, moves that the Report be tabled unassigned

pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Requiring Uninsured Motorist Coverage in Liability Insurance Policies" (S. P. 70) (L. D. 120)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, the Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill is one of several that the Legislative Research Committee labored long upon. Inasmuch as there are several other bills that have not yet reached this body, and it would seem that it would only be fair to hear them more or less at the same time, I move that this lie on the table and be specially assigned for Friday, May 8.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett, moves that the Report be tabled and specially assigned for Friday, May 8, pending acceptance of the Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Municipalities Concerning Dutch Elm Disease" (S. P. 350) (L. D. 977) reported same in a new draft (S. P. 464) (L. D. 1328) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

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

**Ought to Pass
Tabled Until Later in
Today's Session**

Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Increasing

the Salary of the Governor" (S. P. 384) (L. D. 1110)

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 Cumberland, Mr. Call.

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have permission to table this until later in today's session until we see about the purpose of the law.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, moves that the Report and Bill be tabled until later in today's session pending acceptance. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. CURTIS of Bowdoinham: Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may not debate the tabling motion.

Mr. CURTIS: I don't think that gives us time enough.

The SPEAKER: Is the gentleman debating the time of assignment? That is in order.

Mr. CURTIS: I think we should have until Wednesday, and if the gentleman from Cumberland would agree I would have it assigned for Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, with regard to the time of assignment, is until later in today's session. Is there further discussion? Is it the pleasure of the House that it be assigned until later in today's session?

The motion prevailed.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act relating to Hearing Injuries under Workmen's Compensation Law" (S. P. 216) (L. D. 555) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 216, L. D. 555, Bill, "An Act Relating to Hearing Injuries under Workmen's Compensation Law."

Amend said Bill by striking out the single quote at the end of said Bill and inserting the following underlined sentence: "A petition for determination of the percentage of permanent hearing impairment due to an injury shall be filed with the commission within 2 years from the date of the accident."

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

Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Providing Special Disability Compensation for Members of Organized Police Departments" (S. P. 234) (L. D. 617) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 234, L. D. 617, Bill, "An Act Providing Special Disability Compensation for Members of Organized Police Departments."

Amend said Bill in the 9th and 10th lines by striking out the underlined words or while engaged in any official duty

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

Report of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Official Court Reporters" (S. P. 259) (L. D. 672) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 259, L. D. 672, "An Act Increasing Salary of Official Court Reporters."

Amend said Bill in the last line by striking out the underlined figure "\$7,800" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$7,500'.

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

**Ought Not to Pass
Bill Substituted for Report
and Amended in Senate
Tabled and Assigned**

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Tax Exemptions for Husband or Wife" (S. P. 29) (L. D. 9)

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

In the House, Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Edmunds of Fort Fairfield, tabled pending acceptance of the Report and specially assigned for Friday, May 1)

Orders

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Cote, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned that today is the birthday of Mr. Tardiff of Lewiston,

BE IT ORDERED, that the members of the House extend to Mr. Tardiff their congratulations and their best wishes not only for today but for the entire year.

The Order received unanimous passage. (Applause)

**House Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass in New Draft
New Drafts Printed**

Mr. Nadeau from the Committee on Highways on Resolve Authorizing Survey and Plans for a Maine-

Quebec Highway (H. P. 394) (L. D. 577) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 945) (L. D. 1340) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Mr. Prue from same Committee on Bill "An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961" (H. P. 147) (L. D. 203) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 946) (L. D. 1341) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Perry from the Committee on Natural Resources on Resolve Permitting the Building of a Wharf in Lake Maranacook, Kennebec County (H. P. 445) (L. D. 651) reported a Bill in new draft (H. P. 944) (L. D. 1336) under title of "An Act Permitting the Building of Marinas in Lake Maranacook, Kennebec County" and that it "Ought to pass."

