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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 20, 1917.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District.

In the Senate, recommitted to the committee on public utilities.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland the House voted to concur with the Senate in recommending the bill to the committee on public utilities.

Unanimous consent being given, the rules were suspended and Mr. Alden of Gorham presented out of order the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered: That when the House adjourn, it adjourn to meet Wednesday morning, March 21, at 9 o'clock.

The order received a passage.

Senate Bills on First Reading

Senate 321. An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the investment of deposits of savings banks.

Senate 322. An Act additional to Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to limitation of actions to recover money paid on forged signatures.

Senate 326. An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes, relating to temporary leave of absence of patients from insane hospitals.

Senate 327. An Act to refund a certain bond issued in favor of the trustees of the Maine Insane hospital.

Senate 316. An Act to extend the charter of the Harmony Water Co.

Senate 317. An Act to amend Chapter 218 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, entitled "An Act to supply the town of North Haven with pure water."

Senate 318. An Act to extend the charter of the Brewer Water Co.

Senate 320. An Act to extend the charter of the World Standard Insurance Co.

Senate 128. An Act to amend Chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relative to alumni trustees of Colby College.

Senate 133. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 199 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, regulating caucuses in the city of Biddeford.

Senate 145. An Act to repeal Chapter 373 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1893, entitled "An Act to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot."

Senate 161. An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes relating to bastard children and their maintenance.

Senate 162. An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to corporations without capital stock.

Senate 165. An Act relating to the probate of foreign wills.

Senate 313. An Act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 117, Revised Statutes of 1916, increasing the salary of judge of probate of the county of York.

Senate 314. An Act amending Section 14 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the construction of the extensions of railroads.

Senate 315. An Act to incorporate the Dirigo Water Co.

Senate 186. An Act to amend Section 59 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appropriations by cities and towns for advertising.

Senate 229. An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insane inmates of the Reformatory for Women.

Senate 308. An Act to amend Chapter 422 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, increasing the salary of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

Senate 309. An Act amending Sections 3 and 20 of Chapter 144 Sections 39 of Chapter 117, Section 117 of Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, making additional provisions pertaining to the

inmates of state juvenile institutions, and increasing the salary of the superintendent of the state school for boys.

The rules were suspended and the bills given their third readings and were passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Senate 310. Resolve in favor of the Trustees of Juvenile institutions for the per diem and expenses for the years 1917 and 1918.

Senate 311. Resolve in favor of the State juvenile institutions for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1917 and 1918.

The rules were suspended and the resolves given their second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Majority and minority reports of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 295 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to compensation to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment; majority report, reporting "ought not to pass," signed by Messrs. Gillin, Grant, Wilson, Dutton, Lewis, Bartlett and Morison; minority report, reporting "ought to pass," signed by Messrs. Tate and Emerson.

In the Senate the majority report, "ought not to pass" was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford, both reports were tabled, pending the acceptance of the majority report in concurrence, and assigned for consideration on Wednesday of this week.

(At this point, Mr. Farrington of Augusta assumed the chair.)

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

Education.

By Mr. Alden of Gorham: Resolution and petition of White Rock Grange, in the town of Gorham, asking for the passage of an Act to provide for the distribution of State school funds on a basis of aggregate attendance; also resolution of North Scarborough Grange,

in the town of Scarborough, in favor of same; also petition of Lakeside Grange, in the town of Harrison, in favor of same; also resolution and petition of Sabbathday Lake Grange, in the town of New Gloucester, in favor of same.

By Mr. Drisko of Addison: Petition of Arthur W. Drisko and 30 others of Addison in favor of same.

By Mr. Lyford of Atkinson: Resolution and petition of South Sangerville Grange, in the town of Sangerville, in favor of same; also resolution and petition of Parkman Grange, in the town of Parkman, in favor of same; also resolution and petition of Abbot Grange, No. 329, in the town of Abbot, in favor of same; also resolution and petition of East Sangerville Grange, in the town of Sangerville, in favor of same; also resolution and petition of Wilson Valley Grange, in the town of Willimantic, in favor of same.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolution of Woolwich Grange, in the town of Woolwich, in favor of same; also resolution and petition of Sagadahoc Pomona Grange, in the county of Sagadahoc in favor of same; also resolution of Sagadahoc Grange, in the town of Bowdoin in favor of same.

