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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

"An Act regulating the appointment of members of the police force of the city of Bangor.

An Act to protect the waters of Lake Auburn.

An Act fixing the salary of the judge of probate of Sagadahoc county.

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Auburn.

An Act to repeal so much of Section 5 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1893 as prohibits fishing in the inlet stream of Squaw Pan lake from Thibodeau's Landing to the source of said stream.

An Act to incorporate the Castine Gas Company, Castine, Hancock county.

An Act regulating the exchange or sale of mortgaged personal property.

An Act to amend the charter of the Dead River Log Driving Company.

An Act to extend the time for the acceptance of the charter of the city of Dexter.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 284 of the Public Laws of 1893, in relation to ways.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Currier of Franklin, House document No. 317, An Act regulating fishing in the streams of Salem and Strong in Franklin county, was taken from the table.

On the same senator's motion, Senate amendment A was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Androscoggin, House document No. 306, An Act authorizing the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company to establish a branch at Freeport, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the bill took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Washington, House document No. 410, An Act to authorize Clarence H. Clark to extend and maintain a wharf in Lubec Narrows, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by the same senator, House bill 411, was taken from the table, bill, An Act authorizing Jacob C. Pike to extend and maintain a wharf in Lubec Narrows. On the same senator's motion, Senate amendment A was adopted and, as amended, the bill took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, Senate document No. 249, An Act to make valid the election of collector of taxes, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Senate document No. 253, An Act authorizing steam railroads to purchase and lease electric railroads, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was specially assigned for Wednesday of this week.

On motion by Mr. Aiden of Kennebec, the Senate adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 24, 1903, at 10 o'clock A. M.

HOUSE.

Monday, March 23, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bradeen of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital, was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs under a suspension of the rules in concurrence with the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Albion Oakes, secretary of the committee on ways and bridges, was read twice and passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules in concurrence with the Senate.

Report of the committee on ways and bridges, reporting ought to pass, on resolve making an appropriation for the ownership and maintenance of State and county bridges, came from the Senate, the resolve indefinitely postponed pending the acceptance of the report.

On motion of Mr. Clarke of Nobleboro, the resolve was indefinitely postponed in concurrence with the Senate.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled, An Act to provide for the printing and distribution of ballots at the public expense, and to regulate voting at State and city elections, came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment A.

The amendment was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Libby of Newfield, the rules were suspended, the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following bills and resolves received their several readings and were passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the Senate under suspension of the rules:

An Act to increase and fix the salary of the assistant librarian.

An Act to amend the charter of the Maine Investment and Guarantee Company.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes relating to divorces.

Resolve in favor of the town of Mariaville.

An Act to incorporate the Patten Telegraph and Telephone Company.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

An Act to amend the charter of the Bluehill Trust and Banking Company.

An Act relating to the salary of the county attorney of the county of Hancock.

Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of State committee of Young Men's Christian Association of Maine.

Resolve in aid of navigation on Moosehead lake.

An Act to incorporate the Phillips Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Piscataqua River Storage Company.

An Act to amend Section 4, Section 11, Section 19 of Chapter 18 of the Public Laws of 1891, as amended by Chapter 154 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to returns of vital statistics.

An Act to amend Chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1891, entitled "An Act to create a forest commission, and for the protection of forests."

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 140 of the Public Laws of 1887, and Chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to intoxicating liquors.

An Act to amend Sections 32, 33, 34, 35 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment of damages upon abutters on city streets.

An Act to repeal Sections 1 to 47 inclusive and Sections 49 to 82 inclusive, of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to banks of discount.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Littlefield from the committee on judiciary, on bill, An Act to amend the charter of the city of Rockland, reported ought to pass. (The report was accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed).

Mr. Hill, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, to whom was recommitment petition of H. L. Bartlett and others of Norway, relating to opening certain streams in Stoneham, re-

ported that same be referred to the Oxford county delegation.

Mr. Gannett, from the same committee, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill, An Act for the protection of the wild hare or rabbit. (The report was accepted and the bill laid on the table to be printed).

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was laid on the table to be printed, and on further motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended and the bill was read twice.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford, pending its third reading the bill was laid on the table and assigned for tomorrow morning.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State library.

An Act relating to the open season for fishing in Wilson lake in the town of Wilton. (Tabled pending its first reading on motion of Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford).

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston and to provide for a street, sewer and permanent improvement department.

Mr. Haskell of Lewiston, offered House amendment A by striking out in Section 2 after the word "February" in the third line the words "by the joint vote of both branches of the city council, and substituting therefor the words "by the municipal officers."

Also by striking out in Section 3 in the 12th line the words "city council in joint convention," and substituting therefor the words "municipal officers."

