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really because of the amendments, it is opposition because they would like to kill the bill. Now, the people in my city happen to be particularly anxious to advance their program of vocational technical education. I happen to be particularly anxious to help and encourage them to do so.

So ultimately, if it develops that there is something in this bill which the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Haskell, or the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Bither, cannot stomach or tolerate, I hope we will be able to make an amendment which will remove the Town of Houlton from the bill entirely so that we can proceed and advance the cause of vocational technical education in the remaining towns.

I certainly hope that we will be able to have the bill prevail and send it along in good order.

Mr. Bither of Houlton was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BITHER: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I would like to correct the statement and impression that the gentleman from Caribou just made, that I and probably Mr. Haskell, too, but myself especially — want to kill this bill. There is no intention at all. I would like to tell this gentleman that this bill came out of committee with a unanimous report. I made a study of it and I am probably the culprit that started the whole thing and started the idea in his mind that I was against it, but I am not against it. There are certain things in there that I did not favor and I certainly hope that we do work this thing out and that the 11 regions involved, if it is satisfactory, we come back here Monday and we pass this bill.

I certainly don't want to kill the bill. I don't believe anyone in this House wants to kill the bill and I am sorry that the gentleman from Caribou even mentioned such a thing.

(Off Record Remarks)

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

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Regulation of Municipal Borrowing by the Legislature (S. P. 586) (L. D. 1804)

Tabled — April 24, by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer House Amendment "A" to L. D. 1804 found under filing number 283, move its adoption and would speak to it briefly.

House Amendment "A" (H-283) was read by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The matter under consideration is that of changing the Constitution to provide for regulation of municipal borrowing by the legislature rather than by the present constitutional 7½ percent debt limit.

The amendment is offered to solve a problem that we didn't realize existed in the committee regarding quasi-municipal corporations which operate in more than one municipality. It would seem to be more appropriate that that kind of quasi-municipal corporation be governed by special legislation rather than by general law.

I think probably this topic will be one of a greater debate at the enactment stage when the constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote for passage. But this is just an explanation of this amendment.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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