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Thereupon, the Order received a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Harding from the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Elect Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General by the People" (S. P. 176) (L. D. 415) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, before that report is accepted, I would like to briefly address the Senate. I presented these three bills, Items 1, 2, and 3, which are practically the same nature, but had to be divided so I was told by Mr. Slosberg, so that they could be legally introduced into the legislature.

Either I did not make a good representation to the committee or I am way ahead of my time and should have waited about fifty years and sent one of my sons up here to present them. At least I have one consolation, one of my bills has a split report this morning. That is to elect the members of the Council. So you see, I am making progress. So long as I come back here I shall put these bills in and with great pleasure because I believe that this is the democratic way — to elect our state officials. I have not changed my mind. Apparently the committee in its wisdom thought I was wrong and I am willing to bow to the ruling power and admit that they have the right to report these bills out "Ought Not to Pass", but they cannot change my mind.

Thereupon, the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Election of Commissioner of Agriculture and State Auditor by the People," (S. P. 174) (L. D. 416) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Provid-

ing for the Election of all State Officials by the People," (S. P. 173) (L. D. 417) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I just want to call to the attention of the Senate that it is not a pleasure for me but I will go along with this report.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, a division of the Senate was had.

18 voted in the affirmative and 9 opposed.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President, and members of the Senate, I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for the very nice gesture made by Senator Haskell. I assure you that I appreciate it. It is another sign that I am making headway.

Eighteen having voted in the affirmative and nine opposed, the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Jamieson from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Relating to Insurance Coverage Required Under the Financial Responsibility Law," (S. P. 117) (L. D. 316) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 460) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill in new draft laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

Mr. Reid from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Corporate Powers of Railroad Corporations," (S. P. 171) (L. D. 418) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Boggi from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Judge of Probate of Kennebec County," (S. P. 193) (L. D. 441) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Amending the Sales and Use Tax Law as Respects Registration and Other Matters," (S. P. 116) (L. D.