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Liquor Control and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion of the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Williams, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass in New Draft", Senate Paper 352, Legislative Document 930, of the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles", Senate Paper 26, Legislative Document 17, tabled on February 28 by that gentleman.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Report was accepted and the New Draft read twice.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 352, L. D. 930, Bill, "An Act Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, the following:

"Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 36, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 36 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 18 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any truck, tractor, trailer or combination of truck tractor and semi-trailer, with a gross weight that is more than 10 per cent above that specified in the registration certificate for such vehicle for trucks of gross weight of not over 15,000 pounds and 5 per cent for trucks of gross weight of over 15,000 pounds; provided, however, that no motor vehicle of either a single unit or combined unit shall be operated on the highway with a gross weight that exceeds 50,000 60,000 pounds.'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, tabled pending assignment for third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 2.

On motion of the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, the House voted to take from the table the thirteenth tabled and unassigned

matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on State Government on Bill "An Act relating to the Department of Development of Industry and Commerce and Changing Its Name to Department of Economic Development," House Paper 552, Legislative Document 779, tabled on March 19 by that gentleman pending acceptance of the Report.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Report was accepted, the Bill given its first and second readings and tomorrow assigned.

On motion of the gentleman from Gouldsboro, Mr. Tarbox, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws by Juveniles", House Paper 128, Legislative Document 166, tabled on March 12 by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the Bill, having had its three several readings in the House and the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading having reported no further verbal amendments were necessary, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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

The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Following the suggestion that a briefing be given House Members on subjects discussed at the last Monday night Blaine House conference, I will attempt herewith to summarize the topics. Before so doing, however, I wish to reemphasize that the purpose of these conferences continues to be as originally designed: namely, an opportunity for House and Senate Leadership with the Executive to discuss and become better acquainted with major problems facing the Legislature.

While not designed to trespass on the basic differences in party philosophy, there is gained, in addition to an understanding of "L. D." content, a knowledge of those areas

where a common point of view exists. In no case has any effort been made to commit those in attendance or their respective party delegations in the Legislature to decisions or conclusions, since such action is the sole prerogative of party caucus.

The first item discussed to a very serious extent was the Jacobs Bill. Discussion led off by Senator Low relative to points raised at public hearing on Bill and further confined to five major suggestions that might improve construction of the Bill:

The first suggestion was whether or not the Bill would be improved by giving towns exceeding the proposed Foundation Program an incentive to continue.

Point number two. Whether or not cities should be set up as districts by themselves.

Suggestion three. The possible merits of allowing combinations only of Secondary schools, leaving out elementary grades. Under this suggestion two resulting suggestions were proposed.

A. The possibility of allowing towns to proportion existing debt on a basis of some mutually agreeable formula.

B. The further possibility of allowing towns to finance on either a pupil or valuation basis.

Suggestion four. Whether or not community school districts could be taken in as presently constituted provided they were willing to meet

the criteria of the bill plus including elementary schools.

And the final suggestion. Whether or not provision could be made in the Bill to alleviate present penalty on schools with large percentage of tuition pupils such as cities and towns with military installations as Bangor, Caribou, Presque Isle. The estimated annual cost to lift the tuition penalty burden would be estimated at \$400,000 per year. So much for the Jacobs Bill.

The second subject which we discussed rather briefly was the Industrial Building Authority. A general discussion of both the contents of the Bill plus the reason for the constitutional amendment if purpose of Authority is approved by this Legislature.

The third subject was Highway Needs and Revenue, a very brief summary of possible financial needs and income calculated to be produced by various LD's that are now pending before this Legislature and introduced to date. Thank you.

(Off record remarks)

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

The Clerk read a notice.

On motion of Mr. Emery of Palmyra,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.