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Recess

Called to order by the Speaker.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh.

Mr. WALSH: Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the Members of this House for the privilege of allowing us to have this recess. I think it was done in the best interests of everybody here in the House so that all who were concerned with amendments on this thing might be heard properly and so forth, and we want to thank you very, very much.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units" (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1478) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" and House Amendments "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G" and "I" in non-concurrence in the House on April 30.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments "A" and "B" and House Amendments "A", "B", "C" and "G" in non-concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill before us needs no comment as to its importance. I think that we are all in accord with the fact that the various amendment actions of the two branches require our mutual careful consideration. Quite obviously this morning we have had a change of strategy conferences, and I think the net result is for the benefit of the bill and is particularly for the benefit of those members who wish an unhurried opportunity to have their feelings on the amendments discussed fully.

Therefore, I wish to make the motion that the House insist on its previous action, that we request a special committee of conference

composed of six members of the House and six members of the Senate, and that this committee meet this afternoon—the House Committee meet this afternoon to meld together its thinking and its amendments and if possible this Committee meet with the Senate counterpart tonight in order, after I make the motion that the bill be sent forthwith to the Senate, that we may possibly have an opportunity tomorrow to take final action on the bill. That is simply a possibility. Therefore, I would like to make this first motion, that the House insist on its former action and appoint a special committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the first motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that under suspension of the rules the House insist upon its former action. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair before putting the next motion will read Rule 13 of the Joint Rules: "Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each house, representing its vote, and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through another committee of conference."

The Chair reads that merely to point out the fact that the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, which the Chair now puts before the House, that the House appoint a special committee of conference consisting of six members from the House and requesting a similar sized group from the Senate, must be done under suspension of the rules.

Is it now the pleasure of the House that the House request a committee of conference under suspension of the rules, the committee on the part of the House to consist of six members?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: Pursuant to the vote just taken a moment ago relative to the appointment of a special committee of conference, the Chair at this time will appoint as House

Members of that committee the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Maynard, the gentleman from York, Mr. Hancock, the gentleman from Wiscasset, Mr. Farmer, and the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I now move that the House send a message to the Senate requesting that under suspension of the joint rules and in non-concurrence a special committee of conference is requested in conformity with the six members from the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, now moves that a message be sent to the Senate forthwith advising the Senate of the action of the House. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will convey the message to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of seventh and eighth grade pupils from Broad Cove School of Bremen accompanied by Mr. George Farnsworth, and the senior class of the Farmington High School accompanied by Mildred Ross and Walter Reed. On behalf of the House the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most hearty and cordial welcome and we hope you will enjoy your visit here today. (Applause)

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

Orders

Mr. Hathaway of Columbia Falls presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned that yesterday there was a great event in the life of Mr. Bruce of Buxton when he received word of the birth of his

seventh grandchild, his sixth grandson,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the members of the House extend their congratulations to Mr. Bruce, with their hopes that he will eventually exceed the championship record attained by Mr. Hilton of Anson.

The Order received passage.

On motion of Mr. Brockway of Milo, it was

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Commercial Feed Law" (H. P. 254) (L. D. 352) be recalled from the Engrossing Department to the House for the purpose of reconsideration. (H. P. 1079)

At this point, a message came from the Senate borne by Secretary Winslow of that body to inform the House that the Senate joins in a special committee of conference on L. D. 1478, Bill "An Act relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units", and that the President had appointed on the part of the Senate, Senators Low of Knox, Sinclair of Somerset, Farley of York, Parker of Piscataquis, Reed of Aroostook and Carpenter of Somerset.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In view of the message we have just received from the other body, may I repeat the suggested course of action, that this special committee of conference, the House Members only, meet this afternoon at their convenience to put together both the amendments and their arguments, and that if possible to try to meet tonight with the other body in a general committee of conference session with the hope we will be able to act upon the bill tomorrow.

Senate Paper Out of Order

From the Senate: The following Order out of order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that (S. P. 281) (L. D. 740) Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Time on Deer in Certain Counties" be re-