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**HOUSE**

Monday, May 18, 1959

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lawrence A. Littlehale 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 Construction of a Building for Maine Employment Security Commission" (S. P. 496)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent and under suspension of the rules passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

In the House, was received by unanimous consent, given its three several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee in concurrence.

**Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Educational Television Authority" (S. P. 267) (L. D. 729) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 493) (L. D. 1371) under title of "AN Act to Reactivate the State Committee on Educational Television" 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.

**Divided Report**

Majority Report of the Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to State Owned Automobiles for Liquor Inspectors" (S. P. 420) (L. D. 1204)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HILLMAN of Penobscot  
LESSARD of Androscoggin  
ROSS of Sagadahoc  
— of the Senate.

SMITH of Exeter  
DENNETT of Kittery  
BARNETT of Augusta  
SANBORN of Gorham  
PLANTE  
of Old Orchard Beach  
WADE of Auburn  
— of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. COYNE of Waterville  
— of the House.

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

In the House: Reports were read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Aliberti.

Mr. ALIBERTI: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have done a little bit of research on this and I am very much disturbed on this particular bill. I would like to write into the record something here that is put out by the Maine State Employees Association, it is a bulletin, and in that particular bulletin it had quite a study on mileage, and as I understand from the Inspector of the Liquor Division, they claim that they can run these cars for from three to four cents a mile which would take care of everything, the entire cost. Now if that is true, you ladies and gentlemen of this House three weeks ago voted to increase the mileage of state vehicles from seven cents to nine cents, which is a contradiction. Now this particular article states:

Two Maine communities, Bethel and Lewiston, were used in a survey as to determining the cost of ownership and operation for two model cars, namely a six cylinder 'big three' car, and an eight cylinder in the moderate priced field. A low priced car in Bethel where insurance and other expenses were less than in Lewiston, would cost the owner as follows: Cost per mile in cents: 5,000 miles annually 20.19 cents per mile; 10,000 miles annually 11.62 cents per mile; 15,000

miles annually 8.76 cents per mile, and it goes down to 30,000 miles annually at 5.90 cents. Now the cost per mile for the heavier car would exceed these by at least four cents at the 10,000 mile point and by two cents at the 20,000 mile point. Members of the Legislative Committee asked several questions as to possibilities of reviving the State's car pool idea which was officially abandoned in 1957. It was pointed out that to be effective, such car pools would have to be garaged in several areas in the State and not just in Augusta.

Liquor Enforcement Chief Timothy Murphy, armed with well-substantiated figures, argued in favor of State cars for Liquor Inspectors travelling more than 20,000 miles a year. In the past few years many other departments, such as Highway, Forestry and Fish and Game have purchased vehicles for employees required to drive in excess of this figure.

Now what is bothering me is the fact that we have already as I stated increased the mileage to nine cents a mile for those who work for the State and use their own cars, and by this tabulation of figures by this State Association, there is quite a discrepancy there. Therefore, I would like to move that this entire bill and accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Aliberti, that both Reports be indefinitely postponed. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Coyne.

Mr. COYNE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to justify my having signed the Minority Report, and I have a mass of figures here that I might read on this to you, and they came from a most efficient and reliable gentleman, Mr. Downing of the Personnel Department. He proves positively that it costs up to ten cents a mile to operate a car. However, we all will agree that it costs \$1.80 a day for any one of us to own a car ready to operate and just remain in the garage. Then we will add to that plus all our other operating expenses, and I am sure that we

are not going to save very much money on seven cents and it is seven cents after you reach the first 5,000, and all Liquor Inspectors are travelling long mileage. Now I would say that I was impressed at the hearing by the remarks that there was no money accompanying this bill to put into operation new automobiles, but somehow or other those things and that type of a bill becomes a worthy bill later on by finding the money, and I believe they have already done so. With those thoughts in mind and hope and heart, I most urgently hope that the motion does prevail.

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

Mr. BARNETT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In view of the fact that I did not realize this was coming up today and do not have all my facts here, I would appreciate the opportunity to table this until tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Barnett, that both Reports be tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow pending the motion of the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Aliberti, that both Reports on Bill "An Act relating to State Owned Automobiles for Liquor Inspectors," be indefinitely postponed.

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

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

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Aliberti, that both Reports be indefinitely postponed, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Barnett.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Barnett of Augusta, a division of the House was had.

