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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Sisson of Island Falls.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Sections 7, 33 and 35 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, relating to funds for State highway.

Came from the Senate, recommended to the committee on ways and bridges.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, it does seem to me that unless there is some good reason for it this recommitment of bills to committees should stop somewhere. We are getting well along into this month, and every time that a bill or a resolve is recommitted to a committee it simply means that we are bulking up our work. It does seem to me that the House is ready to take matters as they come in and dispose of them without recommitting so many as we have. I think there have been 50 or 75 matters recommitted to committees here. In some instances there is some excuse for it, but unless there is good reason it seems that we ought to get busy and take care of these matters. I do not know just what the purpose of this recommitment is, but I feel we ought to do as little of it as possible.

Mr. CLASON of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I will say with reference to that bill that the purpose is to have it come all under one bill. The bill in itself is all right, but it is to eliminate extra legislation that will be taken care of in another bill.

Mr. FARRINGTON: May I ask through the Chair if this bill will eventually be reported "ought not to pass?"

Mr. CLASON: It certainly will.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be indefinitely postponed at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will suggest that the only question is concurrence or non-concurrence. The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, moves that we non-concur and that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

Senate Bills in First Reading.

Senate 266. An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the registration of manufacturers and dealers in motor vehicles.

Senate 127. An Act to prevent defacing identification marks on motor vehicles.

Senate 122. An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of tuition by towns not maintaining standard schools of secondary grades.

Senate 111. An Act to amend Sections 5 and 40 of Chapter 5, relating to Board of Registration of Voters.

Senate 107. An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to the authority of county commissioners to procure temporary loans.

Senate 243. Resolve relating to equestrian statue of Major General Oliver O. Howard, and a standing statue of Brevet Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain at Gettysburg.

(On motion by Mr. Berry of Waterville, tabled pending its first reading in concurrence.)

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, March 13, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I should like at this time to take up out of order, and under suspension of the rules, House Document No. 500, An Act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Fort Fairfield to assume all the rights, privileges, du-

ties, contracts and obligations of the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation in said Fort Fairfield and move that it pass to be enacted. This matter, Mr. Speaker, is one about which there is no contest at all, and my idea was to have it taken over to the Senate before they adjourn. I was not aware that there was an emergency clause on the bill, and I do not know whether the necessary number are present or not at this time. I think, however, that there is a sufficient number present. I therefore move that the Chair put the motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, asks for a suspension of the rules to take up out of order bill, An Act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Fort Fairfield to assume all the rights, privileges, duties, contracts and obligations of the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation, in said Fort Fairfield. Is it the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended?

Unanimous consent being given, the rules were suspended and a rising vote being taken, and 109 voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the Chair declared the bill passed to be enacted.

From the Senate: Majority and Minority Reports of the committee on taxation on Resolve relative to the distribution of certain moneys in the State Treasury belonging to certain cities and towns in Maine, being part of the proceeds of a tax levied on the Maine Central Railroad; majority report "ought not to pass" signed by Messrs. R. T. Holt, E. N. Merrill, S. C. Greenlaw, H. H. Jordan, Ralph G. Charles, C. M. Holt and Francis C. Turner; minority report "ought to pass" signed by Messrs. Willis E. Swift, Guy P. Gannett, George H. Alden.

In the Senate, the majority report read and accepted.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: I move those lie on the table pending the acceptance of either, with the pending question, the acceptance of the majority report in concurrence.

The motion was agreed to.

From the Senate: Majority and Minority Reports of the committee on taxation on bill, An Act to amend Section 26 and Section 37 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to State taxation of railroads, telephone and telegraph companies; majority report "ought not to pass" signed by Messrs. Willis E. Swift, George H. Allan, E. N. Merrill, C. M. Holt, H. H. Jordan, Francis C. Turner, Guy P. Gannett and R. T. Holt; minority report "ought to pass" signed by Messrs. S. C. Greenlaw and Ralph G. Charles.

In the Senate, the majority report read and accepted.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, both reports were tabled pending the acceptance of the majority report in concurrence.