By Mr. Cates of Vassalboro: Remonstrance of Winslow Grange, No. 320, against any change in method of distributing State school fund.

Placed on File

By Mr. Clement of Montville: Remonstrance of C. M. Howes of Montville and 21 others against passage of House Bill No. 44, relative to Sunday hunting.

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Remonstrance of Roy Young of Shirley, Somerset county, and nine others, against the passage of a law providing for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in this State.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn: An Act to establish the office of Reviser of Bills.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Harman of Stonington: An Act relating to insurance. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Clason of Lisbon: An Act to transfer the registration of motor vehicles from the office of secretary of State to the State Highway Commission.

Orders

Mr. Baxter of Portland presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered: That the House of Representatives be assigned for the use of Honorable Gifford Pinchot for Tuesday evening, March 27, on which date he is to address the Legislature on the subject of conservation.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I want to make a brief statement in regard to this. The House last week extended an invitation, if the Senate concurred, to Mr. Pinchot to come here and address us on the subject of conservation. I have had several letters and telegrams from Mr. Pinchot, and he has informed me that he cannot come on the evening of the 21st instant. I realize that next week may be the last week of the legislative session but I felt that this was an opportunity which we should not neglect, so I arranged with Mr. Pinchot to come Tuesday evening, March 27. I introduce this order so that the House may be reserved for him that evening. This is an opportunity which seldom comes to a legislative body. Mr. Pinchot has never been in Maine to address any public meeting and I feel that it will be a privilege for us to listen to him. Mr. Speaker, I move that the order be given a passage.

The order received a passage.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Snow from the committee on claims reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Fred R. Smith of Pittsfield for expenses incurred as a member of the hospital trustees in investigating conditions at the State hospital in Augusta in 1913.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Presque Isle for money expended on account of a certain pauper.

Same gentleman from same committee

reported same on Resolve in favor of Otto Nelson.

Mr. Coffin from the committee on county estimates, on county estimates for 1917, reported a resolve entitled "Resolve for laying the county taxes for the year 1917."

(The rules were suspended and the resolve given its first reading.)

Same gentleman from same committee on county estimates for 1918 reported a resolve entitled "Resolve for laying the county taxes for the year 1918."

Mr. Washburn from the committee on education on Resolve in favor of several academies, institutes, seminaries and colleges for maintenance and for repairs and improvements, reported same in a second new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Cushman from the committee on interior water on bill "An Act to incorporate the Brassau Stream Dam and Improvement Co.," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Baxter from the committee on judiciary reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to define certain terms used in Section 58, Chapter 64, Revised Statutes, in relation to licensing children's homes and maternity hospitals."

Same gentleman from same committee on bill "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,'" reported same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 141 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to amend an act creating the Phillips Corporation,'" and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee on bill "An Act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor Water District," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 138 of the Revised Statutes, relating to collection and disposal of fines and costs in criminal cases."

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta relative to police."

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act in relation to vacancies in public office."

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman from same committee on bill "An Act to authorize and direct the county commissioners of Aroostook county to enlarge and repair the courthouse at Houlton in said county," reported same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to authorize the county of Aroostook to enlarge and repair the courthouses at Houlton and Caribou in said county," and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to appropriate moneys received by the treasurer of State and credited by him to the public administrator's fund."

Same gentleman from same committee on bill "An Act to prevent cruelty to animals in the sale and transportation of horses," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Canary from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought to pass" on bill, 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.

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the election of county treasurers."

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and dolings of the Congregational parish of Weld, Maine, and to authorize the conveyance of its real estate."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act amending Section 124 of Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes relating to competency of witnesses in court."

Mr. Murray, from the same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, entitled 'soldiers and sailors not to be considered paupers.'"

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "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 December 27, 1915."

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, on bill "An Act to incorporate Maine Fire and Marine Insurance Company," reported same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to incorporate Maine Fire Insurance Company," and that it ought to pass."

Mr. Berry, from the committee on military affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to prevent discrimination against soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States or State of Maine, on account of their uniform."

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman, from same committee reported same on Resolve for the payment of expenses of last sickness and burial of Allan Shenneck, formerly a private, Company L, Maine Infantry, N. G. S. M.

