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HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 13, 1917.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robinson of South Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on judiciary on resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution granting suffrage to women upon equal terms with men, reporting "ought to pass."

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the report be laid upon the table pending acceptance, until tomorrow morning.

Mr. MURRAY of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Baxter), through you, that I would prefer that it should not be set for tomorrow morning.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I meant that I would confer with those opposed to the resolve and agree between now and tomorrow morning upon a time for its consideration.

The following bills, resolves and petitions were presented and, on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Agriculture.

By Mr. Wilson of Portland: An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 43 of the Revised Statutes, relative to sealer of weights and measures. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Tate of Topsham: Resolve to provide farms on which prospective professors of agriculture for the University of Maine and county farm demonstrators shall prove their capability in fundamental agriculture. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Sawyer of Eden: Remonstrance against An Act to regulate the sale of milk and cream in the town of Eden, signed by J. V. Daney and 11 others; also remonstrance of Charles L. Soper and 8 others against same.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Petition of W. I. Smith and 60 others in favor of an appropriation for improvement of grounds of Maine General Hospital; also petition of Edward Harlow and 56 others in favor of same; also petition of C. J. Jose and 60 others in favor of same; also petition of George F. Wescott and 60 others in favor of same.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Gurney of Portland: An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to extend the charter of the Deering Trust Company.

Claims.

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn: Resolve reimbursing the city of Auburn for money expended for the support of certain State paupers.

By Mr. Stubbs of Strong: Resolve in favor of the town of Phillips.

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: Resolve in favor of the town of Kingman.

By Mr. Cole of Eliot: Resolve in favor of Justin W. Brooks.

By Mr. Jennings of Wayne: Resolve in favor of Joseph H. Underwood of Fayette, Maine.

By Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass: Resolve in favor of Thomas Michaud.

By Mr. Largay of Bangor: Resolve compensating John H. Rice for damages to an automobile caused by a collision with an automobile owned by the State.

Education.

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 84 of the Private and Special Laws of 1875, entitled "An Act relating to the schools in the city of Portland." (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appropriate money for pensions for teachers in the public schools.

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: Resolve in favor of Van Buren College for maintenance and the purchase of equipment.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Billings of North Berwick: An Act to repeal so much of Section 59 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 277 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to traps and snares for fur-bearing animals and petition accompanying same. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holley of North Anson: An Act to amend Section 46, Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the trapping of fur-bearing animals. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Jenkins of Kingfield: An Act additional to Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, 1916, relating to fishing in Tim and Mud Ponds, in Township 2, Range 4, W. B. K. P., Franklin county.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, (1916) relating to the taking of white fish by means of nets in certain waters of Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington counties.

By Mr. Charles of Lovell: An Act additional to Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Public Laws of 1916, relating to fishing in the tributaries to Lake Kezar and in the tributaries of Kezar river in the county of Oxford.

By Mr. Holt of Skowhegan: An Act additional to Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fishing in Wesser-runnett Lake in Somerset County.

By Mr. Charles of Lovell: Resolve appropriating money for the erection of a screen in the outlet of Upper Kezar Lake in the town of Lovell.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve in favor of screening Boyden's Lake in the county of Washington.

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: Petition of F. H. Mace of Waterville and seven

others, asking that permission be given to fish through the ice in the Belgrade chain of lakes; also petition of Leslie Damren of North Belgrade, and 11 others, in favor of same; also petition of John H. Burleigh, and 15 others, residents of Waterville, Me., in favor of same; also petition of H. McTaggart of Oakland, and 77 others, in favor of same; also petition of Chester W. Getchell and nine others, residents of Waterville, Me., in favor of same; also petition of George D. Pullen, and 21 others, residents of Oakland, Maine, in favor of same; also petition of Thomas Page, and 133 others, residents of Waterville, in favor of same; also petition of George Perry, and 15 others, residents of Waterville, in favor of same.

By Mr. Grant of Hope: Petition of F. B. Kimball, and 11 others, of Hope, to repeal or modify Section 50, Chapter 277 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to hunting on Sunday.

By Mr. Richards of Waldoboro: Petition of John M. Richards, and 14 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Holt of Skowhegan: Petition of S. T. Williams, and 24 others, in favor of same; also petition of W. B. Porter, and 34 others, in favor of same; also petition of Melvin Bosworth, and 25 others, in favor of same; also petition of Edwin H. Gray, and 65 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor: Petition of L. W. Joyce, and 38 others, for the repeal of Chapter 85 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to fishing; also petition of Frank A. Babbidge, and 16 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Chaplin of Bridgton: Petition of J. Bennett Pike, and 20 others, to prohibit ice fishing in Peabody Pond in Bridgton, Naples and Sebago.