The amendment was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Little of Lewiston, the rules were suspended, the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An Act to enlarge the corporate powers of Lawrence Lumber Company. (Tabled pending its first reading on motion of Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke).

Resolve in aid of navigation on Lewey, Long and Big lakes.

Resolves providing for an amendment to the constitution, relating to limitation of municipal indebtedness.

An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1887.

An Act relating to the taxation of telegraph and telephone companies. (Tabled pending its first reading on motion of Mr. Thompson of China).

The following bills and resolves received their several readings and were passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules:

An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the investment of funds of savings banks.

An Act to incorporate the Dirigo Electric Light Company of Dexter.

An Act to incorporate the Ashland Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Tyler-Fogg Trust Company.

An Act to abolish issuing separate executions for costs by disclosure commissioners.

An Act to legalize the acts and doings of Nashville Plantation, Aroostook county.

An Act to permit the Longwood Real Estate Company to construct a wharf in Long lake, in the town of Naples.

Resolve waiving a forfeiture of the public lots in the north half of township Number Four, Hancock county, north division.

An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, and as amended by Chapter 379 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as closes Oaks pond, in Cornville, to ice fishing.

An Act for the protection of shore birds.

An Act to prohibit the use of any kind of horns, cow bells or other bells, cymbals, or tambourines, in hunting wild animals in the county of Hancock.

An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation of express companies.

An Act to amend Chapter 174 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to a franchise tax on sleeping and place cars.

Resolve in favor of the Norcross Transportation Company.

An Act relating to the new iron bridge over the Presumpscot river in the town of Falmouth.

An Act to authorize the town of York to construct and maintain sewers in said town.

An Act to amend Sections 17 and 19 of Chapter 105 of the Private and Special Laws of 1861, relating to the election of mayor, aldermen, common councilmen, wardens and ward clerks, in the city of Lewiston.

An Act in relation to lime and lime casks.

Resolve in favor of the city of Eastport.

An Act relating to the powers and duties of administrators de bonis non.

An Act to provide for the assessment and expenditure of the income arising from the permanent school fund in certain towns.

An Act to authorize the navigation, by steam or electricity, of Range ponds in the town of Poland.

Resolve in relation to the early York deeds.

An Act to extend the powers of the Union River Light & Power Company.

An Act to incorporate the Brooks Village Corporation.

An Act relating to political caucuses.

An Act to incorporate the Naples Water Company.

An Act to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and other refuse into Norton, Brown or Heath brooks or their tributaries in the towns of Shapleigh and Limerick.

An Act to protect smelts during their spawning season in the tributaries of the Damariscotta river.

An Act to amend Section 48 of Chapter 284 of the Public Laws of 1891 entitled An Act to consolidate and simplify the laws pertaining to sea and shore fisheries as contained in Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes and in amendments and additions thereto.

An Act to amend Chapter 279 of the Public Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 240 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to the packing of sardines.

An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899 and as amended by Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to close time for game birds.

Resolve laying a tax on counties of the State for the years 1903 and 1904.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Waterville, the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced a resolution for ascertaining the condition of the public record, and on further motion by Mr. Davis the resolution was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Savage of Bingham, the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced bill, An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 42, Section 5, of the Public Laws of 1898, and as amended by Chapter 379 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as prohibits fishing through the ice in Palmer pond, so called, in Mayfield Plantation, in the county of Somerset; and on further motion by Mr. Savage the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield of Rockland, the rules were suspended and that gentleman presented bill, An Act authorizing the acceptance of the conveyance of Widow's Island, Maine, by the State of Maine. (Tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Littlefield together with the accompanying Act of Congress.)

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act relating to defense of actions brought against administrators and executors.

An Act relating to bonds given by collectors of taxes.

An Act relating to actions for libel or slander.

An Act closing Cupsuptic river and its tributaries to all fishing, above the foot of the first falls near its mouth, from July 1 to May 1.

An Act to regulate fishing in the tributaries of Wilson lake in Wilton, in the county of Franklin.

An Act prohibiting the use of boats or launches of any kind propelled by steam, naphtha, gasoline, or electricity, while hunting sea birds in the waters of Frenchman's bay, so-called, on the coast of Maine.

An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of railroad commissioners.

An Act to prohibit all ice fishing in Lake Webb or Weld pond, so-called, in the town of Weld, county of Franklin.

An Act to prohibit the dumping of

herring and all fish offal in the waters of Jonesport and Addison.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of the road.

An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta Trust Company.

An Act to extend time of construction of Boothbay Railroad.

An Act for the protection of deer and moose in the county of Sagadahoc.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Auburn, Mechanic Falls and Norway Street Railway.

An Act to amend an act relating to the municipal court for the city of Lewiston.