Sixty-seven having voted in the affirmative and twenty-five having voted in the negative, the Reports and Bill were indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

**Report of the Committees  
on  
Public Health and Welfare Jointly**

Report of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare jointly to which was referred the report of the pilot study of the Department of Health and Welfare by the Anderson - Nichols Company (S. P. 455) reporting that the committees accept the report and suggest that it be placed on file. The Committees further recommend that the Department of Health and Welfare give the Anderson - Nichols conclusions and recommendations due consideration and adopt those which appear to be feasible and practical within the limits of the resources of the department. In addition the committees further recommend that under Section IV page 7 of the report that the Department exert all possible effort to fill the five key administrative positions which are vacant at the present time. The Department of Health and Welfare will report progress made in compliance with these recommendations to the Governor and Council and Representatives and Senators elect to the 100th Legislature prior to January 1, 1961.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the accompanying Report ordered placed on file.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the accompanying Report ordered placed on file in concurrence.

**Non-Concurrent Matter  
Tabled Until Later in  
Today's Session**

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961" (S. P. 461) (L. D. 1313) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "C" in non-concurrence in the House on May 7.

Came from the Senate with House Amendment "C" indefinitely postponed and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 461, L. D. 1313, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961."

Amend said Bill under the caption "HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF" by striking out from the paragraph entitled "Central Maine Sanatorium" the lines:

	1959-60	1960-61
Personal Services	\$419,720	\$419,440
All Other	184,370	184,345
Capital Expenditures	5,148	2,217
	\$609,238	\$606,002'

and inserting in place thereof the lines:

Personal Services	\$519,720	\$519,440
All Other	301,308	301,283
Capital Expenditures	165,148	12,217
	\$986,176	\$832,940'

Further amend said Bill under the caption "HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF" by striking out the following paragraph:

"Western Maine Sanatorium

Personal Services	\$320,737	\$319,657
All Other	130,568	130,567
Capital Expenditures	5,497	5,498"

and inserting in place thereof the lines:

"Western Maine Sanatorium

Personal Services	\$65,282	\$25,088
All Other	24,000	3,000
	\$89,282	\$28,088

Further amend said Bill by correcting the totals therein affected by the adoption of this Amendment.

On motion of Mr. Linnell of South Portland, the House voted to recede from its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "C"; to recede from its former action whereby House Amendment "C" was adopted, and to concur

with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "C".

Thereupon, the same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 461, L. D. 1313, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961."

Amend said Amendment, in the 7th line, by striking out the totals

"609,238 606,002"

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

Personal		
Services	499,720	499,440
All Other	296,308	286,283
Capital		
Expenditures	22,148	2,217

Further amend said Amendment by striking out all of the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Western Maine Sanatorium		
Personal		
Services	36,900	—
All Other	10,000	—

Further amend said Amendment by inserting before the last paragraph thereof the following:

"Further amend said Bill under the caption "FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF" by striking out from the paragraph entitled "Public Improvements, Bureau of" the lines:

'Buildings, Superintendent of		
Personal		
Services	291,487	291,738
All Other	116,396	116,315
Capital		
Expenditures	2,790	1,840

and inserting in place thereof the lines:

'Buildings, Superintendent of		
Personal		
Services	316,769	306,738
All Other	120,896	117,315
Capital		
Expenditures	2,790	1,840

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

Mr. LINNELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I feel I should explain briefly the effect of this amendment. As you know, some time ago we adopted House Amendment "C" which in effect increased the operating budget for Central Maine Sanatorium by \$200,000 to provide for forty some-odd patients being absorbed from Hebron. At that time I said that these figures were by no means final and that I would be most happy to listen to reason why other figures would be more desirable. Since then I met with the Commissioner of the Health and Welfare Department, Dr. Fisher, and at the same time there were present several members of the Public Health Committee.

I have discussed House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" with the sponsor of Senate Amendment "A" and with several members of the Public Health Committee and find no objections.

The principal change is the deletion from Senate Amendment "A" of approximately \$135,000 of capital improvements to be made at Fairfield. These improvements, according to Dr. Fisher, were not necessitated by the coming of the forty-five patients from Hebron, but were desirable improvements. Nevertheless, they were not requested in the Department's request for capital improvements or suggestions for capital improvements. According to the Bureau of Public Improvement's six-year program for Fairfield, these capital improvements would come in the second biennium. It is my position that it would be best to wait and let them come in the second biennium as they are not necessitated by the consolidation of Hebron.

The figures which are included on House Amendment "A" include for Hebron for the coming two years personal services \$11,900 for accumulated vacation pay for the employees there. Also \$25,000 for salaries for the month of July next. In the category 'All other' \$10,000 is included for supplies for the month of July. These figures are justified and I have checked them

and they compare with monthly expenditures in recent years.