By Mr. Jenkins of Kingfield: Petition of Harold S. Viles, and 11 others, asking for additional restrictions upon fishing in Tim and Mud Ponds, in T. 2, R. 4, W. B. K. P., Franklin County.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Remonstrance of William F. Davis, and 29 others, of Houlton against the passage of House Document No. 44, being "An Act to repeal Section 73 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relative to Sunday

being a closed season for game or birds."

By Mr. Messer of Union: Remonstrance of E. W. Russell and others against the passage of an Act to repeal Section 73 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes relative to Sunday being a closed season for game or birds.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass: An Act authorizing the American Realty Company to acquire, erect and maintain piers and booms in the St. John River in the town of Frenchville and in the Plantation of St. John. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: An Act to create a Board of Prison Commissioners. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Cole of Eliot: An Act to amend Chapter 83, Section 5 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the time and place of holding the County Commissioners' Court in York County. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Stubbs of Strong: An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "An Act to amend an act creating the Phillips Village Corporation." (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bowman of Detroit: An Act to repeal Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the appointment of road commissioners. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ames of Stockton Springs: An Act to abolish the police court of the city of Rockland. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman. An Act to establish the Knox municipal court, within and for the county of Knox. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Resolved, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine providing for the election on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, biennially, of Governors, Senators, Representatives and other officers now required to be elected on the second Monday of September biennially. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Gurney of Portland: An Act to incorporate the Casco Title Guaranty Company. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Gannett of Augusta: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta relative to police. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Murphy of Calais: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to public utilities. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Speirs of Westbrook: An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 204 of the Public Laws of 1883, in relation to the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Westbrook, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 119 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: An Act to change the name of the Unitarian Church of Augusta, Maine.

By Mr. Williams of Auburn: An Act to enlarge the powers of Androscoggin Trust Company and to authorize said corporation to become surety on bonds.

By Mr. Gurney of Portland: An Act to enable the register of deeds of Cumberland county to procure durable copies of plans recorded in said registry.

By the same gentleman. An Act relating to the trustees of the Windham Ministerial Fund.

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to the First Congregational church of Windham.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Holley of Anson: An Act to amend the act incorporating the proprietors of the Anson and Madison bridge. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Williams of Auburn: An Act allowing dentists to employ women assistants who shall be known as dental hygienists. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the appointment of Board of Dental Examiners. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 82 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the supplying of the city of Auburn with pure water. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: An Act to amend Chapter 244, entitled "An Act to provide a charter for the city of Gardiner," of the Private and Special Laws of 1913. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Murray of Bangor: An Act to amend Section 24 of the charter of the city of Bangor relating to changing the date of the annual election. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act authorizing the mayor of Bangor to appoint the road commissioner and chief of the fire department. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: An Act to supply the town of Bucksport with water. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An Act extending charter of Casco Bay Water Co.

By Mr. Day of Westfield: An Act confirming the official acts of the officers of the plantation of Chapman, acting as officers of the town of Chapman and of the proceedings of the special town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Chapman, held Dec. 27, 1915.

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: An Act to extend the charter of the Livermore & Augusta Railway Co.

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn: An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the proceedings of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

By Mr. Purington of Mechanic Falls: An Act to incorporate the Casco Water and Electric Light Co.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Emerson of Lewiston: An Act to incorporate the Lewiston Burial Insurance Co. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Military Affairs

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An Act

to amend Sections 51 and 52 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment by the State of the burial expenses of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors.

By the same gentleman: Resolve for extra pay to the Maine Volunteers in the war with Spain.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of an appropriation to complete the historical record of Maine men serving in the United States navy during the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion, 1861-1865.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of appropriation to purchase steel lockers for National Guard armories.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of an appropriation for necessary repairs on the State Armory at Portland.

Pensions

By Mr. Sawyer of Madison: Resolve in favor of Syrena B. Withee of Madison.

By Mr. Fleming of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Bertha A. Toomey of Bangor for State pension.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley.

By Mr. Morison of Corinth: Resolve providing a State pension for Thomas J. Leathers of Corinth.

By Mr. Reed of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Jennie M. Goudy of Bangor.

By Mr. Babb of Sebago: Resolve in favor of Willie Milliken.