Reports were read and accepted, the New Draft of Bill read twice, the New Drafts of Resolves read once and tomorrow assigned.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Baxter from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Taxation of Veterans Estates" (H. P. 180) (L. D. 251) which was recommitted, reported same in a new draft (H. P. 943) (L. D. 1335) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It appears there is still some doubt even in the redraft that we have brought this bill out to the satisfaction of those who are interested in it, and I have just received a note on it, and I would like to table the bill until Wednesday so that I can check into this a little bit further.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Baxter, moves that the Report be tabled pending acceptance and especially assigned for Wednesday, April 29. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Lebanon, Mrs. Hanson, House Rule 25 was suspended for the re-

mainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve relating to Non-Lapsing Moneys for Construction of Eastport-Perry Causeway-Dam (H. P. 884) (L. D. 1258) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 884, L. D. 1258, Resolve, Relating to Non-lapsing Moneys for Construction of Eastport - Perry Causeway-Dam.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in the last paragraph the underlined words "the purposes of this resolve have been accomplished" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined word and figures:

'June 30, 1961'

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Covered Bridges" (S. P. 463) (L. D. 1322)

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 Tabled

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Justices of Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court" (H. P. 447) (L. D. 653)

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

(On motion of Mr. Stanley of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and unassigned)

Bill "An Act Increasing Compensation of Clerks of the Law Court" (H. P. 506) (L. D. 719)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Limestone and Caswell Plantation to Form a School

Administrative District" (H. P. 604) (L. D. 864)

Bill "An Act Creating Game Management Area of Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington, Hancock County" (H. P. 608) (L. D. 868)

Bill "An Act relating to Financial Responsibility of Vehicles Insured by Automatic Coverage" (H. P. 690) (L. D. 990)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Richardson Lakes, Upper and Lower, and their Tributaries, Oxford County (H. P. 942) (L. D. 1334)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Education" (H. P. 318) (L. D. 465)

Bill "An Act relating to School Taxes in Unorganized Townships" (H. P. 466) (L. D. 684)

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

Amended Third Reader Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Cutting of Christmas Trees" (H. P. 794) (L. D. 1126)

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

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

Mr. WINCHENPAW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to table this item, item ten. There are some people interested in this bill who are not here, and I would like to table this until Wednesday, April 29, if I may.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winchenpaw, moves that this Bill be tabled pending passage to be engrossed and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 29. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Bill "An Act relating to Pension for Members of Police and Fire Departments of City of Waterville" (H. P. 898) (L. D. 1267)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Replace and Repair Songo Locks, Cumberland County (H. P. 601) (L. D. 861)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Revising Laws relating to Financial Responsibility," House Paper 349, Legislative Document 508, tabled on April 24 by the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Mathews, pending acceptance.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett.

Mr. DENNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This item was tabled last Friday by the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Mathews, in my absence. As this bill deals with the same subject matter as a bill which was tabled earlier in today's session by myself, I would beg the indulgence of this House and request that I be permitted to retable this matter until the same day as the former Bill, May 8.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kittery, Mr. Dennett, moves that the Report be tabled pending acceptance and specially assigned for Friday, May 8. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House, Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Governor," Senate Paper 384, Legislative Document 1110, tabled earlier in today's session by the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, pending acceptance of the "Ought to pass" Committee Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we accept the "Ought to pass" Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, now moves that the House accept the "Ought to pass" Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would still like to table this until Wednesday so that the members of this House might know what this is all about. I am quite sure that they might have some feeling —

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is debating the tabling motion.

The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, now moves that with respect to Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Governor," the "Ought to pass" Report be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday pending acceptance. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Stanley.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. Speaker, as to the time of assignment, wouldn't it be in the House tomorrow if we accepted the report today?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that if the "Ought to pass" Report is accepted, in the normal procedure, the Bill will be in the House as a third reader tomorrow.

The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that the Report be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday. Will those who favor the motion to table and assign it for Wednesday please say aye; those opposed, no.

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

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House to accept the "Ought to pass" Report?

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill has been presented to the legislature some six years ago, and it didn't get anywhere after the people found out what it was all about.

If you look it up, you will find that the Governor today is getting \$10,000 salary. Now, there is set up

under the statutes another \$15,000, it says expense account, but it is set up really as a salary because he does not have to give any account of how it is spent. All he has to do is just simply go in and sign for it and they give him a check. So, in other words, the Governor today, and has been for many years, been getting, since it was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, been getting \$25,000. Now, his expense account as of this present year was \$27,536. Now, that expense account has to be accounted for. In other words, he has to show what he did with it.