Under Central Maine Sanatorium, the increases there are under 'personal services' \$80,000 a year for twenty additional employees. In the 'all other' category \$31,938 for the cost of food for the additional forty-five patients. That would be a yearly expense. \$35,000 for drugs, laboratory supplies, etc., which would be a yearly item, but does not include money for laundry expenditures as they can take the laundry from Hebron. They have no laundry now at Fairfield, but send the work out to be done. It also does not include any heat expenditure. I have checked and as near as I can determine there would be no additional expenditure for heat because they would not have to use buildings which are not already in use. \$10,000 is included for moving equipment, etc. from Hebron, and \$35,000, and this is Dr. Fisher's figure, is included for additional outpatient service at Portland, Lewiston, and Fairfield itself. Under the capital expenditures category is included \$15,000 for the preparation of existing facilities in order to receive the laundry equipment from Hebron. Primarily this would be the installation of a cement floor in the cellar of one of the buildings, and the construction of cement foundations for the various laundry machines. Also included is \$2,000 for the installation of kitchen equipment which would be brought from Hebron.

Another change from Senate Amendment "A" is that if and when Hebron were closed it would fall under the Department of Superintendent of Buildings within the Bureau of Public Improvements rather than maintain itself under the Department of Welfare. Therefore, it is necessary to increase somewhat the Bureau of Public Improvement's current services budget. In the figures there included would be \$15,000 for twenty-four hour a day watchman service and a man for general custodial work. There would be \$10,282 for a maintenance engineer and one assistant for the first year of the biennium only. This would be for the actual closing up of the physical plant making whatever changes are nec-

essary to more or less put the place in mothballs. In the 'all other' category for the Bureau of Public Improvements would be \$4,500 for supplies incidental to closing Hebron, utilities and heat for the first year. In the second year you will notice a \$1,000 increase, that would be for utilities only. If anybody would care, I would attempt to answer any further questions regarding the changes.

I wish to repeat that I have checked with the House and Senate Chairmen of the Public Health Committee and have met no objection. Thank you very much.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques.

**MR. JACQUES:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, when does this act take effect?

**THE SPEAKER:** The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, has addressed a question through the Chair to the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, who may answer if he so chooses.

**MR. LINNELL:** Normally of course legislation becomes law ninety days after adjournment. However, the Department of Health and Welfare is figuring on August 1st, that's why expenses at Hebron for the month of July are included. They think that if the thing were to go through they would get started now and that by the end of July they could have the transfer more or less accomplished. Whether this can be done, I do not know, but that is their plan.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques.

**MR. JACQUES:** Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Over the week-end I have worked on this Hebron Sanatorium for a few hours and I have called a few people from around Hebron and employees that work at Hebron. I have a list over here of people that have been working there for the past eighteen, some twenty years. Now what we are doing now, we are going to ask these people to leave their jobs and go and work at Fairfield. Now you are giving these people maybe a month to find themselves a home and leave their home where they

are living at Hebron now. Now you have on the State employees plan here, people that have been working at Hebron, one of them has been working there eighteen years, another one sixteen years. You have another one here that has been working there twenty years, just built a new home. You have at least ten that have just built new homes there, ten and fifteen thousand dollar homes. Now you are asking these people: leave your jobs in a month, mind you, one month you are giving these people to get out of there and find themselves a home in Fairfield, and I think it is unfair. You have almost eighty-two employees over there. Now Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment that I would like to present, it is being mimeographed right now, and I wish to table this until later in today's session.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, that Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961, Senate Paper 461, Legislative Document 1313, be tabled and specially assigned for later in today's session pending the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, that the House adopt House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A". Will those who favor the tabling motion please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the tabling motion did prevail.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Tolls on Bridge Across Jonesport Reach" (H. P. 190) (L. D. 282) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 23.

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

In the House:

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 190, L. D. 282, Bill, "An Act Relating to Tolls on Bridge Across Jonesport Reach."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, before the single quotation mark, the following underlined sentences:

'At the end of a period of 2 years from the effective date of the reduction of tolls above provided for, the State Highway Commission shall certify to the Secretary of State the amount of tolls collected up to the effective date of the said reduction of tolls and the amount of tolls collected in the ensuing 2 years. If the amount collected in the 2 year period is not equal to at least 2 times the amount collected in the year preceding the said effective date, the tolls to be collected thereafter shall revert to the original rates.'

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Machias, Mr. Dennison.

Mr. DENNISON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This amendment which seems to have attached itself somewhere along the line has nothing to do with and will not affect this bill in any way during the next two years, and for this reason I have no objection to the amendment, so I move we adopt this amendment.

Thereupon, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled Until Later in Today's Session

Bill "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston" (H. P. 844) (L. D. 1207) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" thereto, and House Amendment "B" in the House on March 5.