By Mr. Clement of Montville: Resolve in favor of Susan J. Flye of Freedom.

By Mr. Sawyer of Madison: Resolve in favor of Annie M. Lovell of Starks.

By Mr. Brackett of Limington: Resolve in favor of M. Frances Owen.

By Mr. Sawyer of Madison: Resolve in favor of Arthur G. Sawyer of Madison.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: Resolve providing a State pension for Pearl R. Gray.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Resolve providing a State pension for Maria Snow of Sedgwick.

By Mr. Welch of Machiasport: Resolve in favor of Leon S. Gilpatrick of Whiting.

By Mr. Clark of Harison: Resolve providing a State pension for Harriet H. Twombly.

By Mr. Longley of Sidney: Resolve in favor of Perlie A. Haskell.

Portland Delegation.

By Mr. Anderson of Portland: An Act relating to the appointment, time of service, removal and pension of employees of the Department of Electrical Appliances of the city of Portland. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: An Act relating to the term of service of the city treasurer and collector of the city of Portland. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

Public Health

By Mr. Holt of Skowhegan: An Act to provide for a physical examination of persons committed to jails. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An Act relating to railroad tracks crossing Congress street, near the Union station in Portland, for the better protection of the public. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend the charter of the Peak's Island Corporation. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ryder of Brownville: An Act to incorporate the Smyrna & Oakfield Water Company. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: An Act to incorporate the Grand Isle Light & Power Company. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: An Act to authorize Oxford Electric Company to extend its electrical lines to and within the town of Hebron, and to purchase the

electrical equipment and franchises of trustees of Hebron Academy. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Reed of Bangor: An Act to grant additional corporate powers to Maine Title and Utility Company. (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Newcomb of Scarborough: An Act authorizing the town of Cape Elizabeth to issue its bonds for the construction of sewers. (Tabled by Mr. Newcomb of Scarborough pending reference).

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Petition of Frank E. Taft and 42 others to give consideration and passage to some legislative enactment whereby the service of the Portland Water District shall be extended to Peak's Island.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Remonstrance of W. M. Berry of Stockton Springs, and 166 others, against granting charter to Penobscot River Ferry Company.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of H. R. Googins and others of the town of Bucksport against same; also remonstrance of Melvin Chapman and others of Bucksport against same.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the compensation of the members of the legislature.

By Mr. Speirs of Westbrook: An Act to amend Paragraph 3, Section 1 of Chapter 282 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the salary of recorder of the municipal court of the city of Westbrook.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salary of the State auditor.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven: An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, relating to seed lobsters. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Welch of Machiasport: An Act amending Chapter 121 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, establishing a closed

time on lobsters in Machias bay. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro: An Act to amend Section 74 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to fishing for smelts in West bay and West bay stream, in the town of Gouldsboro, Hancock county.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An Act to regulate seine fishing on the Presumpscot river.

By Mr. Anderson of Portland: Resolutions in relation to dog fish.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Petition of Benjamin L. Donnell, and 66 others, in favor of the prohibition of seine fishing above Martin's Point bridge on the Presumpscot river; also petition of Fred W. Walton, and 93 others, in favor of same; also petition of C. L. Pollister, and 63 others, in favor of same; also petition of C. S. Knight, and 105 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Petition of A. E. Gray of Naskeag, Maine, in favor of the repeal of Chapter 85, Private and Special Laws of 1915, relative to close time on lobsters from Naskeag to Bar Harbor.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of John H. Simpson, and 29 others, against any change in the present measurement of lobsters.

By Mr. Bussabarger of Lubec: Remonstrance of Earl Holmes, and 36 others, against granting of charter to build a weir in Little Machias bay, on Davis Ledge, so called. (On motion by Mr. Bussabarger, sent immediately to the Senate for concurrence).

State Lands and Forest Preservation.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham. An Act in relation to the sale of timber on reserved lands in all townships or tracts. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey a certain lot or parcel of land to the Great Pond Cemetery Association.

By Mr. Redman of Ellsworth: Resolve authorizing the land agent to convey the State's interest to the small island situated in Great pond, in Plantation No. 33, Hancock county.

By Mr. Lenfest of Manchester: Resolve in favor of Highland Plantation in Somerset county, and to quiet the title to certain lands therein.

By Mr. Daigle of New Canada: Resolve in favor of the land agent.

State Sanatoriums.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Petition of Alfred D. Sawyer and 217 others, residents of northern Maine, in favor of the passage of a resolve establishing the Northern Maine Sanatorium.