Mr. CLASON of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I ask a suspension of the rules to take up House Bill No. 502, "An Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters," out of order.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, on Friday morning? I shall object to that.

Mr. CLASON of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I would say in reply to the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, that I am taking it up out of order at this time simply to offer an amendment and to have the amendment printed. I do not know why there should be any objection.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest that discussion be deferred until the Chair lays the matter before the House. The gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, asks for a suspension of the rules to take up out of order the consideration of House Bill No. 502. The Chair will give the status of the bill. It is a report from the committee on bills in the third reading. The committee on bills in the third reading, to which was referred "An Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters," have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report that no further verbal amendments are necessary, per order Cridford for the committee. The regular question would be the acceptance of

the report from the committee on bills in the third reading, and the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, asks for a suspension of the rules to take the matter up out of order.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, if it would be in order to state my position, I would be very glad to do so.

The SPEAKER: The question is debatable, whether we suspend the rules or not.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to incur the lifelong censure of the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, for opposing this, but I will make this statement to the Legislature, and it is not necessary to make it to the men who have served at a prior term. We have now something like 1500 measures, in each of which somebody is interested. It has long been the custom that on Friday morning nothing shall be transacted upon which there is known to be a difference of opinion. Many men who are interested in Bill No. 502, adversely and favorably, are absent this morning. If this action is taken this morning, any of us interested in any measure must be prepared to be in his seat every minute. I submit to the members of the Legislature with whom I am acquainted that I am ready to accept that ruling and be here from Monday morning at 9 o'clock until Saturday night at midnight, but it would be very irksome for some men who have lucrative business affairs which they find it necessary to attend to every day except two days and a half in the week. I am not arguing from my own private standpoint, but I do think it is fair and right and well that we adopt this unprinted rule that where business is coming up upon which there is sure to be a difference of opinion, no action should be taken on Friday if adjournment is to be taken from Friday noon to the next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest to the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, that the consideration of this report comes along in the regular order of business later.

Mr. GRANT of Hope: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, and I do not think it is fair to bring that up at the present time. There are a great many members who ought to be here today, who are interested in that but they are not.

Mr. CLASON of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I would say, in reply to the gentlemen, that as I have an appointment at 11 o'clock and as this is coming up later anyway, I wish to take it up out of order and put in my amendments, and I know, out of courtesy, they will be received and tabled for printing. This action has nothing to do with the bill itself. I ask, as a matter of courtesy, that the rules be suspended instead of waiting until it comes up at the time of bills in the third reading. It will not affect anyone who is interested one way or another. It comes up in the routine of business later on. That is all there is to it. If they do not wish to grant this request, all right; I shall wait until it comes up.

Mr. BERRY of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, that he wishes to offer an amendment and that the amendment will be tabled pending the printing of so many copies?

The SPEAKER: The Chair so understood it.

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the matter must be in the mind of every man that no member can be deprived of his right of putting an amendment in at any time. These matters are coming up today in the regular order of business. It is an unwritten rule of the Legislature that a matter upon which final determination is to be made, or where there is a contest, or where there is great public interest, shall not be taken up on Friday and taken advantage of by any member of the Legislature; but it is not an unwritten rule that amendments shall not be offered or anything which may have been in that regular order of business. In the case of majority and minority reports or whenever there was a great difference of opinion, that was simply a rule of courtesy, which has survived during many, many

years, and it is well it should; but in a case of this kind, where a member rises in his seat and states he simply has an appointment which he would like to keep, and asks out of the regular order of business to do that which he would have a perfect right to do in the regular order of business, no one here would dare to say that an amendment should not be offered to a bill at any stage of its progress through this House. So it seems to me that the member (Mr. Clason) ought to have that right if he so asks it. This matter, perhaps in one hour, will be before the House, and certainly then the member would have a perfect right to offer his amendment and have it tabled for printing, just the same Friday as if it had come up yesterday or next Tuesday, or any other day. I think the gentleman ought to be shown the courtesy, and I should be very sorry if the House did not allow him to do that. Any member here might get caught any time, and I do not think this is what my Brother Barnes has in mind at all; I think he has mistaken the position of the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, in making this request.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I understand that my brother from Lisbon Falls has an important engagement on another matter specially with the Governor, and inasmuch as he simply wants to offer this amendment, have it printed and perhaps assigned, it seems to me to be only courtesy to him that permission be given, rather than for the matter to go over to some future time.