Came from the Senate with House Amendment "A", House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" and House Amendment "B" indefinitely postponed and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, this is a bill that came out without



amendment from the Legal Affairs Committee with a unanimous report. This measure, after checking this week-end with the departments involved in Lewiston, will save the City of Lewiston \$50,000 each year. I can only give you my word that overwhelmingly in Lewiston, as a matter of fact I have not heard of a soul who was opposed to this bill, I now move that the House recede from its action whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A", as amended by House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" and by House Amendment "B".

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that the House recede from its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" as amended by House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" and as amended by House Amendment "B".

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, this is the same bill that we had here on the Floor a couple of weeks ago and we came out — this House adopted the bill with a referendum. The only thing we had made a little mistake in the bill, we had to change the date, and the other branch had changed the date on this bill. Now that is all this bill is doing, and as far as saving \$50,000, Mr. Speaker, I have been on the Board of Aldermen for six years, and I know that this bill is not going to save any money for the City. It might save \$5,000 if we changed it this year, but like I said before, we had this law for twenty years in the City of Lewiston and the City is in no hurry to change it right now. We can have a referendum and let the people decide on this thing.

Now what this bill would do, it is revising the whole Charter. Now under the form of government that we have now we elect the Aldermen every year and the Mayor. Now this bill would change it altogether. We would elect the Aldermen for two years and the Mayor for two years. Now under this

Charter the Mayor appoints commissioners every year for five-year terms. Now if that makes sense that we elect the Aldermen and the Mayor for two years and the Mayor would have control of all boards. That this Charter was not put into this government to have this work done the way it is going to work. Now this is one of the reasons that I would like to send it out to the voters to a referendum, and if you do go along with the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, you will not send it to referendum, and I move that we concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, that a motion to recede takes priority over a motion to concur.

Mr. JACQUES: I hope the House does not go along with this motion.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I am not a member of the City Government in Lewiston, and I don't bring up therefore, my City of Lewiston politics on the Floor of the House. I spoke to one member of the House from our delegation who had previously been opposed to the unanimous report of the Legal Affairs Committee who admitted to me that if it did go to referendum, it would pass at least fifty to one. It means the cost to the City for an election. The way it is geared now we can have this other bill which is the parking authority if we ever clear the deck on that one, come up for an election which would be held this December. The amendment would call for an election in October of next year which would be in 1960 which would be in direct conflict with our State and our National election within one month, and that in the opinion of the people at home seems to be a poor procedure. And certainly I do hope that my motion to recede from the adoption of House Amendment "A" and House Amendment "B" does prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must remind the gentleman that the motion to recede applies to the passage for engrossment, not to the adoption of the amendments.

Mr. JALBERT: I'm sorry.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that the House recede from its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed as amended.

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

Mr. DUMAIS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I had no intention of getting up, I was working and I jumped into my coat and I came down here. I certainly had no intentions of coming up here to debate this amendment or anything else, but I am of the conclusion that if we reject this amendment, our bill and all its papers will die in the other chamber. Therefore, I would think that this is well enough. I have read the amendment and I believe it is the best that we could come up with and I don't believe that the gentlemen in the other branch who belong to Lewiston have looked this amendment over and I don't think they could do any better, and I don't believe that we could, therefore I hope that the motion to kill this amendment and revert back to our old one does not prevail.

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. Will those who favor the motion to recede from the action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Twenty-nine having voted in the affirmative and thirty-six having voted in the negative, the motion to recede did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Mayo.

Mr. MAYO: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I don't know whether I am in order, but it seems to me the figures you just read off do not figure out with the membership present in this House. I don't know whether Rule 22 is being observed or not, but

possibly I can sympathize with those who did not vote, they probably do not know which is best for who, but nevertheless I still do not think the count is correct.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Mayo, that the count is correct.

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recede and concur — I move that we concur.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, that before a motion to concur would be in order, a motion to recede must prevail.

Mr. JACQUES: I move we recede.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman that a motion to recede has been made and did not prevail. Does the gentleman wish to put that same motion over again?

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman that he cannot make the same motion again.

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to adopt the Senate —

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman approach the rostrum?

(Conference at rostrum)

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table this until later on in the day and I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, with respect to Bill "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston," moves that this matter be tabled and specially assigned for later in today's session pending further consideration. The gentleman has requested a division.

Will those who favor the tabling motion please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-six having voted in the affirmative and twenty-three having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did prevail.

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

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Providing Matching Funds for Federal National Defense Education Allotments (H. P. 580) (L. D. 827) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on May 13.