Telephones and Telegraphs.

By Mr. Meserve of Naples: Petition of L. S. Mains and 17 others in favor of "An Act to provide for better telephone service;" also petition of E. E. Jewett and 14 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Knight of Kennebunk: Petition of George W. Taylor and others in favor of same.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Corliss of Bath: Resolve for aid in the repair of a highway bridge over the New Meadows river, near the New Meadows Inn, so called, and connecting the town of West Bath in the county of Sagadahoc, with the town of Brunswick, in the county of Cumberland. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Holley of Anson: Resolve in favor of the proprietors of the Anson and Madison bridge. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Clifford of Reed Plantation: Resolve in favor of repairing and rebuilding a part of the Military road. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Tuttle of Caribou: An Act to improve the public highways of Maine by regulating the width of tires upon wagons and carts for carrying heavy loads. (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Murphy of Calais: Resolve in favor of repairing the roads in Hibberts Gore.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Resolve in favor of the town of Houlton.

By Mr. Lyford of Atkinson: Resolve in favor of the town of Atkinson, in Piscataquis county, for the purpose of repairing and improving a road.

By Mr. Jordan of Baileyville: Resolve in favor of Murray Brothers Company of Bangor.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve in aid of rebuilding bridge in the town of Alexander, located on the Calais and Alexander road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of aid of repairing road in the town of Pembroke.

By Mr. Clifford of Reed Plantation: Resolve in favor of bridge in Reed Plantation in the county of Aroostook.

By Mr. Packard of Newburg: Resolve in favor of repairing and rebuilding road in the town of Stetson, county of Penobscot.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing road in the town of Stetson, county of Penobscot.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of repairing and building a road in the town of Carmel, county of Penobscot.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Exeter for repairing and rebuilding road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg, Penobscot county, for repairing and building road.

By Mr. Murray of Bangor: Resolve appropriating money to aid in building a road around Chick Hill, so called, in the town of Amherst in Hancock county, and the town of Clifton in Penobscot county.

By Mr. Redman of Ellsworth: Resolve to reimburse Plantation 33, in the county of Hancock, for over-expenditure on State aid road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating a certain sum of money for the repair and permanent improvement of highway in Ellsworth.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating a certain sum of money for repair and permanent improvement of highway in the town of Trenton.

By Mr. Ranney of Winn: Resolve appropriating money to aid in rebuilding the Lee road in the town of Winn.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Passadumkeag for aid in repairing the bridge across Passadumkeag stream.

By the same gentleman: Petition of F. O. Fournier and others in favor of a resolve appropriating money to aid in rebuilding the Lee road in the town of Winn; also petition of Dr. F. D. Sherrard and others in favor of same; also petition of Harold L. Haskell and others in favor of same.

On motion by Mr. Largay of Bangor, it was voted to reconsider the vote of the House whereby bill, An Act to amend Section 24 of the charter of the city of Bangor relating to changing the date of the annual election, was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled pending reference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Largay, if he wishes to reconsider the vote whereby 500 copies were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Murray of Bangor, it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby 500 copies were ordered printed.

Mr. RUSSELL of Farmington: Mr. Speaker, if in order, I ask that the bill in regard to better service on telephones be reconsidered and laid on the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman that they were not bills but were simply petitions and were referred to the proper committee.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the House voted to reconsider the motion whereby bill, An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appropriate money for pensions for teachers in the public schools, was referred to the committee on education, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its motion whereby bill, An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 84 of the Private and Special Laws of 1875, entitled "An Act relating to the schools of the city of Portland," introduced by Mr. Brewster

of Portland and 500 copies ordered printed, was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, is it proper for me to make a statement at this time in relation to these bills?

The SPEAKER: The matter is debatable.

Mr. BREWSTER: I did not know of the reference which had been ordered; but I should be glad to assure the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that I would be very glad to have them go to the Portland Delegation, if that is his desire. It seems to me that is the proper place for them to go, and I know of nobody else who is interested in them. I would move you, Mr. Speaker, that they be referred to the Portland Delegation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, had the floor and yielded it to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Brewster, out of courtesy, and the Chair will recognize a motion from the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

Mr. ROUNDS: At this time, I do not wish to have it referred. I would like to table it and get an expression from the different members of the Portland delegation before it is referred.

On motion by Mr. Rounds, the bill was tabled pending reference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would call the attention of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, in the reconsideration of the first bill, that no action was taken with reference to the printing.