Now, if you look under your bill this year, L. D. 1313, you will find it all spelled out here. He is getting \$25,000 anyway, and under the Blaine House, for personal services it is \$15,795, and all other \$11,450, and capital expenditures which is \$1,000. The next year, which is set up in this L. D., it is \$16,224 and \$11,800. Now, this runs well over \$50,000. Then we have for the Administrative Department, undoubtedly which this \$25,000 comes out of, \$50,000 more. But anyway, you will find that the Governor gets \$25,000 a year now and all his expenses, which he just simply has to give for. I remember the last time it was in here, I think it was the '55 Legislature, somebody got up and said why should the Governor have to have this set up in this particular way, and the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Senter, I remember, got up and said that probably the Legislature set it up that way so that he wouldn't have to pay an income tax because, in other words, this \$15,000 as set up under the statute, he really wouldn't have to pay an income tax so he gets off better than some of the rest of us would.

So, it looks to me that \$25,000 for the Governor is a pretty fair sum for a man to get, and then added to that, some \$27,000 as expenses which takes care of all the expenses over at the Blaine House, the dinners and whatever there may be, or whatever expenses he may have, you are paying for it, which is costing the State something over \$50,000 a year. It seems to me to be pretty fair pay for a governor. I, therefore, move indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that with respect to Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Governor," the "Ought to pass" Report be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am not going to speak on the financial end of it, but I would like through the Chair to ask a question of any member of this House. Where the bill reads that that shall start in '60 and '61, under the constitution are we allowed to increase his salary while he is in office, the present governor? I will ask that question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, has addressed a question through the Chair to any member of the House who may answer if he chooses.

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

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, the bill reads that this law would become effective in January, 1963.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Barnett.

Mr. BARNETT: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: As a matter of fact, I would like to just mention a couple of points. When this was heard before the State Government Committee, it was brought out at that time that they don't know if there has been a governor that has ever broken even with the amount of money that was appropriated and, as a matter of fact, it was unanimous among the State Government Committee that if it was possible to have made this bill retroactive to January of this year, they were unanimous in favor of doing so. And we checked the Attorney General's Office and found that such a thing could not take place, and that is why the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, tabled it earlier today to see if it could be made retroactive to January of this year, and the information that was brought to our attention, anyway, indicated that we would like to at least see the Governor on salary be getting paid more than the department

heads of which he has control over. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Milbridge, Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would remind you that this is a fifty per cent increase in the salary of a State official. Now, I don't doubt but what His Excellency, regardless of whether he is a Republican or Democrat, may be worth all of the amount of money proposed in this bill. However, I do believe that there are enough members in the House who are economy conscious to be aware of the effect upon the economy of the State of Maine when we pass such measures as this proposes.

Even though this becomes effective in 1963, the next legislature will have to hunt around and find tax revenue to pay this money. We are having a difficult time in this Legislature to finance our program. Now, I wonder how long the American people are going to stand for this taxation, the steady increase and spiralling cost of government. I wonder if there will be a rebellious people in Maine who will be cognizant of the cost to them, the taxpayers. There have been many increases in this session. I am willing to confess that I voted against all of them.

The people in Maine are faced with paying these salaries, these excessive costs to them, and when we see this come before us, a fifty per cent increase, it seems to me a tremendous burden for them to bear. I agree with the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that this bill should be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In regards to the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Barnett, he seems to have you believe that the Governor is not getting more money than the heads of departments. The most money that the head of any department is getting is \$15,000, and the Governor is getting \$25,000. Now, the head of this department pays his own

expenses. The Governor has his expenses all paid. Now, if you go down and read it in the law, you can read it here in L. D. 1313, and I am just simply worried about the people of Maine.