Mr. Allan, from the Portland delegation, reported same on bill "An Act to repeal Chapter 134 of the Special Laws of 1831, entitled 'An Act establishing a fire department in the town of Portland' Sections 1, 3, and 4 of Chapter 167 of the Special Laws of 1853, entitled 'An Act relating to the city of Portland,' Chapter 285 of the Special Laws of 1854, entitled 'An Act respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland.'"

(The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman, from the committee on public utilities, on bill "An Act

to amend Section 34 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relative to public utilities and free transportation on same," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Report "A" of the committee on education, reporting "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to provide for the distribution of State school funds available for the support of common schools."

(Signed) Messrs. Washburn, Walker, Snow, Boman, Ames.

Report "B" of the same committee on same subject matter, reporting "ought not to pass."

(Signed) Messrs. Cates, Allen, Brewster, Ricker.

(On motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland both reports tabled pending acceptance, and especially assigned for Wednesday, March 21.)

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on banks and banking, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Deering Trust Co.

Mr. Frost from the committee on claims, on resolve in favor of Justin Brooks, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Babb, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition of Charles E. Glover and 10 others, in favor of closing Cushman brook to all fishing for a period of at least two years; reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Flint, from same committee, on remonstrance of George E. Kinney and 10 others of the city of Auburn, against the passage of House Document No. 400, being An Act to repeal Section 73 of Chapter 33, Revised Statutes, relative to Sunday being a closed season for game and birds; reported that same be placed on file.

Mr. McNally from same committee, on remonstrances of T. B. McDonald and 34 others, and Robert Cleland and 48 others, of Robbinston, against the

passage of any act requiring the licensing of resident hunters, reported that the same be placed on file.

Mr. O'Connell, from same committee, on bill An Act amending Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to closed time on partridge and woodcock, reported that the same be placed on file, as the subject matter in a new draft will be incorporated in the revised code of inland fish and game laws which will be reported later.

Mr. Stanley, from same committee, on bill "An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes (1916) relating to the protection of game birds," recommended that the same be placed on file, and that the subject matter be incorporated in the Revised Code of Inland Fish and Game Laws which will be reported later.

Mr. Webb, from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes relating to closed season on game birds."

Mr. Cushman, from the committee on interior waters, reported same, on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 354 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to throwing refuse into Songo river and adjacent waters."

Mr. Baxter, from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes relating to relief of State paupers."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to trial terms of the supreme judicial court."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act relating to widow's allowance."

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill "An Act to authorize and direct the county commissioners of Aroostook county to enlarge and repair the court house at Caribou in said county," reported that the same ought not to pass, as the subject matter is incorporated in a new draft of another bill reported from this com-

mittee, pertaining to court house in Houlton in said county.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill "An Act to enable the county of Aroostook to raise by temporary loan not exceeding \$25,000 in one year," reported that the same ought not to pass, as subject matter is incorporated in another bill reported by this committee.

Same gentleman, from same committee on bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 264 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the powers of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in regard to securing temporary loans," reported that the same ought not to pass, as subject matter is incorporated in another bill reported by this committee.

Mr. Conary from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act additional to Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mechanics' liens."

Mr. Allen from the Portland delegation reported same on bill "An Act relating to the term of service of the city treasurer and collector of the city of Portland."

Same gentleman from same delegation reported same on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District."

Same gentleman from same delegation reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 81 of the Private and Special Laws of 1875, entitled 'An Act relating to the schools in the city of Portland.'"

Same gentleman from the committee on public utilities reported same on bill "An Act to permit individuals and corporations to own rolling stock and for fixing the terms of its haulage by steam railroads of the State."

Mr. Wilson from the same committee on Remonstrance of W. M. Berry of Stockton Springs and 166 others, the Remonstrance of H. R. Googins and others of the town of Bucksport, and the Remonstrance of Melvin Chapman and others of the town of Bucksport, against granting a ferry charter to the Penobscot River Ferry Company, reported that the same be placed on file.

Mr. Ames from the committee on sea and shore fisheries on bill "An Act to regulate seine fishing on the Presumpscot river, with accompany petitions," reported that further legislation is inexpedient.

Mr. Rounds from the committee on towns on bill "An Act to divide the town of Wells and incorporate the town of Ogunquit," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The reports were accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 567. An Act to enable the town of Princeton to supply electricity and water.

House 568. An Act additional to Chapter 433 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Portland Water District."