Came from the Senate recommit- ted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

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

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Source of Supply of Bangor Water District" (S. P. 476) (L. D. 1342) which was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence in the House on May 14.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby the Bill was indefinitely postponed and asking for a Committee of Conference, with the following Conferrees appointed on its part:

Messrs. HILLMAN of Penobscot  
WOODCOCK of Penobscot  
FOURNIER of York

In the House:

On motion of Mr. Brown of Ellsworth, the House voted to insist on its former action and join in a Committee of Conference, to which Committee of Conference the Speaker appointed the following Conferrees on the part of the House:

Messrs. BROWN of Ellsworth  
TREWORGY of Orono  
YOUNG of Gouldsboro

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Fishing for White Perch" (H. P. 88) (L. D. 135) on which the House adhered on May 14 to its former action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A".

Came from the Senate with that body voting to insist on its former action whereby House Amendment

"A" was indefinitely postponed and the Bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence, with the following Conferrees appointed on its part:

Messrs. CARPENTER of Somersset  
BRIGGS of Aroostook  
HILLMAN of Penobscot

On motion of Mr. Brown of Cape Elizabeth, the House voted to insist on its former action and join in a Committee of Conference, to which Committee of Conference the Speaker appointed the following Conferrees on the part of the House:

Messrs. BROWN of Cape Elizabeth  
BROCKWAY of Milo  
ALIBERTI of Rumford

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE CHAMBER

May 15, 1959

Hon. Harvey R. Pease  
Clerk of the House of

Representatives  
99th Legislature  
State House

Sir:

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

Bill, "An Act Exempting Certain Fraternal Societies from Property Taxes." (S. P. 473) (L. D. 1338)

Senators:

CHARLES of Cumberland  
WYMAN of Washington  
PIERCE of Hancock

Respectfully,

(Signed)

CHESTER T. WINSLOW  
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

#### Orders

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kenne- bunk, Mr. Emmons.

Mr. EMMONS: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if we have L. D. 358 still in possession of the House?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would advise the gentleman that that document is in the possession of the House.

Mr. EMMONS: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action

of last Friday whereby we passed this bill to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will advise the House that the document being referred to is Bill "An Act relating to Pauper Settlement of Patients and Employees of Central Maine Sanatorium," which on Friday, May 15 was passed to be engrossed in the House. The gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. Emmons, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed on May 15. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, Mr. Emmons of Kennebunk offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 247, L. D. 358, Bill "An Act Relating to Pauper Settlement of Patients and Employees of Central Maine Sanatorium."

Amend said Bill, in the Title, by striking out the words "and Employees"

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

On motion of Mr. Graves of Mt. Desert, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Baxter of Pittsfield be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

On motion of Mr. Edwards of Stockton Springs, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Perry of Hampden be excused from attendance for the duration of his illness.

#### House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Boone from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act to Revise Private and Special Laws and Resolves Relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 175) (L. D. 256) 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: (Refer to L. D. 1375, Committee Amendment "A")

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

Mr. Lowery from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act to Enact Private and Special Laws Related to the Revision of the General Laws Concerning Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 176) (L. D. 257) 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: (Refer to L. D. 1376, Committee Amendment "A")

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

Mr. Young from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act to Revise the General Laws Relating to Sea and Shore Fisheries" (H. P. 174) (L. D. 255) 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:

(Refer to L. D. 1377, Committee Amendment "A")

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

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Providing for a State Committee on Natural Resources" (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1372)

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

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

**Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act relating to Hunting Deer with Bow and Arrow in Islesboro, Waldo County (H. P. 620) (L. D. 888)

An Act relating to Certain Acts Constituting Lotteries (H. P. 813) (L. D. 1151)

An Act Increasing Number of Medical Examiners in Lincoln County (H. P. 823) (L. D. 1161)

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 lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Amount of the Annual Excise Tax on Railroads," House Paper 254, Legislative Document 365, tabled on May 14 by the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

(At this point, the gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. Emmons, assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem and Speaker Edgar retired from the Hall.)

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: We have before us, as you know, a very serious problem, one which no doubt needs some assistance of some nature, but I am wondering in the Bill of L. D. 365 if we have the assistance which should be granted. As you realize, this bill calls for a 5¾ per cent of investment in transportation property. How much of this property is in Maine? That is question number one I would like to ask. There will be several questions I will ask and then individually later I will ask some member of the House to answer if they can. If you or I should go out and borrow \$10,000,000 or \$20,000,000 the same as the railroads might do on occasions or any amount of money, they may be able to borrow this amount of money for two or three per cent. they are asking in this bill to give them a 5¾ per cent return on their investment. If you will read the bill over carefully you will find that is what it contains. I do not

believe it is up to the people of Maine, the taxpayers or this Legislature to guarantee a 5¾ per cent return on borrowed money which could be within this bill.