I should be in favor of granting the courtesy.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, then I understand the rule will be this session that until measures get around to the final stage they can be taken up Fridays. I want to be clear on that. I am not in any wrong position yet, and I do not propose to get into one knowingly. Do I understand the rule to be that through the various stages of legislative action up to the final passage, action may be insisted upon on a Friday morning?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton has stated the unwritten gentleman's agreement that has been observed

in the Legislature, that in any matter upon which there is any contest, or in any matter upon which there is a difference of opinion, no advantage is to be taken by bringing it up Friday morning.

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps it might be well for the House to come to some tacit agreement on this matter, and, while we would not want to go on record by any vote on anything of the kind, I do not believe there is any member here who would take any advantage in trying to push through either some special legislation on which there might be a question or any legislation of public interest on Friday mornings or on Saturday mornings when Saturday morning sessions are held in order to expedite business; but, as I understand, any matter, even of public interest, coming through in the regular order of business, whether on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning, can have an amendment offered to it, and the gentleman who offers the amendment must have manhood enough, when he offers his amendment, to give the other members of the Legislature an opportunity to look into that. So, if we should have a session Saturday morning, and there should only be a bare quorum present, these things must come up off the table automatically in their order, and if a member at that time wanted to offer an amendment, we should expect, having offered the amendment, he would immediately move to lay it upon the table for consideration at some future time. If he did that, he would simply be keeping his gentleman's agreement and, at the same time, preserving his rights in order to offer the amendment; for, if he did not do that, it would get past him anyway, and he would either have to lay it on the table at that time and offer his amendment sometime later and stop business, or he could offer his amendment in the regular course of business and lay the whole thing on the table, pending printing and pending the question of assignment for consideration of his amendment. It seems to me that is as far as the gentlemen's agreement goes.

Take the matter of majority and minority reports. There is no member here, having an amendment, who would think of having those reports taken up and considered on Friday morning or Saturday morning; but offering an amendment to a bill on its passage is a different proposition. That is simply providing the necessary machinery which shall be considered at some future time. I do not see that there is a thing out of the way if any man wants to offer an amendment on any bill in its passage through this House, and if it happens to come up on Friday morning, I do not see why he has not the same opportunity to offer his amendment at that time as he would have to offer it Tuesday, provided he goes a step farther and moves then to lay the matter on the table until he is sure the members will be here.

He does not ask the passage of his amendment on Friday morning, which is a different proposition than if he attempted to take it up and let the whole thing go through.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that we all ought to understand some general rule of action or some general definite policy which is to be pursued, if we understand that there is no consideration of these matters and that the general discussion for them should not take place on these days without notice to anybody, for it is soon coming time when we cannot make any difference between Friday and every other morning, if we expect to get through; but until that time comes and some notice is served on us, it seems to me that every member will simply attempt to put in everything he has to put in every morning, and then lay the matter on the table. Every person interested in the matter will then have plenty of time in which to investigate, and his rights will be fully protected on some other morning than Friday or Saturday.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: Before the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Farrington) in justice to the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason,

and to clear up the matter, and perhaps further the business of the House, the Chair would inquire of the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, in case suspension of the rules is granted, whether it is his purpose to introduce the amendment and table it for printing?

Mr. CLASON: Mr. Speaker, I think I have already said so, and I am perfectly willing to assign any time that is agreeable to the members of this House for its consideration.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will further suggest that the members observe one of our well known rules that they speak only twice on the same subject.

