

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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tee Amendment "A", and sent to the Senate.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, earlier this morning, the gentleman from Lovell (Mr. McKeen) was good enough to commend to the House a poor poem of mine which was written for a small group of friends. I did not know he was going to do it, and I did not hear his opening sentence very distinctly. I should like to be assured that that poem has not gone on the record.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, requests that the poem read at the suggestion of the gentleman from Lovell, Mr. McKeen, be kept for the private information of the House alone.

The gentleman from Cape Elizabeth moves that the poem be expunged from the record. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No," "No.")

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is that the poem be expunged from the record; it is the motion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Chase, and he requests a division.

All those in favor of the motion will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Four having voted in the affirmative and ninety-five in the negative, the motion does not prevail.

On motion by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby "Resolve in favor of the town of Brownfield" (S. P. 496) was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

#### Order Out of Order

Mr. Fitch of Sebago presented the following Order out of order and moved its adoption:

ORDERED, that there be printed 500 additional copies of Bill "An Act Relating to Harness Horse Racing Meets." (S. P. 445) (L. D. 894)

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the 19th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans" (H. P. 841) (L. D. 336) tabled on February 24th by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now present House Amendment A," filing No. 41, and move its adoption.

By way of explanation, which I think was touched upon briefly yesterday, I might mention that this amendment amplifies the definition of amputees who are eligible for the benefits of the act to include those who have service-connected disabilities from World War I, and it also carries out the original intent of the act by making it retroactive to January 1st of this year, so that it will be effective this year and not just a nullity.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 841, L. D. 336, Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the 1st paragraph thereof after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the underlined 2nd paragraph thereof after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraph:

'Provided, however, that the secretary of state, on application for registration of any motor vehicle of any amputee veteran who has been

the recipient of an automobile from the United States government under authority of P. L. 663, 79th Congress, as amended, or any amputee veteran receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for service connected disability who shall have a specially designed motor vehicle, and who is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle in this state, shall be entitled to have said automobile so given to him duly registered and a registration certificate delivered to him without the requirement of the payment of any fee.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting, before the last paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

'Sec. 2. Effective date, refunds. The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1949. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to make such refunds as may be appropriate to give effect to the provisions of this act.'

On motion by Mr. Chapman, House Amendment "A" was tabled pending adoption.

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease.

At Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Chapman.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker and Gentleman of the House: I present House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" with apologies and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Chapman, moves to take from the table the amendment which was tabled just before recess. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman now offers House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" The Clerk will read the Amendment:

The CLERK: The amendment has been examined by the Committee on Rules and Business of the House, and the Committee recom-

mends that it be considered by the House without reproduction.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaulin.

Mr. McGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I will take just a moment to explain this amendment to the amendment. As it was worded, unless the car was given to the amputee, he did not get the benefit of this bill, so House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" simply strikes out the words "so given to him," so that the amputee will get the benefit of this bill whether the car was given to him or whether he got it some other way.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to House Amendment "A" to H. P. 841, L. D. 336, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans."

Amend said amendment by striking out from the underlined paragraph of the amendment the underlined words 'so given to him.'

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was adopted.

House Amendment "A" as amended was then adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the 20th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Excise Tax for Amputee Veterans" (H. P. 862) (L. D. 338) tabled on February 24th by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Chapman.

Mr. CHAPMAN: Mr. Speaker, I now present House Amendment "A" to H. P. 862, L. D. 338, and move its adoption.