House 569. An Act to amend Chapter 213 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relative to the granting of licenses for certain businesses and purposes by the municipal officers of the city of Portland.

House 570. An Act to amend Sections 18 to 23 inclusive of Chapter 18 and Section 53 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, all relating to the Board of Registration of Nurses.

House 571. An Act additional to Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the payment of benefits.

House 572. An Act to extend the charter of the Livermore and Augusta Railway Company.

House 573. An Act to extend the charter of the Casco Bay Water Company.

House 574. An Act to amend Section 65 of Chapter 126 in relation to the appointment of cruelty officers.

House 576. An Act to amend the charter of the city of Hallowell.

House 577. An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the examination and commitment of persons to insane hospitals.

House 579. An Act to incorporate the Independence Developing Co. of Kingman.

House 580. An Act to incorporate the Grand Isle Light & Power Co.

House 581. An Act to enable the register of deeds of Cumberland county to procure durable copies of plans recorded in said registry.

House 582. An Act to change the name of the Unitarian church of Augusta, Maine.

House 583. An Act respecting removal of filth from docks in the city of Portland.

House 588. An Act relative to notice by public utilities of changes in rates.

House 589. An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to registers of deeds.

House 590. An Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes, concerning intelligence offices."

House 591. An Act in addition to Section 13 of Chapter 14, Revised Statutes, relating to adoptions in the Penobscot Tribe.

House 592. An Act to incorporate the Musquacook Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

House 593. An Act to incorporate the Mattakeunk Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

House 594. An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to support of debtors in jail.

House 595. An Act authorizing the maintenance of a bridge between the mill and storehouse by Werumbo Manufacturing Company, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

House 596. An Act to amend Section 78 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relative to State stipend for public libraries.

House 597. An Act to incorporate the Pilgrims Home Cemetery Association in the town of Monroe.

House 598. An Act relating to assistance to towns in establishing free public libraries.

House 599. An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to free public libraries.

House 600. An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to instruction of librarians.

House 601. An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of a bridge across that part of the Aroostook river known as the Back Channel.

House 602. An Act to establish a legislative reference bureau in the State library.

House 575. Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn.

(The rules were suspended and the resolve given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.)

House 578. Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for maintenance and for the construction of new buildings.

(The rules were suspended and the resolve given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.)

Passed to be Engrossed

Senate 178. An Act in regard to the licensing of drivers of automobiles for hire in the town of Eden, in the county of Hancock.

Mr. Buzzell of Belfast offered House Amendment A as follows:

Amend Senate Document No. 178, entitled "An Act in regard to the licensing of drivers of automobiles for hire in the town of Eden, in the county of Hancock" by striking out the words "for each automobile so licensed" in the fifth line of Section 1 of said act, so that said act as amended shall read as follows:

"Section 1. No person shall set up, use, or drive any automobile for the conveyance of persons for hire in the town of Eden, because said person is licensed by the selectmen, and the selectmen may grant such license on the payment of a license fee of \$1, which license shall continue in force for one year from date."

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

House 236. An Act to repeal Chapter 453 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1868, and all acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to a ferry across the Penobscot river, between the town of Orono and the town of Bradley.

House 468. An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes

relating to the furnishing of ballots to presiding election officers on' election day.

House 560. An Act to amend Chapter 121 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, to enable the annual meetings of Madison Water District to be held at any time during the month of July in each year.

House 563. An Act to prevent officers and employees of banking institutions from making copies of records.

House 564. An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations.

House 145. An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 346 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, amended by Chapter 27 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to the power and duties of the probation officer of Cumberland county.

House 269. An Act to incorporate the Casco Title Guaranty Co.

House 543. An Act to incorporate the Smyrna & Oakfield Water Co.

House 323. An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes relating to regulations for employment of minors between 14 and 16 years old.

