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and then consider the adoption of Amendment "D".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, moves that under suspension of the rules, the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted House Amendments "B" and "C". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action of March 10 whereby House Amendment "B" was adopted and the amendment was indefinitely postponed, and its action of March 15 whereby House Amendment "C" was adopted and the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon, Mr. Quinn of Bangor offered House Amendment "D" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H. P. 191, L. D. 196, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the Title thereof after the word "by" the word 'Certain'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 8th, 9th, and 10th lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'State Senator or Representative in the Legislature, but with the clerk of the municipality in which he resides, if he was a candidate **at large for a municipal office in a city of over 10,000 inhabitants**, for a ~~city, ward or town office~~, an itemized, sworn statement setting'

Further amend said Bill, in the 25th and 26th lines thereof, by restoring the stricken out words and punctuation to read as follows: 'or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 2. R. S., c. 9, Sec. 7, amended. The last sentence of section 7 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Secretary of State shall, at the expense of the State, provide every city or town clerk of a city of **over 10,000 inhabitants** with blank

forms suitable for the statements required to be returned to him.'"

House Amendment "D" was adopted and the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "D" and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the eighteenth item of unfinished business, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor, House Paper 432, Legislative Document 478, tabled on March 16 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Tottman, pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald of Rumford then offered House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 432 L. D. 478, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor.

Amend said Amendment by striking out from the last line the underlined figure "20" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '10'

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" be adopted?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie.

Mrs. CHRISTIE: Mr. Speaker, although I hate to be arbitrary, it seems to me that ten years citizenship is not a sufficient length of time for people to become thoroughly familiar with our way of life and thoroughly effective in the type of government which we promote. It seems to me that we should retain the at least twenty years citizenship which was provided for in my amendment, and I move that this Amendment "A" to Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Chris-

tie, moves that House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The only reason that I got injected into this particular bill was that I wished to give either Mr. MacDonald, the gentleman from Rumford, or Mr. Malenfant, the gentleman from Lewiston, an opportunity to offer an amendment.

However, I would like to add very simply that I do favor the amendment and I would point out to the House and to the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that before a person becomes a naturalized citizen they must reside in the United States five years. After they become a citizen the amendment would then require ten, so actually they must have been a citizen or a resident of the United States for a total of fifteen years, and I think this is sufficient. I hope her motion to indefinitely postpone this House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope the House accepts House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A". If a person does not learn enough in ten years, he will never run for governor. If a man or woman is obliged to stay in this country twenty years, and they come to this country at the age of thirty, they are going to be too old to run for Governor. I hope this amendment is adopted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Hancock.

Mr. HANCOCK: Mr. Speaker, I stand to support Mr. MacDonald, the gentleman from Rumford, on this particular matter, for the simple reason that certainly ten years plus the five is long enough, and before anyone gets around to running for governor, they certainly have to prove their qualifications to the citizens of the State of Maine. I therefore support the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am of the opinion we have a very small time element in dispute here. The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, is of the opinion that one should be in this country at least twenty years before they are in a position to properly conduct the high office of our executive. The gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald, seems to feel that ten years is sufficient. Possibly a compromise would be all right here, and I will move that this lie upon the table for the purpose of putting in my amendment which will be fifteen years instead of the ten or the twenty, and plus the five will make the twenty that the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, was originally interested in, so I move that this lie upon the table and be specially assigned for tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Qualifications of Citizenship of the Governor, House Paper 432, Legislative Document 478, with accompanying papers lie on the table pending action on the motion of the gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, that House Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" be indefinitely postponed and be specially assigned for tomorrow. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Resolve with accompanying papers was so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, House Report, "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Approval of Certain Heating Units," House Paper 750, Legislative Document 831, tabled on March 15 by the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, pending acceptance, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

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