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motion for the previous question will kindly rise.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Obviously more than one-third of the members present having arisen, the previous question is in order.

The question before the House is: Shall the main question be put now?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, I just want to register my protest against trying to shut off debate in this House. We were sent down here to do a job, and why should we be muzzled till the question is threshed out? I am against it. My good Brother Cyr shouldn't have done it.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is: Shall the main question be put now? As many as are in favor of the main question being put now will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the main question was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Greene, Mr. Sanderson, that Bill "An Act Permitting Basketball on Sunday" H. P. 1507, L. D. 814, be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Garland, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker, when the vote is taken I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Garland, Mr. Campbell, has requested that when the vote is taken it be taken by a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Greene, Mr. Sanderson, that the Bill be indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Forty-four having voted in the affirmative and sixty having voted in the negative, the motion that the Bill be indefinitely postponed does not prevail.

Thereupon, the House voted to accept the "Ought to pass" report of the committee. This being a printed Bill, under suspension of the rules, it was given its three several readings, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bill

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Permitting Theatrical Productions on Sunday" (H. P. 1725) (L. D. 1034) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1725, L. D. 1034, Bill "An Act Permitting Theatrical Productions on Sunday."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 7th line of the last paragraph thereof after the underlined word "annual" the underlined words "or special".

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, designates the capable and respected Floor Leader of our Democratic friends in this House as Speaker pro tem, and requests the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman to the rostrum.

Thereupon, Representative Muskie from Waterville, was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms, where he assumed the Chair, amid prolonged applause of the House, the members rising, and Speaker Haskell retired.

Passed to be Engrossed

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Apportion the Number of Members of the House

of Representatives to the Several Towns (H. P. 1567) (L. D. 882).

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth.

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment "B" and move that it be adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, offers House Amendment "B" and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 1567, L. D. 882, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Apportion the Number of Members of the House of Representatives to the Several Towns.

Amend said Bill by striking out the last paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 3"

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

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman from Fairfield (Mr. Woodworth) that this paragraph, which this amendment would eliminate, is not essential. I do think it is desirable. I suggest that the matter be submitted to the decision of the House to vote as they please, and that thereafter we all go along with the majority, whatever that decision may be, in order that we may not have to legislate too much on Sunday. (Laughter)

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

Mr. McGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Speaker will pardon me for saying that I never expected to see the time that I would be glad to address a Democratic Speaker in this House. (Laughter and applause). But frankly, I am most pleased to speak before this Speaker.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have looked over the amendment of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, and we want this thing to slide along, and it should go through without friction. I can go

along with him on striking out the clause he asks. I hope that we will strike that out and put the rest through speedily.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, that the House do adopt House Amendment "B". As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, that the House adopt House Amendment "B" will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed, and House Amendment "B" was adopted.

Thereupon, the Resolve had its second reading, and was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act Relating to an Institutional Farm Supervisor (S. P. 219) (L. D. 339)

An Act Relating to Fees of Clerks of Courts (S. P. 441) (L. D. 829)

An Act Authorizing the City of Presque Isle to Provide for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Refuse and Rubbish and to Assess a Charge Therefor (S. P. 461) (L. D. 913)

An Act Relating to Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge District (S. P. 671) (L. D. 1523)

An Act Relating to Compensation for Specified Injuries Under the Workmen's Compensation Law (S. P. 673) (L. D. 1544)

An Act to Clarify and Simplify the Sea and Shore Fisheries Law (S. P. 688) (L. D. 1594)

An Act Relating to Unclassified Importer of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products (H. P. 577) (L. D. 175)

An Act Relating to the Valuation of the Town of Dedham for the Apportionment of State School Funds (H. P. 1131) (L. D. 539)

An Act Relating to Travel for Members of the Legislature (H. P. 1253) (L. D. 557)

An Act Relating to Automatic Signals at Railroad Crossings (H. P. 1796) (L. D. 1138)