Mr. Cole of Elliot offered House Amendment "A" as follows:

"House Document No. 323, entitled 'An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to regulations for employment of minors between 14 and 16 years old,' is hereby amended by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 21 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the words "or a passport showing the," in the 23d line of said section, the words "date of," and inserting after the word "birth" in the same line of said section the words "In the event of the minor being unable to produce the evidence heretofore mentioned, and the person authorized to issue the work permit being satisfied of that fact, the said work permit may be issued on other document-

ary evidence of age satisfactory to the person authorized to issue the work permit, provided said documentary evidence has been approved by the State commissioner of labor," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 21. No minor between the ages of 14 and 16 years shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any of the aforementioned occupations unless the person, firm or corporation employing such child procures and keeps on file accessible to any truant officer, factory inspector or other authorized officer charged with the enforcement of Sections 20 to 31, both inclusive, of this chapter, a work permit issued to said child by the superintendent of schools of the city or town in which the child resides, or by some person authorized by him in writing. The person authorized to issue a work permit shall not issue such permit until such child has demonstrated his ability to read at sight and write simple sentences in the English language and perform simple arithmetical problems involving the fundamental processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, such educational test to be prepared and furnished by the superintendent of schools or the school committee of each city and town in the State or has furnished a certificate to that effect signed by any teacher in any of the public schools of the city or town in which such child resides, or by the principal of any approved private school; nor until he has received, examined, approved and filed satisfactory evidence of age showing that the child is 14 years old or upwards: such evidence shall consist of a certified copy of the town clerk's record of the birth of said child, or a certified copy of his baptismal record, showing the date of his birth, and place of baptism, or a pass-port showing date of birth. In the event of a minor being unable to produce the evidence heretofore mentioned, and the person authorized to issue the work permit being satisfied of that fact, the said work permit may be issued on other documentary evidence of age satisfactory to the person authorized to issue the work permit, provided said

documentary evidence has been approved by the State commissioner of labor. The superintendent of schools, or the person authorized to issue such work permit may require in doubtful cases, a certificate signed by a physician appointed by the school board, or in case there is no school physician, from the medical officer of the board of health, stating that such child has been examined by him, and in his opinion, has reached the normal development of a child of its age, and is in sufficiently sound health and physically able to perform the work which he intends to do. The state factory inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar certificate in doubtful cases, of the minors employed under a work permit. A work permit when duly issued shall excuse such child from attendance from public school; but no person shall issue such permit to any minor when in or about to enter his employment or the employment of the firm or corporation of which he is a member, stockholder, officer or employee.'

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, in explanation of this amendment I will simply say that it is offered at the suggestion of the labor commissioner and the school department of the State in order to clear up a difficulty relating to the certificates of minors for employment. The bill came in to amend the present law and, after it was passed upon favorably by the committee, it was found by those two departments that it did not cover quite what was needed, so that instead of adding other phrases and so forth, we thought it better to strike out everything after the enacting clause and to put in what was necessary; and the necessary part relates simply to evidence being furnished in addition to the birth certificate, or certificate of baptism, or a passport or some other documentary evidence, as the first bill had it.

This amendment goes further and allows the minor to furnish any evidence which shall be satisfactory. That is as far as the matter carries it. I make that explanation to save the Chair from reading the whole bill through.

The SPEAKER pro tem: I would ask the gentleman from Eliot, Mr. Cole, if he would suggest printing this amendment?

Mr. COLE: I do not think it is necessary, because it does not affect anyone except favorably. It allows many a poor boy who could not furnish a birth certificate, a certificate of baptism or a passport to be furnished employment upon satisfactory evidence to the commissioner of labor of the State that he is within the required ages. If it could only be done by guess, on account of the maturity of the boy, his general appearance and evidence of the people who have known him for a number of years, it is simply necessary for them to give the certificate to the school department and labor commissioner, if they are satisfied.

The question being on the adoption of House Amendment A,

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

House 149. An Act to authorize the city of Lewiston to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 to pay its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year 1917.

House 165. An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, relating to offences against the lives and persons of individuals.

House 228. An Act repealing laws respecting the government of the fire department of the city of Portland.

House 229. An Act amending laws respecting the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Portland.

House 262. 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.

House 291. An Act to grant additional corporate powers to Maine Title and Utility Company.

House 300. An Act to amend Section 34

of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, 1916, relating to public utilities.

House 395. An Act to amend Chapter, 30, Section 55 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the insurance commissioner investigating fires.

House 425. An Act relating to guaranty capital of mutual insurance companies.

House 470. An Act additional to Revised Statutes, Chapter 51, relating to corporations.

House 485. An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 43 of the Private and Special Laws, 1899, entitled "An Act to establish the Rumford Falls municipal court."

House 542. An Act additional to Chapter 5, Revised Statutes, imposing an added duty on boards of registration and municipal officers acting as a board of registration.