Mr. Kelley of Lewiston, offered House amendment A, by striking out in the 22d line the words "seventy-five cents" and substituting therefor the words "one dollar and ten cents;" also, by adding thereto the following Section 2: "This Act shall take effect when approved."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Coast Telephone Company.

Resolve in favor of Lee' Normal Academy.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jackson.

An Act to change the time of holding sessions of the county commissioners in Aroostook county.

Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison.

An act to ratify the lease of the Sangerville Improvement Company to the Dover and Foxcroft Light and Heat Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 495 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to the destruction of fish in the Eastern Penobscot river in the town of Orland.

An Act to amend Chapter 296 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to taxation of interest bearing deposits in trust and banking companies.

An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 132 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appeals from magistrates in criminal cases.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Bangor, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House passed to be engrossed An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 6 of the Revised

Statutes, relating to taxation of express companies, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Tapley of Brooksville, the rules were suspended, and that gentleman introduced two resolves, resolve in favor of Joseph Mitchell, Jr., representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and resolve in favor of Louis Mitchell, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, and on further motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, the resolves received their two readings and were passed to be engrossed.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to amend Chapter 143 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Cumberland Illuminating Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 3, Section 59, Paragraph 12, of the Revised Statutes, relating to dealers in old junk.

An Act in relation to the discharge of debtors in cases now pending in insolvent courts.

An Act to change the name of the State Reform School.

An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 11 of Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to school house lots and grounds.

An Act to incorporate the Hillside Water Company.

An Act in relation to the Ellsworth municipal court.

An Act to incorporate the Sullivan Harbor Water Company.

An Act authorizing the town of Fort Fairfield to make a loan.

An Act additional to Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public drains and sewers.

An Act to amend an act to establish a municipal court for the town of Brunswick.

An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, relating to trustee process.

An Act authorizing the town of Madison to purchase with the town of Anson in the county of Somerset the Norridgewock Falls bridge.

An Act to amend the charter of the Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company.

An Act to renew and extend the charter of the Boothbay Harbor Banking Company.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Waldo Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Maine and New Hampshire Railroad.

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to telegraph and telephone companies.

An Act relating to the franchise rights and privileges of the Milbridge & Cherryfield Electric Railroad Company.

An Act to incorporate the Jonesport Railway Company.

An Act to prohibit spitting upon the floors of street cars.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport Street Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Washington Telephone Company.

An Act to incorporate the Winterport, Frankfort and Prospect Electric Railway.

An Act to establish the Lubec & Machias Railway Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Boom Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Sebasticook Manufacturing and Power Company.

An Act to authorize the Kennebec Log Driving Company to maintain piers and booms in the Kennebec river above the Augusta dam.

An Act to authorize the Norcross Transportation Company to erect buoys in certain waters of the West Branch of the Penobscot river.

An Act to incorporate the Fish River Improvement Company.

An Act to authorize John M. Jewell to erect and maintain a dam across the Sebasticook river in the town of Clinton.

An Act to incorporate the Androscoggin Log Driving Company.

An Act to incorporate the Buckfield Water, Power and Electric Light Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Moose River Log Driving Company.

An Act to incorporate the South Branch Moose River Dam Company.

An Act to authorize the Boston Excelsior Company to locate piers and booms in the Sebec river.

An Act to incorporate the Ferguson Stream Improvement Company.

An Act to incorporate the Ellis River Improvement Company.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Machias Log Driving Company," approved April 8th, 1854.

An Act to authorize Edward J. Mayo and his assigns to maintain a wharf in Sebec lake.

An Act to incorporate the Waterville and Winslow Bridge Company.

An Act to amend Section 185 of the Public Laws of 1901, relating to truants.

An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, as prohibits fishing through the ice in Indian pond, situated partly in Franklin and partly in Somerset county.

An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, as prohibits fishing through the ice in Dexter pond, in Dexter, Penobscot county.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 329 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 relating to ice fishing in certain lakes and ponds in Kennebec county.

An Act to prevent the throwing of sawdust and other refuse matter into Half Moon stream or Sandy stream or any of the tributaries to Unity pond, in the county of Waldo.

An Act to prevent the destruction of smelts in the waters of towns of Lubec and Trescott in the county of Washington.

An Act regulating fishing in Quimby pond in the county of Franklin.

An Act to regulate fishing in Kennebeco lake and other lakes and ponds and their tributaries, in Franklin county.

An Act to authorize the navigation, by steam, of Eagle lake and the connecting lakes, in the county of Aroostook.

An Act to fix the beginning of the open season for fishing in Sebago lake, in Cumberland county.

An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, as prohibits fishing in Goodwin brook, and Higgins stream above the first dam, tributaries to Moose pond, in Somerset county.

An Act to prohibit bait fishing, so called, in certain portions of the Magalloway river and its tributaries and in various ponds in Oxford county.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 172 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to lobster traps in Pigeon Hill bay.