If you realize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, which I want to commend their operations, they have done an excellent job, up to the point of which they can probably, but I wonder how much the members of this House realize the value of their rolling stock — \$68,000,000. They are connected or indirectly connected with four subsidiary companies, one is the Bangor Investment Company, one railway express, another a bridge company and the fourth one I haven't got the title of at this time; I can obtain it. The Maine Central Railroad Company has three subsidiaries, Portland Terminal, Railway Express and Portland Coach Company. Their value of rolling stock is \$77,000,000. Part of this is out of the State of Maine. They are asking you to subsidize the Maine Central. They do not in this bill break down what part of this \$77,000,000 worth of rolling stock is owned and operated in the State of Maine.

The Boston and Maine which has twelve subsidiaries, a rolling stock value of \$277,000,000. They have several subsidiaries, namely the Portland Terminal, North Station Industrial Building, Mystic Terminal, Railway Express, Troy Railways, Charlestown Waterfront, Massachusetts, the Connecticut River Valley Company, Inc. These subsidiaries are located in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York State, but in this bill it is asking you to subsidize all these which are in other states.

Now this bill is not the vehicle which I believe is the one to obtain the results for relief of the railroads in Maine. As I said once before, I firmly believe that they have a problem and they should receive some assistance, but under this bill they are asking for a guarantee of 5¾ per cent return on their cash property as it reads in this particular article in the bill, when net railway operating income for the preceding year is less than 5¾ per cent of investment in transportation property, and

remember the transportation property in two of these railways, how much is in Maine nobody knows, because all I have is the full amount of values, but the Boston and Maine as I said is located in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York State, Boston and Maine runs through into other states, Bangor and Aroostook I am happy to say is strictly a Maine concern up to my knowledge at this time. They ask for a 5¼ per cent return in transportation property less depreciation and plus cash including temporary cash investments and special deposits. Material and supplies. Now how much of this part of it is in Maine? They are asking for relief from the New England states, not from Maine, and I think the proper vehicle for them to have introduced as I have suggested to one of my fellow legislators and to the gentlemen representing the railroads, namely the lobbyists, which I might say and I might commend as high caliber lobbyists, very able and efficient men, and I will say they have been decent about the whole affair. They have tried to point out the problems concerning the people that they represent, and they should justly do that because they are getting paid to do it. But as I suggested, a proper bill for them to have would be to take the law as it stands now, reduce that amount of excise tax on the gross investment or the gross take and leave the bill well enough as it is like that to give them relief which is needed within the State of Maine, then we can get an accurate and true picture. But as this bill calls for now, we are subsidizing two railroads out of state.

You might be well aware of the fact of what Mr. McGinnis does. He has been concerned with four railroads. He has practically wrecked the four of them in his management and operations. He has no concern for the welfare of the people or its needs. He has proven that by his actions of being ruthless in the past. He is also concerned I would say as a liquidating agent, that seemed to be his prime target, because every railroad that he has touched has become insolvent. He has ruined a good many

men in the course of his action and procedure as he has performed his management duties for these several railroads and he has defied the Massachusetts Legislature in the past; he has defied other Legislatures, and he has the nerve to come in here and ask you people to consider to give him 5¼ per cent return on his property, so he can obtain a \$75,000 a year salary and a \$50,000 a year expense account. I think it is ridiculous to even think of such a thing and come in here and ask for that from the people of Maine, and then ask us to give them that relief and then turn around and tax the people an additional tax and take the people's money away from them so he can go out and earn \$75,000 a year and spend \$50,000 a year on his own peace of mind as he sees fit to do.

Now I know there are quite a few vacant seats in the House today and this is a very important bill, and if the House sees fit until the seats are filled, because this is an important issue to the railroads of Maine, to the State of Maine and its economy, to industry, it is a very important bill, and the railways need some consideration of some nature. but under this bill I cannot see it, and if the House will approve, I would like to retable this until tomorrow when the seats are full and if that request is not granted, then I have a motion which I will have to make afterwards.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, that Bill "An Act relating to the Amount of the Annual Excise Tax on Railroads" be retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow pending passage to be engrossed. Will those who favor the tabling motion please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the tabling motion did prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Causeway Connecting Cousins Island with Littlejohns Island, and a Bridge and

Causeway Connecting Littlejohns with Chebeague Island, House Paper 145, Legislative Document 201, tabled on May 15 by the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Call, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. CALL: Mr. Speaker, last Friday I tabled this on account of poor attendance, and today I have taken account of the House and only half are here, and I hope the House will go along with me and allow me to table this until tomorrow as it needs a two-thirds vote.

Thereupon, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for tomorrow.

At this point, Speaker Edgar returned to the rostrum.

SPEAKER EDGAR: The Chair would thank the gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. Emmons, very much.

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

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease.

