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exception that she read, unless there is tread depth under the tread, you can regroove them. We are not allowed to sell regrooved tires but there is no reason why you cannot have them regrooved or do it yourself.

That one little one that she read, that small print, it said unless there is tread depth under the tread. Unless it was a real cheap tire, there would be tread depth under the tread.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Union, Mrs. McCormick.

Mrs. McCORMICK: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: I beg to differ with Mr. Dudley, it isn't small print, it is big, black, bold print, and it was also in the original manual that comes out. This is just the Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual I have got in my hand. In the book of laws that is issued, it says, "unless it is a commercial grade specifically designed for regrooving."

The SPEAKER pro tem: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Strout, that L. D. 1380, An Act Relating to Tread Depth of Motor Vehicle Tires and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed. All in favor of that motion will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

71 having voted in the affirmative and 27 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

Consent Calendar First Day

(S. P. 321) (L. D. 988) Bill "An Act to Clarify the Notice Procedure on Decisions of Zoning Board of Appeals" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

(S. P. 405) (L. D. 1207) Bill "An Act Relating to Displaying of Fireworks at Blue Hill Fair Grounds on Sunday" — Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-92).

(S. P. 489) (L. D. 1555) Resolve Designating Seaplane Base on Lake Maranacook, Town of Winthrop, as "Richard D. Varney Seaplane

Base"—Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass"

No objection having been noted, were assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

Tabled and Assigned

(H. P. 1181) (L. D. 1524) Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Clarifying the Status of Bills Presented to the Governor and Time the Legislature Adjourns" — Committee on State Government reporting "Ought to Pass"

On the request of Mr. Ross of Bath, was removed from the Consent Calendar.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: For the information of the members of the House, I would like to just say a few words. I am sure that you have heard of the term "pocket veto." The President of the United States, for instance, has this power. If Congress adjourns and he has not signed a bill, it is automatically dead.

This is a semi-version of this idea. At the present time, the Governor has five days to sign a bill and if he doesn't do it within that time, it becomes law unless the legislature adjourns before the five days are up. Then he has three days after we meet again. This bill says that he has this same extra time if the same legislature which enacted the bill meets again in special session. However, if there is no special session, the bill does not become law. Now, at the meeting of the next legislature, he still has the three days. This would do away with this provision. That is why I call it a mini-pocket veto.

Now, I have no strong feelings on this bill. I just want the House to remember that it would be much easier to veto a bill since it would not come back to us for our consideration. Without making a motion, I leave the decision entirely up to the discretion of this House.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mrs. Najarian.

Mrs. NAJARIAN: Mr. Speaker, Members of the House: The sponsor of this bill isn't here this morning. I would like somebody to table this for one or two days, please.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Farnham.

Mr. FARNHAM: Mr. Speaker, I request that this lie on the table one legislative day.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is it the pleasure of the House that this lie on the table one legislative day?

(Cries of No)

The Chair will order a vote. All in favor of tabling for one legislative day pending acceptance of the Committee Report will vote yes; those opposed will vote no.

A vote of the House was taken.

62 having voted in the affirmative and 37 having voted in the negative, the motion did prevail.

(H. P. 1290) (L. D. 1678) Bill "An Act Relating to Membership in South Kennebec Agricultural Society" — Committee on Agriculture reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment (H-288).

No objection having been noted, was assigned to the Consent Calendar's Second Day list.

**Consent Calendar
Second Day**

(S. P. 3) (L. D. 30) Bill "An Act to Provide Hospital Administrators under the Department of Mental Health and Corrections" (C. "A" S-89)

(S. P. 236) (L. D. 687) Bill "An Act Amending the Municipal Industrial and Recreational Obligations Act"

(H. P. 395) (L. D. 524) Bill "An Act Relating to Savings Banks Investing in Service Corporations" (Later reconsidered)

(H. P. 557) (L. D. 767) Bill "An Act Relating to Schooling of Indian Children"

(H. P. 855) (L. D. 1142) Bill "An Act to Increase Penalties for Certain Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws"

(H. P. 1235) (L. D. 1606) Bill "An Act Relating to the Immunity Provisions of the Unfair Trade Practices Act"

No objection having been noted, were passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Standish, Mr. Simpson.

On motion of Mr. Simpson of Standish, the House reconsidered its action whereby Bill "An Act Relating to Savings Banks Investing in Service Corporations" was passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the Report was accepted, the Bill read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

**Second Reader
Tabled and Assigned**

Bill "An Act Relating to Boundaries of Ocean Park Game and Bird Sanctuary" (H. P. 346) (L. D. 461) (C. "A" H-272)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading and read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Good of Westfield, the House reconsidered its action whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" (H-290) which was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, I would pose a question through the Chair to Mr. Good. Is the corrective legislation we needed in this bill?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Mills, poses a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to answer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westfield, Mr. Good.

Mr. GOOD: The answer is yes, your Honor.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake, tabled pending the adoption of House Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Monday, April 30.

**Enactor
Tabled and Assigned**

An Act Providing for Voluntary Continuance of Residence at the