Mr. FARRINGTON: The Speaker has covered the point I wanted to make. This is simply a question of presenting an amendment for printing. If it came up on the question of the adoption of the amendment, I think the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, would be justified in saying we should not do it; but it is not on the merits of the case at all. It is simply to facilitate printing and it will hasten the work of the Legislature because, in this way, we would have the matter before us on Tuesday next to look at, while if we wait until Tuesday, we should be just so far behind.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, may I rise to withdraw my motion and say that at the time I made it I had no knowledge that it was simply for the purpose of introducing an amendment and printing it. The motion was made that the rule be suspended and that we consider Bill 502. Now I had agreed with a certain gentleman who had to go home to see to it that nothing happened to this bill in his absence, and I have sat here and heard well phrased by men who can phrase things what a gentlemen's agreement is. I do not know so much about it now as when I started except that the Speaker said that I had properly phrased it myself. Now I am not asking any favors of anybody about Friday; and, although there is no animus on either side about this little matter, it is the nicest time to

know what that rule is. There will be occasions between now and the next full moon when there may be a little spirit shown to say the least, and I do not want any rule thrown up against me that is not printed, agreed upon or understood. I will take care of myself or attempt to. With these prefatory remarks, I will withdraw my opposition to the consideration of Bill 502.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended and that House Bill 502 now be taken up out of order?

The motion prevailed, the bill taken up out of order and the report of the committee on bills on third reading accepted.

Mr. Clason then offered House Amendments A and B and they were tabled for printing.

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. Cushman of Auburn: An Act to amend Chapter 38, Section 7, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to licenses of agents and dealers in nursery stock. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: Resolve in favor of E. T. Hartwell and members of the committee on Indian affairs, for money expended on a trip to Indian Reservation, Old Town, Me.

Education.

By Mr. Watts of Jonesboro: Petition of D. H. Corsor and 39 others of Jonesport, asking for the passage of An Act to provide for the distribution of State school funds on a basis of aggregate attendance.

By Mr. Cates of Vassalboro: Remonstrance from Winslow Grange, No. 320, P. of H., and citizens of the town of Winslow against any change in the method of distribution of State school funds.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Day of Westfield: Remonstrance of E. B. Getley and 46 others, residents of Mapleton, against the repeal of the Sunday hunting law.

Judiciary

By Mr. Hutchins of Mexico: An Act to provide for the establishment of a bonding or surety department in connection with trust companies, under certain regulations and supervision of the Bank Commissioner and the Insurance Commissioner. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: Petition of C. H. Morely and 26 others favoring the establishment of the Knox Municipal Court.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Murray of Bangor: An act to create a Municipal Court District within and for the county of Penobscot. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Gurney of Portland: An Act to provide compensation for injuries received by State employees. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Holbrook of Brooks: An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to patrol maintenance. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Resolve making an appropriation for the State Highway Commission for continuance of defense of a suit at law arising from construction of a bridge.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, it was

Ordered: That the clerk of the House be instructed to have 500 extra copies of Senate Bill No. 212 printed for the use of the House.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Hartwell, from the committee on Indian affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to Provide Electric Lights on Indian Island, Old Town, Maine."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to

Provide a Common on Old Town Indian Island No. 1, within the Indian Reservation of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Mr. Washburn, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act for the Relief of Members of Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians Found Destitute Beyond the Tribal Reservations."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on Resolve in Favor of Teachers' School and Hospital on Indian Island, Oldtown, Me.

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

Mr. Flint, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on bill, "An Act to amend Section 67 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to ice fishing in Passadumkeag river, or Passadumkeag stream, so-called, in the counties of Penobscot and Hancock," reported that the same be placed on file, as the subject matter will be incorporated in the revised code of inland fish and game laws which will be reported later.

Mr. O'Connell, from same committee, on bill "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 in Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington counties," reported that the same be placed on file, as the subject matter has been incorporated in the revised code of inland fish and game laws, which will be reported later.

The reports were accepted.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 252. An Act to amend Section 117 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the employment of agents for schools in unorganized townships.

Senate 254. An Act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of secondary schools.

Senate 139. An Act to amend Chapter 416 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the schools of the city of Augusta.

Senate 150. An Act relating to the Clark Power Company.