On motion by Mr. Rounds, the vote was reconsidered whereby 500 copies of bill, An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appropriate money for pensions for teachers in the public schools, were ordered printed.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, it was

Ordered, that all matters which have been tabled and unassigned on the calendar of the House shall, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 21, and on each and every Wednesday thereafter until the

end of the session, be taken from the table and action thereon shall be taken on the pending question.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Gurney from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the care and custody of minors.

Mr. Anderson from the committee on legal affairs, on bill, An Act to authorize the York Shore Water Company to acquire and own certain local securities, reported the same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Buzzell from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 43 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine, 1899, entitled "An Act to establish Rumford Falls Municipal Court."

Mr. Murray from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations.

Mr. Cole from the committee on library, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to free public libraries.

Mr. Clason from the same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to librarians receiving instruction.

Mr. Rowe from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to establish a legislative reference bureau in the State library.

Mr. Neilon from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to State stipend for support of public library.

The reports were accepted and the several bills ordered printed under the joint rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 191. An Act to amend the charter of the Kennebec Log Driving Company as amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885.

House 192. An Act to amend Chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of

1873, entitled "An Act amendatory to an amended act incorporating the Kennebec Log Driving Company," approved March 5, 1869.

House 193. An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Congregational church society of Litchfield, Maine.

House 194. An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

House 195. An Act to extend the time in which the Maine Title Guarantee Company is authorized to commence business.

Passed to Be Engrossed

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of smelts in the waters of Egypt bay, Franklin bay, Taunton bay and river in the towns of Hancock, Franklin and Sullivan, in Hancock county.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Anderson of Portland, petition of Emily Michaud and 11 others; also petition of W. W. Thomas and 13 others; also petition of J. H. Michaud and 25 others; also petition of John Lawson and 50 others; also petition of Joseph Bernier and 66 others; also petition of Willie F. Paradis and 170 others; also petition of F. A. Higgins, Jr., and 96 others, all in favor of An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Light and Power District, were taken from the table, having been recalled from the committee on public utilities; and on further motion by the same gentleman the same were referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Central Maine Power Co. was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland the same was referred to the committee on public utilities.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, House report of committee on ways and bridges reporting "ought not to pass" on resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of appropriating money for the construction of two bridges over Austin stream on highway leading from Bingham village to

Caratunk and The Forks, and to care for highway in the vicinity of the bridges," was taken from the table.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the ways and bridges committee desire to further consider this report. I can see no harm in trusting it to them, for they cannot do anything any worse to it, and they may wish to make some reconsideration.

On further motion by Mr. Dutton, the report was recommitted to the committee on ways and bridges.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I should like to inquire whether the bill relating to the Central Maine Power Co. was ordered printed by the committee on reference?

The SPEAKER: One thousand copies were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Coffin of Freeport, Senate Document No. 114, An Act to provide for the payment to Bustin's Island Village Corporation of a portion of the money received from taxes by the town of Freeport, was taken from the table; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the same was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Portland, House report of committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill entitled "An Act to Repeal Chapter 78 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to the adjustment and payment of fire losses by insurance companies," was taken from the table; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Jordan of Baileyville, House report of committee on ways and bridges, reporting "ought not to pass" on resolve entitled "Resolve in favor of the towns of Gray, New Gloucester and Pownal," was taken from the table; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the same was recommitted to the committee on ways and bridges.

Mr. TUTTLE of Caribou: Mr. Speaker, I move we take House Document No. 46, An Act authorizing the town of Caribou to acquire property of the Caribou Water, Light and Power Co. from the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Caribou (Mr. Tuttle) that the act referred to by him was recalled from the committee on legal affairs and is not on the table. What does the Chair understand the wishes of the gentleman from Caribou to be?

Mr. TUTTLE: I wish to offer an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire, is the gentleman's amendment in writing?

Mr. TUTTLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The pending question being the recommitment of the bill.

Mr. Tuttle offered House Amendment A as follows:

"House Amendment A to An Act to authorize the town of Caribou to acquire property of the Caribou Water, Light and Power Co., and to construct and maintain for itself and for persons and corporations a system of water works within said town.