House 547. An Act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine.

House 548. An Act to amend Paragraph 1 of Section 4 of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment of guardians.

House 549. An Act to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in the State.

House 544. An Act to authorize the town of Yarmouth to supply gas and electricity.

House 545. An Act to amend Paragraph 2, Section 45, of Chapter 117, Revised Statutes 1916, relating to clerk hire in county offices.

House 550. Resolve reimbursing the town of Orneville for expenses incurred in the care and nursing of a State pauper.

House 552. Resolve in favor of the town of Phillips.

House 423. Resolve proposing an amendment to Article four (4), Section three (3), of the Constitution, in regard to apportionment of representatives in accordance with population.

House 424. Resolve proposing an amendment to Section five (5), Article four (4) of the Constitution, allowing absent voting.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, pending its second reading.)

House 562. Resolve in favor of Ernest E. Graffam of Poland.

House 241. Resolve providing for the completion of the Book of Plans of Waldo county and appropriating money therefor.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to prevent defacing identification marks on motor vehicles.

An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to prisoners escaping from the county farm of Cumberland county.

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.

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.

An act to extend the charter of the Farmington-Oakland Interurban Railway;

An Act to change the date of the annual meeting of the Farmington Village Corporation.

An act to amend Chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913 entitled "An Act to Authorize the Bangor Railway & Electric Co. to Take Water from Chemo Lake and Its Tributaries."

An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, to Provide for the approval of plans for the reconstruction or remodeling of school buildings;

An Act to amend Section 125 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to special insurance brokers.

An Act to amend Section 146 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the annual appropriation for the support of normal and training schools.

An Act to amend Section 118 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the annual appropriation for schooling of children in unorganized townships.

An Act to authorize Ward and Bradbury, Incorporated, to erect and maintain piers, piles and booms in the Saint John River.

An Act to provide for increasing the capital stock of the Franklin Farmers Co-operative Telephone Co.

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

An Act to amend Section 119 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to teachers' associations.

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

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

An Act providing a legal remedy for damages by flowage to certain members of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians owning or occupying land on Old Town Indian Island No. 1 and Island No. 12 in Penobscot river, and authorizing conveyance of flowage rights in said land by said Indian occupants to Banger Power Company.

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

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

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

An Act to amend Section 100 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, and increasing the authorized amount of accumulated capital of loan and building associations.

An Act to authorize Allen E. Hammond and his associates to erect piers and maintain booms in the St. John River in Hamlin Plantation.

An Act to require cities and towns to decorate the graves of veteran soldiers and sailors, and authorizing the

appropriation of money for that purpose.

An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Valley Gas Co.

An Act to amend the charter of the Shirley Dam Co.

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

An Act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Oxford to remodel, enlarge and repair the registry of deeds building of the western registry district of said county, or to sell and convey the same and purchase a new site and contract for the erection of a new building thereon, and to issue interest bearing obligations of said county therefor.

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 grade.

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

An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the construction and use of branch railroad tracks.

Finally Passed

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.

Resolve making an appropriation for the purpose of public instruction in forestry.

Resolve in favor of Ida E. Heath of Chelsea.

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.

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

Resolve to provide for a survey by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of areas suitable for the propagation of clams, and to provide seed for such propagation.

Resolve appropriating money for the State forest nursery and to encourage reforestation in Maine.

Resolve for the appointment of delegates to the conferences of the National Tax Association, and providing for payment of the expenses of such delegates.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison for maintenance and current expenses.

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

Resolve authorizing the treasurer and county commissioners of York county to procure a loan and issue bonds of said county therefor for the purpose of erecting additions to the courthouse.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, unanimous consent was given and that gentleman presented out of order the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered: That a committee of three be appointed on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, to procure a stand of colors for the military battalion of the University of Maine and for the military company of Bowdoin College, the same to be presented to them as a token of appreciation for their participation in the recent patriotic celebration at Portland; and, subject to the approval of the Governor, the said committee is authorized to use any money in the State treasury which is available for the purpose.

The SPEAKER pro tem: With the consent of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, the Chair will make this a concurrent order by amending and adding "The Senate concurring."