(On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, tabled pending its third reading, and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday, March 14th.)

Senate 270. An Act to annex certain islands in Casco Bay to the county of Sagadahoc and the town of Phippsburg.

Senate 59. An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes of 1913, relating to special administrators.

Senate 124. An Act to amend Section 48, Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to inspection of railroads.

Senate 126. An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, defining what constitutes real estate for the purpose of taxation.

Senate 135. An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 9 of the R. S., relating to returns by railroad companies for purposes of taxation.

Senate 267. An Act requiring the placing of warning signs at grade crossings.

Senate 269. An Act to extend the charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company.

Senate 217. Resolve in favor of Morrison Libby.

Senate 271. Resolve in favor of the State hospitals for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1917 and 1918.

Senate 257. Resolve in favor of the Board of Dental Examiners, for equipment consisting of 12 operating tables and steel cabinet, printing, postage.

Senate 259. Resolve appropriating money for Electoral College.

House 175. An Act to amend Section 12, Chapter 181, Laws of 1911, relating to prisoners escaping from county farm.

House 187. An Act amendatory of and additional to Section 22, Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the annual closing of accounts and filing of balance sheets by public utilities.

House 162. An Act to authorize Allan E. Hammond and his associates to

erect piers and maintain booms in the St. John River in Hamlin Plantation.

House 473. An Act to authorize the Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad to extend its line from Carrabasset to Hurricane Falls and to discontinue its present road from Carrabasset to Bigelow.

House 474. An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Valley Gas Company.

House 477. An Act relating to decoration of veterans' (soldiers' and sailors') graves.

House 480. An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations.

House 481. An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water.

House 482. 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.

House 484. An Act to protect the rights of certain members of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians owning land on Old Town Indian Island No. 1, and Island No. 12, commonly called Orson Island, in Penobscot River.

House 486. An Act to provide for the registration and licensing of dogs on the Indian Reservation of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

House 487. An Act to amend Paragraph 6 and Paragraph 7 of Section 98, Chapter 4, Revised Statutes, relative to by-laws of towns, cities and villages.

House 491. An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to local sealers of weights and measures.

House 498. An Act to amend Section 110 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to teachers' associations.

House 499. An Act relating to the May term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Oxford.

(On motion by Mr. Hutchins of Mexico, tabled pending its third reading.)

House 501. An Act to provide for a non-resident fishing license.

House 504. An Act to prevent the sources of water supply from becoming polluted.

House 505. An Act to incorporate Gould Electric Company.

House 506. An Act to enlarge the authority of the Home for Aged Couples and Old Men in the city of Bath to take and hold property.

Mr. Sisson of Island Falls presented House Amendment A to House 506, as follows:

"Amend said act by striking out therefrom the words 'organized in the year 1893, under the provisions of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes,' and substituting therefor the words 'existing under the general laws of the State;' so that the same shall read as follows:

"The Home for Aged Couples and Old Men at Bath, in the county of Sagadahoc, a charitable corporation existing under the general laws of the State, is hereby empowered to take and hold by purchase, gift, devise or bequest, personal or real estate, in all not exceeding in value two hundred fifty thousand dollars, owned at any one time, and may use and dispose thereof only for the purposes for which it was organized.'"

Mr. ANDERSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire through the Chair whether or not that was an error in the bill?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Anderson, inquires through the Chair whether or not that was an error in the bill.

Mr. SISSON: Mr. Speaker, I will inform the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Anderson, that that amendment applies simply to the form and comes directly from the third reading committee.

Mr. LARRABEE of Bath: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask of the gentleman, through the Chair, if the amendment is simply to conform to the law?

Mr. SISSON: Yes, nothing else. It is from the third reading committee, that is all.

The amendment was then adopted, the bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

Senate 143. An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 314 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, as amended by Chapter 443 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Shirley Dam Company."

House 74. Resolve to maintain the State forest nursery and to encourage the reforesting of the waste lands of Maine.

House 472. Resolve to provide for a survey by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of areas suitable for the propagation of clams.

