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legislature. New Hampshire sessions begin at 11 in the morning three days a week (Tuesday-Thursday). Like Mass., they sit

Introducing Pelham's ---

Man in the House

Three mornings a week, a husky, good-looking man heads his car north from Pelham, N. H., in the direction of Concord. En route he stops at Windham to meet a fellow colleague and together they speed toward the sessions of the New Hampshire legislature.

Pelham's contribution to the legislature is Andy Mailloux, now serving his third term, who also serves as a member of the town's board of selectmen. Andy's position in the New Hampshire legislature is somewhat different than similar posts held by Massachusetts men. The New Hampshire legislature, numbering a whopping total of over 400 members, is the third largest legislative body in the world (the U. S. Congress and England's House of Commons only are bigger numerically), and it is, obviously, the largest state legislature in the United States—and by a wide margin. Connecticut, whose population is many times larger than New Hampshire's comes the closest and even that is almost a third smaller than the New Hampshire number.

Election to the New Hampshire legislature, like in all other states, is based on population but the number of voters represented by each member is only a fraction of that represented by each member in, say, the Massachusetts legislature. Lowell is represented by five members to the General court, and figuring the total eligible voters in the city, each represents about 10,000 voters. Andy Mailloux, on the other hand, is elected from the town of Pelham. His vote, in getting elected last time, totalled slightly over 400, while his opponent received a mere 10 votes. Even at such landslide victory figures, he still only represents about 500 voters, and this figure applies to all members of the New Hampshire legislature.

However, at the New Hampshire state house in Concord, the activities of

the representatives closely follow the pattern of those in of like Massachusetts representatives, Andy carries the end of the Republican and Democratic parties and as such is pretty independent in his voting. For instance, in recent weeks a big fight a bill introduced by a Democratic member which called for income tax on New Hampshire corporations, the money to be by the state on communities. In Andy's town of Pelham, it would be three or four dollars. The big business pressure lobbies defeated with the backing of the Republican party members which enjoy a majority, but Andy was on the side of the homefolks: He vetoed the bill.

His pet project is the creation of a super-highway by New Hampshire would be a gateway to the state. This would run up through Pelham, Derry and on up to Manchester and Concord. His bill was defeated but Andy, who pays strict attention to affairs that will affect his constituents, will keep on trying and one of these years he may succeed.

A helpful, friendly sort of guy, Andy succeeded a man who served for 14 years. He doesn't know how long he will continue. However, no one in the New Hampshire legislature can make a fortune (the salary is well under \$500 a year, compared with \$3750 for Massachusetts representatives) and Andy, who is a diligent and faithful constituent, is well adjusted enough to know that some day he will come up with the voters and he will go down in defeat. But he will continue to give the same sort of service that won him his reelection to the post.

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Sessions Usually Last Until Early Afternoon, But Andy Has



Webster statue. Note Mass. seal. legislator, now is a House employee.



LIKE legislators everywhere members discuss bills. Lady is Mary Dondero, former mayor of Portsmouth.



LUNCH is usually eaten in the cafeteria. Andy avoids pressure lobbies in the famed Eagle hotel.

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