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The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Revise the Election Laws" (S. P. 493) (L. D. 1535)

Tabled — April 11, by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

Pending — Motion of Mr. Ross of Bath to Adopt House Amendment "D".

Thereupon, House Amendment "D" was adopted.

Mr. Ross of Bath presented House Amendment "E" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "E" (H-216) was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: Don't let the length of this amendment overawe you. It really does only one thing. However, to accomplish this it required several changes in the Omnibus Bill 1535. As you remember we changed the law to do away with the big box and so we had to change that in our Omnibus Bill. However, as most of you remember we passed a new ballot this year changing the voting squares from the right to the left and having the surname come first next to the square.

All this amendment does is to change our Omnibus Election Law Bill to conform with this brand new ballot. Now in this amendment on Page 2, Section 34-d, under write-in, in this amendment it says you should write the last name in first, but it has been suggested since people know other people by their full names, we should delete this provision and I am willing to do that. I am having an amendment prepared to this effect.

Also, with the decision of the Supreme Court which was on the second or third page of your Calendar today, I am going to offer an amendment under Section 241, paragraph 3, dealing with the residency requirement. And L. D. 9, which the court decided on, which is on our unassigned table, can then remain as a separate bill and be discussed and subject of caucuses of both parties and any decision will rise and fall on its own merit.

I hope somebody will table this for only one more day, so I can present these other two amendments and then let it move on to the other body for their amendments, because I am quite sure it will be back in proper form for us to consider and amend it some more.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Jacques of Lewiston, tabled pending the adoption of House Amendment "E" and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 17.

The Chair laid before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Repealing License Fee for Sporting Camps" (H. P. 1202) (L. D. 1540)

Tabled — April 11, by Mr. Dam of Skowhegan.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Dam.

Mr. DAM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pose a question through the Chair. What is the reason that this bill does not comply with Joint Rule 12?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Dam poses a question through the Chair asking why this Bill does not comply with Joint Rule 12, which is fiscal notes. "Every bill or resolve effecting loss of revenue or requiring an appropriation shall be accompanied by a written statement as to the amount involved." The Chair recognizes the gentleman from East Millinocket, Mr. Birt.

Mr. BIRT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The revenue that is involved in this particular legislation was revenue for the Fish and Game Department. Normally, bills affecting the Fish and Game Department budget have never gone on an Appropriations Table; possibly they should, but the practice has never been adopted. We have an Appropriations Table for both highway and general fund bills. The revenue that is involved in this, and I understand it is a very small amount of loss in revenue, goes to the Fish and Game Department.