#### House at Ease

Mr. Jacques of Lewiston was requested to approach the rostrum. (Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item four, Non-Concurrent Matter, Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1960 and June 30, 1961," Senate Paper 461, Legislative Document 1313, which was tabled earlier in today's session by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques and specially assigned for later in today's session, and it was tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, that the House adopt House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A".

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have made a mistake on the amendment and

it has not been printed, and I would like to table this until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, that this matter be retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow, pending the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, that the House adopt House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. LINNELL of South Portland: I request a division.

The SPEAKER: A division has been requested. Will those who favor the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, that this matter be retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-eight having voted in the affirmative and thirty having voted in the negative, the motion to retable prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House item six, Non-Concurrent Matter, Bill "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston," House Paper 844, Legislative Document 1207, which was tabled earlier in today's session by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, pending further consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am sorry that I have to get up so many times here, but the last time we made another mistake and I move that we reconsider our action whereas the House refused to reconsider our previous action whereby it passed L. D. 1207, and I hope that the House does go along with my motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, to move that the House reconsider its action whereby it earlier today refused to recede from its former action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed. The Chair will order a division.

Will those who favor the gentleman's motion to reconsider the action whereby the House previously had refused to recede, please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had. Ninety-four having voted in the affirmative and none having voted in the negative, the motion to reconsider prevailed.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I shall make a motion after a few remarks, that House Amendments "A" and "B" be indefinitely postponed. I have had two members of the House tell me to get them out of the dark. I would have arisen a little earlier, anyway, on a point of personal privilege. This bill, as originally presented by me before the Legal Affairs Committee, came out of the committee without any amendments to it. And I am being repetitious from two or three weeks ago, but I am forced to be. The bill was heard by the Committee. The Chairman of the Planning Board was for it. The former mayor and representative, George Rancourt, appeared for it, the present Mayor appeared for it, the President of the Chamber of Commerce appeared for it, the Chairman of the Industrial Division of the Chamber of Commerce appeared for it, the three newspapers in Lewiston are for it, the radio commentators in Lewiston are for it; as I stated before, it is not a Jalbert bill, it is a bill stemming from a charter committee of four years ago. The bill was not presented two years ago because of a jam-up such as this.

The reason I would have got up earlier on a point of personal privilege is based on the remarks of my good friend from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, stating this bill would not save any money. I stated that it will save some money. If he says that it won't then one of us is lying, and I know it is not me. And if you think I am angry you are absolutely right. This is my seventh term as a member. I have presented twenty-two charter

amendments. Every one of those amendments that I have presented in my seven terms as a member has been done so at the request of a charter committee made up of members of the Democratic party, the Republican party and members who are not enrolled. I have not, and would not take part in any other charter amendment.

There have been some dozen other charter bills here presented. They have passed, they have not passed, I have not got up and said one word on any of them because I repeat myself, I will not, and never have, presented any charter amendment that did not have the support of a charter committee. This has. It has the overwhelming support of the clearest thinking persons in our city. What I want — what the people of Lewiston want — is this bill without the amendments. At the present time our City Government in Lewiston has yet to call for bids on road construction, road material or equipment, or anything else, we are stymied.

Twenty years ago we changed our charter, it has worked out very well, it has been talked on somewhat politically, and that is the reason why I have not ever, presented any bill unless it had the support of the groups that I mentioned to you. Now, I have merely asked without any prompting, without any lobbying, a gentleman of the Legal Affairs Committee, Representative Brown of Cape Elizabeth, to speak to the departmental heads that this bill involved the most and insofar as money is concerned, and I think that he will give you the answer as to who is telling the truth.

I now move that House Amendments "A" and "B" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that the first motion in order would be that the House recede from its adoption of House Amendment "A" and its adoption of House Amendment "B".

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, that is my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that the House recede from its pre-



vicious action whereby it adopted House Amendments "A" and "B".

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: My good friend, Mr. Jalbert from Lewiston, said that everybody is for the bill. Well, I don't know why he is so afraid to send it to referendum. Now if all of these people are for it, then it will go through.

Well two years ago I happened to be on this charter study committee and we recommended that the fiscal year be changed. Now I heard Mr. Jalbert, the gentleman from Lewiston, say that the charter committee had recommended that we change the fiscal year. He talks about fiscal year, that is all. He hasn't changed about electing their aldermen for two years and electing the mayor for two years. Like I said, and I will keep repeating, that you are changing, you are electing your aldermen for two years and you are electing your mayor for two years.

The people of Lewiston, they like to go out and vote, and that is the reason that I don't want to take that privilege away from them. We have taken enough privileges away from those people. Let them go to the polls and vote for what they want.

And now, Mr. Speaker, if I am in order, I would move that we concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman that a motion to recede takes precedence over a motion to concur.

The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that the House recede from its action whereby it had previously adopted House Amendments "A" and "B".