The order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Pattee of Harmony, the House voted to reconsider its vote whereby the several resolutions, petitions and remonstrances in reference to bill, An Act to provide for the distribution of State school funds on a basis of aggregate attendance, were this morning referred to the committee on education, and on further

motion by the same gentleman, the said resolutions, petitions and remonstrances were ordered placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, unanimous consent was given and House report of committee on State lands and forest preservation, reporting "ought not to pass" on House Document No. 295, An Act in relation to the sale of timber on reserved lands in all townships or tracts, was taken from the table.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: I would say that my wish in regard to this is to refer it to the committee in order that they may consider an amendment. It would hasten matters if it could be done today, as the committee could consider it tomorrow.

On further motion by Mr. Dutton, the report and accompanying bill were recommitted to the committee on State lands and forest preservation.

On motion by Mr. Holt of Skowhegan, unanimous consent was given, and that gentleman presented out of order the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, that 500 additional copies of House Document No. 570 be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

The order received a passage.

Mr. BUSSABARGER of Lubec: Mr. Speaker, I am about to move a reconsideration of our vote of Friday on House Document No. 513. I would like for the clerk to send for that bill.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Bussabarger.

Mr. BUSSABARGER: I move that we reconsider our vote of Friday whereby we accepted the report of the committee on public utilities on this bill, "ought not to pass."

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Bussabarger, moves that the House reconsider its vote whereby it accepted the report of the committee on public utilities on bill, An Act to permit municipal cor-

porations to own and operate street railways, gas, electric light, water and other public utilities and other corporations. The report of the committee which was accepted by the House was "ought not to pass." The motion of the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Bussabarger, is that the House reconsider its vote whereby it accepted the report "ought not to pass." Does the gentleman wish to make any remarks on his motion?

Mr. BUSSABARGER: No, I was just waiting to make another motion.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire what the object of reconsidering is at this time. This matter has been considered and reported and has gone on its way. It looks to me as though we would never get through. I would like to hear the gentleman state his reason.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Wilson, through the Chair, asks from the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Bussabarger, a statement of his reasons for reconsidering the report.

Mr. BUSSABARGER: Mr. Speaker, I desire to move to recommit the bill to the committee on public utilities in order to present some further evidence that has come to me by request from my own class of towns.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the work of that committee will be practically completed tomorrow and I would like to inquire how much time the gentleman wants.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Lubec hears the inquiry of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan. The Chair will say that it seems to him that this matter of recommitting bills indefinitely certainly ought to be done only in cases where it would seem to be necessary. If the committee is ready to report at this time finally, that is a matter which should be taken into consideration by the House. The motion before the House is that it reconsider the vote whereby it accepted this report "ought not to pass."

A viva voce vote being taken,
The motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion by Mr. Anderson of Portland, report of committee on bills in the third reading on resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maine empowering the Legislature to authorize towns to divide into voting districts for purposes of holding elections was taken from the table and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the report was accepted.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland; Mr. Speaker, House Document No. 424, a resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution allowing absent voting, I think, had its second reading this morning and I should like to move to reconsider that action in order to place an amendment on it which was suggested by the committee on bills in the third reading.

The SPEAKER pro tem: I will suggest to the gentleman from Portland that the resolve is already on the table pending its second reading on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state at this time that there is one matter of business which strictly should have been taken up before "Orders of the Day," namely, House report of committee on salaries and fees reporting "ought not to pass" on bill entitled "An Act to amend Paragraph 15, Section 45, Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relative to clerk hire in the office of register of deeds in Waldo County," tabled by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast pending the acceptance of the report on March 14. This comes over as unfinished business. The Chair will recognize the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: I move you, Mr. Speaker, that we substitute the bill for the committee's report.

Mr. BOMAN of Vinalhaven: Mr. Speaker, I presume this calls for an increase in salary, does it not?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Vinalhaven, Mr. Boman, that there appears to be a slight increase of salary provided for in the bill.

Mr. BOMAN: In order to vote intelligently on that bill I would like to know what the increase is.

(The Chair thereupon read the bill.)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell, that the House substitute the bill for the report. That of course means that you disregard the adverse report "ought not to pass" and pass the bill.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion prevailed and the bill was substituted for the report.

On further motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast the rules were suspended and the bill was given its three several readings and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, Senate Document No. 264, An Act to amend Section 62 of Chapter 2, Revised Statutes, relating to deposit of State funds, was taken from the table and on further motion by the same gentleman the rules were suspended and the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Jordan of Baileyville, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.