An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Bangor Loan and Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Lee Telephone Company.

An Act to provide for the protection of deer on the island of Mount Desert.

Resolve in aid of Carratunk for repairing road from Carratunk Village to Pleasant pond in said plantation.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of Edmund C. Bryant chairman of the committee on Reform School.

Resolve for an appropriation for the preservation of the remains of Fort William Henry, now the property of the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Madawaska Training School.

Resolve in favor of the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow.

Resolve in favor of the committee on Maine State Prison.

Resolve in favor of Knox County General Hospital.

Resolve providing for the topographic and geological survey for the years 1903 and 1904 and for extending its work to include hydrography.

Resolve in favor of a Maine soldiers' monument at the Andersonville, Georgia, National cemetery.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the completion of a new church at Pleasant Point, in the town of Perry.

Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal School.

Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls.

Resolve to aid in repairing roads in Jerusalem plantation.

Resolve in favor of the town of Crystal.

Resolve in favor of George B. Haskell, Jacob R. Little and Stephen J. Kelley, in payments of witnesses', magistrates' and

officers' fees and disbursements made by them in the city of Lewiston contested election case.

Resolve in favor of C. C. Libby, chairman of the committee on education.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

Resolve in favor of rebuilding the house of the Sisters of Mercy at Peter Dana's Point, within the jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced the following order.

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that 3000 copies of the last annual report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

The order received a passage.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Bangor, Senate document No. 179, bill, An Act to extend the time during which the tolls granted to the Bangor Bridge Company shall continue, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Barker, House document No. 465, An Act to extend the time during which the tolls granted to the Bangor Bridge Company shall continue, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Barker the rules were suspended and the bill was read twice.

Mr. Barker offered House amendment A by striking out in the second line the word "seventy" before the word "nine" and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was then read a third time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Waterville, bill, to repeal an act of the Public Laws of 1903, entitled an act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 335 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the election of collectors of taxes, was taken from the table.

Mr. Oakes of Auburn, moved that the bill be again laid on the table.

Mr. DAVIS of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, I hope the motion will not prevail. I would say in extenuation of my position that the bill has already caused a great deal of difficulty. It is something which does not help the situation that is designed to be remedied, in any way, and I think the real objections to it, the uniting of those two offices into one can be met by properly bonding the officials that fill those positions; and as I stated the other day when this matter came up, it works a hardship as it has been in the past upon many cities and towns. I illustrated it by mentioning our own city of Waterville where if the two offices were divorced it meant an expense of nearly a thousand dollars additional, if we were obliged to

have a treasurer and a collector in two separate offices and two separate individuals; and there seems to be no good reason why that law should remain. I believed if the members fully understood the purport of it, it would not have been passed; and I am perfectly willing to test the sense of the members upon the question. I hope the motion to lay this on the table will not prevail.

Mr. OAKES of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that a matter of this general importance should not be discussed very much or acted upon at the present time, but that it should properly be laid on the table until a time when more members are present.

Mr. DAVIS: I am perfectly willing to have it assigned for tomorrow if the members have not had time to look into it. I do not wish to insist upon its immediate consideration if members are absent. I am perfectly willing that it should go over until tomorrow.

The motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced a resolve in favor of the State House employes. (Referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.)

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta, bill, An Act to incorporate the Merchants Trust Company of Auburn, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill received its second and third readings and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Prospect, bill, An Act to abolish the office of inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries, was taken from the table.

Mr. Clark moved to refer the bill to the committee on labor.

Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford, moved to amend the motion by referring it to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. CLARK of Prospect: Mr. Speaker, this is a question that comes directly under the head of the labor committee, in my estimation. It is an act to abolish the office of inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries. If it does not come under the head of labor, I know not what committee it does come under, and I hope that the amendment will not prevail.

Mr. SUTHERLAND of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, this bill has already been before the House once, and was referred to the committee on legal affairs, and they reported ought not to pass. This bill, as I understand now, comes direct from the committee on labor, which have already foreclosed their opinion, and therefore I do not think it is a proper committee to which to refer it at this time.

Mr. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has been misinformed by somebody, I know not by whom. This bill has never been before the House, to my knowledge, before. The gentleman refers to a bill in regard to abolishing the bureau of industrial and labor statistics. There were two bills presented. They were presented in the last Legislature; one was referred to the committee on labor and one to the

committee on legal affairs. That matter has nothing to do with this bill under discussion, which is to abolish the office of inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries, and which comes directly under the head of the labor committee; and I hope that the amendment will not prevail.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, a division was had and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 37 to 24.

The question then being to refer the bill to the committee on the judiciary,

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield,
Adjourned. •