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say at this time that the other branch had unanimously voted—

The SPEAKER: The Chair must advise the gentleman he may not use the action of the other branch in discussing matters in this House.

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker, I hope that this House does not go along with the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, with the motion that he has just made.

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

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, in defense of the Legal Affairs Committee I would like to advise the ladies and gentlemen of the House that this matter was given a full and complete hearing before our committee. I regret the absence of our House committee chairman today, but I will make a few remarks to the extent that we had on that committee a gentleman from Lewiston, and he raised no objection, he signed the report as the rest of us did, the unanimous report that this bill should pass. No one at that time suggested any amendments. These gentlemen who have been named to you as being present were there, we heard them. It seemed to be a reasonable proposition. And since this debate started this afternoon I have accepted a telephone call from the Commissioner of Public Works in Lewiston, who informed me that considerable money could be saved in his department if this bill passed without amendments.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that the House recede from its previous action whereby it had adopted House Amendments "A" and "B", and the Chair will order a division.

Will those who favor the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that the House recede from its previous adoption of House Amendments "A" and "B", please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-three having voted in the affirmative and twenty-one having voted in the negative, the motion to recede from the adoption of House Amendments "A" and "B" prevailed.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I now move that House Amendments "A" and "B" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves that the House concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of House Amendments "A" and "B". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I now move that Senate Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that Senate Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. JACQUES: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: By killing this amendment you are killing the referendum and this was one of the reasons that I got up, and I wish that you would send this out to the people of the city. Now you gentlemen have been talking about home rule. Well, why don't you let the people of the city decide if we should have a two year election or one year election?

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

Mr. JALBERT: So far as a two year election is concerned, there is a definite saving of at least \$4,000. It has been the custom, outside of once in twenty years, to reelect a mayor for two years, and the aldermen might just as well go along with the ride. It saves a lot of time, a lot of money, and so far as the referendum is concerned you indicated by your vote to go along with the unanimous report of the Legal Affairs Committee. This is a very definite saving, it is a very sound piece of legislation, and I would stand on the recommendations and the committee hearing and the committee report. And I certainly hope that Senate Amendment "A" is indefinitely postponed. If there is any other action to be taken somewhere else, I would assume that responsibility.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, that Senate Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Revising Election Provisions in Charter of City of Lewiston," House Paper 844, Legislative Document 1207, be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence. The Chair will order a division.

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

A division of the House was had.

Fifty-three having voted in the affirmative and thirty-six having voted in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence prevailed.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the bill be passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed without amendment in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. Crockett of Freeport thereupon requested permission to approach the rostrum.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett, requests unanimous consent to briefly address the House and also requests the permission of the House to do it from the rostrum. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.

At this time the Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Cyr, and his bride, Mrs. Cyr.

Thereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Representative and Mrs. Cyr to the rostrum, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Mr. CROCKETT: It is a great pleasure to have you here today, Irene, I have known you, and particularly your bride, for the last thirty-five or forty years. My brother before me knew them much

longer than I did. There is one thing that I can say to you, you have made a wonderful choice of a wonderful woman, she is a wonderful cook, I know, I stayed at her house week in and week out when I used to travel up in Aroostook County, and it is on behalf of the 99th Legislature and the Members, it gives me great pleasure to give you a little token of thanks and good wishes to you and your bride, and may all your troubles be little ones. (Applause)

Thereupon, Representative and Mrs. Cyr were presented with a purse of money.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: If I did not answer to this token of recognition of our friendship, I would be very ungrateful. It is true that my friend, Mr. Crockett, has known me for several years, but according to his story, I must be close to one hundred years. However, I surely appreciate what he did and the members of the House who have also taken part in this celebration, including the Speaker of the House. I am sure that my bride appreciates what has been done toward us, and we wish to thank you all. (Applause)

Mr. CROCKETT: May I say if we ever get out of here before next September 15 I am coming up and get some of your bride's good cooking because I know she is an excellent cook.

Mr. CYR: I want to add, ladies and gentlemen, if any of you want to go on a trip in Canada, try and get up as far as Fort Kent, you are all invited whenever you show up there to call at 5 Forest Avenue. You will be welcome. (Applause, Members rising)

The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Linnell, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. LINNELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Just to clear the record of today's session, earlier in the session in response to a question by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jacques, as to when if at all the Hebron amendment would take place, I would like to point out, my answer then was normally the bill would become effective ninety days after adjournment. I should have known and it has been called to my attention that L. D. 1313 is an emergency measure, and therefore, would become law upon its final enactment and signing. So for whatever it is worth the Hebron amendment would take place upon signing and therefore could be effective that much earlier. Thank you.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Enfield,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.