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in camps. And while it may not be the perfect answer, it is better than the one we have on the books at the present time, and that is the reason upon the authority and the word of those people that I withdrew my objections. Does that answer your question?

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, in 1953 we had a question in that legislature, in that session, and also in 1955, that came under Chapter 50. Under Chapter 50 benevolent or charitable institutions were exempted up until 1955 up to five hundred thousand dollars in each locality. Now there was a group who came into Richmond and Dresden and those bordering towns and bought a lot of property and planned to build a lot of farms and houses and planned to start factories and they came up to the Secretary of State and got a charter saying that they were a charitable institution, and they were White Russians. And then after the cloture rule had gone on, they went to the people of Richmond and the Selectmen and said they were exempt under taxes for the taxes under this Chapter 50. There wasn't anything we could do about it at that time. Although I tried to get an order in here to cut it down to ten per cent of the valuation of the towns, but I was unable to do it, but we did put it into the Legislative Research, and in 1955 that was adopted. Now what I am wondering, are we just doing this thing all over again. And as you can see the town of Richmond only had eleven hundred population and they had bought a great deal of property, and if they were to be exempt, you can see what would happen to a town if someone started out to do this thing. I just wonder what this is. Unless someone can tell me I would like to table it until tomorrow until I can find out more about it, and I so move.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Exemptions for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions" be tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow pending passage for en-

actment. Will those who favor the tabling motion please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. HANSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I wish to concur with the remarks made by the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Walsh. There was opposition at first in the Taxation Committee and after this amendment which is under filing number 279 was introduced by the gentleman from Buxton, Mr. Bruce, it was with the consent of the Chairman and myself after talking with other members, that we felt that this was a fair bill, possibly would be workable and at the present time there are a great many hardships that are caused on some of the municipalities by the exemption of taxes. I don't believe that this will affect any business that is in the State run by anybody that is in this State. I have talked with — like the gentleman who runs the Y.M.C.A. Camp and other members, and they appear to be in favor of the bill with no opposition.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Fryeburg, Mr. LaCasce, that Bill "An Act relating to Property Tax Exemption for Benevolent and Charitable Institutions", House Paper 1036, Legislative Document 1467, and all accompanying papers be indefinitely postponed.

Will those who favor the motion to indefinitely postpone please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Enactor
Tabled**

An Act Increasing Registration Fees for Motor Vehicles and Operators' Licenses (H. P. 1088) (L. D. 1572)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: In good faith with the members of the House who were told last week that it would be better and wiser to attempt to finance the bond issue from the supplemental budget rather than the balanced budget, and with the possibility that that amendment will probably be tested, it does not seem wise at this time to enact the measure before us.

Therefore, I would move that this item be tabled unassigned, and I will personally assure the House it will be taken from the table as soon as we have decided the alternative method.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that Bill "An Act Increasing Registration Fees for Motor Vehicles and Operators' Licenses" be tabled unassigned pending passage to be enacted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled.

Orders of the Day

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Westbrook Sewerage District" (H. P. 668) (L. D. 949) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. PORELL of Westbrook
COTE of Lewiston
RANKIN of Southport

On the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve in favor of Mabelle K. Toole of Bangor (H. P. 389) (L. D. 520) the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. QUINN of Bangor
NEEDHAM of Orono
WALSH of Brunswick

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Earles, to serve as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Earles assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Edgar retired from the Hall.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Investments of Moneys in State Special Revenue Fund", House Paper 739, Legislative Document 1053, tabled on May 16 by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, pending acceptance of the Report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Wade of Auburn, the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Divided Report, Majority "Ought not to pass" and the Minority "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Motor Vehicle Financial Security Act", House Paper 987, Legislative Document 1411, tabled on May 16 by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Stilphen, pending acceptance of either Report.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Stilphen of Rockland, the majority "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and assigned matter, Bill "An Act to Clarify the Employment Security Law", Senate Paper 419, Legislative Document 1178, tabled on May 17 by the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross, pending the motion of the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Hendsbee, to indefinitely postpone Committee Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The next three items on your calendar all came out of the Labor Committee. As the Labor Commit-