An Act to authorize the town of Caribou to acquire property of the Caribou Water, Light and Power Co., and to construct and maintain for itself and for persons and corporations a system of water works within said town is hereby amended by erasing Section 11 thereof, and adding to the said bill the following:

'Whereas the Caribou Water, Light & Power Co. is not furnishing to the inhabitants of the village of Caribou pure water for domestic purposes;

And whereas it is the purpose of this act to empower and enable the town of Caribou to acquire the property of said Caribou Water, Light & Power Co. and to assume the duties of said company;

And whereas, the provisions of this act vitally affect the peace, health and safety of the public; and

Whereas, by reason of the foregoing facts, an emergency exists such as is contemplated by the Constitution, and

the passage of this act is immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety; now, therefore

Resolved, in view of the emergency set forth herein, this act, two-thirds of all the members elected to each House having so directed, shall take effect when so approved.'"

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

The amendment was adopted.

On further motion by Mr. Tuttle, the bill as amended was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hart of Holden, bill, An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salary of the commissioner of agriculture, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, was referred to the committee on agriculture.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman from Holden, that the original reference was to the committee on salaries and fees.

On motion by Mr. Hart, the House then voted to reconsider its motion whereby this bill was referred to the committee on agriculture and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

Mr. Cole of Eliot offered the following resolution:

"State of Maine, in the year 1917.

Resolve in favor of an investigation of the advisability of erecting or purchasing a suitable residence in Augusta for the use and occupancy of the Governor, to be known as the Executive Mansion.

Whereas, it is now obligatory that the Governor take up his official residence in Augusta; and

Whereas, the burden and expense of so doing placed upon the Governor may be so great that only a man of independent means can aspire to the office of Governor; and

Whereas, we recognize that many men of limited financial means are eminently fitted to serve the State as Governor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Senate concurring, that a special committee of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House be appointed to investigate the advisability of purchasing or erecting a suitable residence in Augusta for the use and occupancy of the Governor, to be known as the Executive Mansion, and report to this Legislature by bill or otherwise."

Mr. COLE: My idea in doing that, Mr. Speaker, is that the language of the law of 1915 makes it obligatory that the Governor take up his official residence in the city of Augusta during his term of office. The present Governor of course is very well fixed so far as his residence is concerned. This is the home of his father and he makes his home with his father and has a residence suitable for a Governor. The next Governor may be a man from a remote part of the State. Elected as he is for a term of only two years, he cannot move his family to Augusta and engage such a residence as would be necessary to maintain the office of Governor with dignity. He cannot afford to break up his household and come here, perhaps with his whole family, and live at a hotel, and yet the law makes it obligatory upon him to reside in Augusta. A Governor, in order to maintain the office as it should be maintained, with the dignity which it should have, should have his family with him. As I have said, the salary is not sufficient to allow a man of ordinary means to do that, and it seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that it would be only just and proper, the State placing that burden on the Governor, that it should at least furnish him with a suitable residence belonging to the State fully equipped, so that he may take up his official residence therein during his term of office and maintain his office in his home, as well as his office in the State House, with all the dignity necessary and becoming to a Governor. I understand that the Blaine Mansion on the corner opposite here can be bought. There is no man in the State of Maine, regardless of politics or party or anything else, who does not look upon James G. Blaine as one of the great men of Maine. I believe that that location is an ideal one for a gov-

ernor's residence. There is at the present time a move in this Legislature to take over that property for a State Library. I question the advisability of that move, and I think, Mr. Speaker, that a State Library should be in some part of the State House, where it can be accessible at all times to the people in all departments of the State House at their work. We all know human nature well enough to know that if a thing is within easy reach we avail ourselves of it. For instance, if on a hot day in summer a person working has got to go out in the hot, blazing sun across the street to get a reference book or something, he is going to take a chance of doing his work without it. Then on a cold, zero day in winter, in a blustering snow storm, if he has got to put on his overcoat and go across the street to get a book, he is not going to do it if here in the State House, where it belongs, he can get it. Now it seems to me wise for the State to keep all its departments within easy reach. These State House grounds are ample enough, and it seems better to use the Blaine Mansion for an Executive Mansion than for the purpose of a library. This resolve carries with it no responsibility except the feasibility of taking some action. I, therefore, move that the resolution have a passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is of the opinion that all of the members did not hear the resolve as read, there being some little confusion in the back of the room, and the Chair will ask the clerk to read the resolve as presented by Mr. Cole, it being more or less of an important matter.

(Resolution read by the clerk.)

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I most heartily endorse the remarks of the gentleman from Eliot (Mr. Cole) and I wish to second them.

The question being on the passage of the resolution.

The same received a passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will name a committee on the part of the House at a later time.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Mars Hill, Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.