One of the towns that I represent has a tax rate of 160, and they just built themselves a new school house. Why in the name of common sense they did it is more than I know, because I am going to prophesy that in a couple of years they are going back as a plantation, for the tax rate must go to at least 175 or 200, and who is going to stay in that town if they do? And we find up in northern Maine it costs two dollars or two and a quarter to raise potatoes, and they have been selling all winter for ninety cents. And some of those towns, in fact, one town, the Town of Blaine, I believe it was, practically everything was sold. One fellow went out to look for his car and that had been auctioned off. He had to go and buy it back. Another farmer had all of his things sold and a fellow that had bid in the old car turned around and gave it to the farmer and said, "I want you to have something left." Now, that is the condition of some of the people of Maine. It is about time we woke up to some of the things that are going on in the State of Maine or else some day we may be like Cuba, we may wake up too late, and then the people will take the things in their own hands and overthrow the government. That is a long way to go in Maine, but it can happen and does happen in other places. So, I don't see any reason at all why we should try to pay an official of this State over \$50,000, expenses included.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

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

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am not going to attempt to say anything in regard to the merits or otherwise of this proposal. But it seems to me I am slightly bothered because we apparently have no explanation of why it should appear to be necessary to do this at this time in view of the fact that there is

a legislature which is going to be in session and, it seems to me, have ample time to make any adjustment to do this for our next incoming governor.

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

Mr. BRIGGS: Mr. Speaker, I just would like to ask a question, if I may, through the Chair of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis. Would he vote against a raise in all the bills of all the department heads in the view that he takes, that we must have economy in the State? Would he be against raising the salary of the other department heads who have bills in for it?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to rule the gentleman's question out of order as being improper. It is not in order to ask another member how he will vote on other issues still to come.

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

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to ask a question through the Chair of the Clerk, if he will, we can't seem to locate on Page 4, "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Education," the original bill said \$11,000 to \$15,000. Now, through the Chair could I ask the Clerk to read the amendment, filing number 256. We can't seem to locate it at all here. There has been a change there and whether they have changed the figures of the original bill or not—

Mr. Speaker, I have been provided with the filing number 256, and they changed the figure from \$15,000 to \$14,000. Now, this bill on Page 4, "An Act Increasing Salary of Commissioner of Education" went right straight by us today and nobody questioned it at all, and we gave the gentleman there a three-year increase in salary. And when it comes to the Governor's salary, we could take care of it two years hence, I want the members of the House to understand that now the Governor serves a term of four years, and then the next governor will be four years. Now, if the same Governor comes in, you won't have to wait, naturally,

because this already specifies in 1963.

It has always been a bone of contention with my good friend, the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, to always bring up the salary expenses that are posted in there as if the governor were getting it as a personal check. I never went and found out whether he did or not, but I would like to ask the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that question. Does he know for a fact whether the Governor of the State gets that as a personal check or does he just receive a salary check?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, has addressed a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, who may answer if he chooses.

The Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, I was just down and the Attorney General did read the law to me. He does get his pay of \$10,000, and the statutes state, in Chapter 11, Section 1, that the \$15,000 is given to him as an expense account, for which he has to give no accounting. He just simply has to sign that he has taken the check and the check is handed to him. If the gentleman will go down, he can read it too, or he can read it in his own chapter. When the vote is taken, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It seems a little bit odd that the other day we had an increase in salary that was considerable, no question was made of it, but today with this increase, this one item, people become economy minded. Now, to me it doesn't seem just right that the head of our State would have a salary which is less than those who are supposed to be working under him.

The question of amount of money that he has for his personal expenditures, somewhere during this winter someone has told me that last year for food that the different

groups or organizations who had teas and so forth, at the Blaine House, amounted to somewhere around \$7,000. I think that perhaps before we kill this, we should stop and think just a little bit of what we are doing.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that with respect to Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Governor", Senate Paper 384, Legislative Document 1110, the "Ought to pass" Report be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

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

A division of the House was had.

Eighteen having voted in the affirmative and ninety having voted in the negative, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Call of Cumberland, the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair would call the attention of the members to the notice sheet, that beginning Tuesday morning and every morning thereafter, the session will begin at 9:00 a. m. There is no intent to begin the Monday session at 9:00, but it will apply to Tuesday through Friday.

On motion of Mr. Philbrick of Bangor, the House voted to take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Formation and Operation of Mutual Trust Investment Companies Under Supervision of Bank Commissioner", House Paper 740, Legislative Document 1059, tabled on April 8 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. Dumaine of Readfield,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.