House 475. Resolve for extra pay to the Maine volunteers in the War with Spain.

House 476. Resolve in favor of an appropriation to complete the historical records of Maine men serving in the United States navy during the War for the Suppression of the Rebellion, 1861-1865.

House 478. Resolve in favor of an appropriation for necessary repairs on the State Armory at Portland.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton pending its second reading.)

House 479. Resolve in favor of an appropriation to purchase steel lockers for National Guard armories.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, pending its second reading.)

House 483. Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to accept picture or oil painting of General Charles W. Tilden to hang in the rotunda of the State House.

House 488. Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine to authorize towns to divide into voting districts for purposes of holding elections.

(On motion by Mr. Anderson of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its vote whereby it has just accepted the report of the committee on bills in the third reading, and on further motion by the same gentleman,

the report was tabled, pending acceptance.)

House 489. Resolve in favor of Ida E. Heath of Chelsea, Maine.

House 492. Resolve reimbursing the city of Auburn for money expended for the support of certain State paupers.

House 493. Resolve reimbursing the town of Wilton for money expended for the support of certain State paupers.

House 494. Resolve in favor of the town of Chester.

House 495. Resolve in favor of Joseph H. Underwood of Fayette, to reimburse him for money paid out for testing of his cattle in 1915, after the sanitary commissioner of Maine had refused and neglected to act as required by law.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Sisson of Island Falls, pending its second reading and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday, March 13.)

House 496. Resolve in favor of several academies, institutes, seminaries and colleges for maintenance and for repairs and improvements.

House 497. Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn, Aroostook county.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolve be recommitted to the committee on education, and will state my position. The resolve is not properly worded and is so much in error that it cannot be corrected by the committee on bills in the third reading, and it is deemed advisable that it be recommitted. Therefore, I so move.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that the committee on bills in the third reading have made recommendation that this bill be recommitted to the committee on education?

The SPEAKER: That is the recommendation.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I do not understand they have any such power.

The SPEAKER: The report that it be recommitted has been accepted and the bill and papers are now in the possession of the House to be acted on.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, if I may be allowed to suggest to the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Sisson, that if this is purely a matter of amendment, which it cannot be taken care of by the committee on bills in the third reading, it can be readily amended from the floor and save time involved in the bills going back and being handled by the Senate, thus losing a day or two on it. I feel that we ought to be careful; we are losing time on all these things.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the motion of the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Sisson), while somewhat out of order when made, the House not then having accepted the report, of course is in order now; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Island Falls.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I will say that that resolve is in such shape that the third reading committee could not correct it without going beyond its authority. Neither could it amend it properly from the floor of the House without putting in an entirely new draft. Therefore, I again move that the bill be recommitted to its proper committee.

The question being on the motion of the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Sisson, that the bill be recommitted to the committee on education,

The motion was agreed to.

House 503. Resolve for further public instruction in forestry.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the House voted to reconsider the vote whereby Senate Document No. 271, Resolve in favor of the State hospitals for maintenance and other purposes, for the years 1917 and 1918, was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the revision of decrees of the railroad commissioners.

An Act to extend the charter of the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway.

An Act to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to require through routes and joint rates by common carriers for the transportation of persons or property.

Finally Passed.

Resolve to provide for the appointment of a Commission to perfect plans for the celebration of Maine's Centennial and the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims.

Resolve in favor of Alfred Yankauer for information furnished the Attorney-General regarding certain estates liable to inheritance tax.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Anderson of Portland, Senate Report of committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reporting "ought to pass" on Senate Document 256, entitled "Resolve in favor of certain private charitable and benevolent institutions for the care, support and education of indigent persons, and for other purposes," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same gentleman, the report was accepted in concurrence and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve had its first reading. On further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was tabled pending its second reading.

On motion by Mr. Gannett of Augusta, House Amendment A to House Document No. 457, entitled "An Act relating to the Knox Gas and Electric Company" was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. Packard of Rockland, House Amendment A was adopted. On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill then had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Jordan of Baileyville.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 13.