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day, May 5, pending passage to be engrossed.

The Chair laid before the House the ninth item of Unfinished Business:

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Pledging Credit of State for Guaranteed Loans for Recreational Purposes. (H. P. 582) (L. D. 774)

Tabled — April 16, by Mr. Gilbert of Turner.

Pending — Final Passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Turner, Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. GILBERT: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: My objection to this bill, if I have one and I think I have, is that I can find nothing in it that would prevent myself for instance if I wanted to invest a million dollars in a recreation project and I can convince the people who control this ten million which we are about to make available if we do, from providing the whole million, and then if my venture doesn't prove successful, telling the State of Maine who guaranteed my credit that I guess I'll let them have it and I had nothing to start with, and so what can they do but take it. Now, that is why I think it is a bad business. Perhaps I'm wrong but I searched the statutes and I couldn't find anything that would make the borrower put in any money of his own. And I feel that when we do that that we aren't guaranteeing loans, I feel that we are going into the recreation business. Perhaps we want to go into the recreation business and compete against the people who are now in it. Personally, I don't feel that that is a line that the State should get into.

Now, I may be wrong. I intended to make a motion to indefinitely postpone this. This bill is co-sponsored. I am a freshman and kind of a greenhorn. Perhaps I am wrong. If the sponsors of the bill could explain this to convince me that that isn't right and convince the majority of the people that I'm not right, I'd be very

happy to listen. I would hope that the sponsors would clarify this.

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

Mr. KATZ: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: The gentleman, Mr. Gilbert, has a sponsor very close at hand. This is a constitutional amendment and as such doesn't go into any details. There is presently in the Committee on State Government a suggested enabling act which will presumably be passed by a subsequent Legislature and this will very clearly limit the participation by the loaning agencies to seventy-five percent of the project. So the borrower is still going to have to turn up twenty-five percent. And if the experience of the Maine Industrial Building Authority runs true to form, if anybody is smart enough to talk these hardboiled, penurious bankers out of this money, he is smart enough to make his business succeed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Erwin.

Mr. ERWIN: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: Very briefly if I may, this is one more tool in our arsenal to try to help Maine get off dead center. There was some discussion I understand among the trustees, if that's the name for them, of the MIBA as to whether or not in the beginning they could themselves make loans for recreational purposes. Apparently, they decided on advice of counsel that they couldn't. Certainly, if the experience of the MIBA can be looked at, and it's good and I understand that we haven't lost five cents out of that yet, this is another useful and I believe necessary tool for us to help develop the natural resources in the State of Maine. We have apparently not yet arrived at the kind of thinking that they have in Vermont and New Hampshire with respect to the promotion and the building of these recreational areas, particularly with respect to ski resorts. But this gives us a way, it is just another way, in which we can help ourselves, lift ourselves by our boot-

straps, and I would certainly hope in the name of honest progress that you would support this resolve to amend the Constitution.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the final passage of this Constitutional Amendment.

This being a Constitutional Amendment and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 120 voted in favor of same and 3 against, and accordingly the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the tenth item of Unfinished Business:

An Act Defining a Public School. (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 1444)

Tabled—April 16, by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

Pending—Passage to be Enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kingman Township, Mr. Starbird.

Mr. STARBIRD: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: In view of the fact that this is now in the Attorney General's office and he doesn't like the construction of the new draft and has some serious misgivings about it and would like a little more time, I would like someone to table this until next week perhaps.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Levesque of Madawaska, retabled pending passage to be enacted and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 5.

The Chair laid before the House the eleventh item of Unfinished Business:

Bill, "An Act relating to Boards of Registration in Certain Towns." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 624) (C. "A" H-50) (S. "A" S-87) (H. "A" H-207)

Tabled—April 16, by Mr. Kennedy of Milbridge.

Pending—Motion of Mr. Dickinson of Mars Hill to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A". (Specially assigned for Wednesday, April 21st)

On motion of Mr. Cote of Lewiston, retabled pending the motion

of Mr. Dickinson of Mars Hill to indefinitely postpone House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 28.

The Chair laid before the House the twelfth item of Unfinished Business:

Bill, "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Registration of Physicians and Surgeons." (S. P. 351) (L. D. 1126)

Tabled—April 16, by Mr. Sawyer of Brunswick.

Pending — Second Reading. (Specially assigned for Wednesday, April 21st)

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, has there been an amendment presented to this Committee Amendment?

The SPEAKER: There is no amendment. Committee Amendment "A" has been adopted in the Senate, it has not been adopted in the House.

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

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: This act revising the laws relating to registration of physicians and surgeons, this amendment would render unlawful laboratories of the Health and Welfare for they are under the supervision of a PhD in Bacteriology and a chemist. It would also render unto the laboratories of the Department of Agriculture, of the University of Maine, all the law enforcement laboratories of this state a statute which would prohibit them from exercising their duties in the laboratory unless they are under the supervision of a physician. This would also render any laboratory, private laboratory, illegal under its present supervision. I spoke to Dr. Fisher of the State Health and Welfare Bureau and he completely opposes this amendment. He doesn't even want to bother to try to revise it in any form. He also stated that this amendment may even cause some problem in hospitals where there may be some question as to who employs all the various kinds of technicians covered by this