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## HOUSE

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Friday, March 23, 1917.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phalen of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

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Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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From the Senate: An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditures of government, and for other purposes, for the year 1918.

Came from the Senate, read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed without reference to any committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that this is an appropriation bill providing money for necessary purposes, and it is customary and desirable that it be passed along without any delay.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its three several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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From the Senate: An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 44 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the Skowhegan Water District.

Came from the Senate, read twice under suspension of the rules without reference to any committee and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham tabled pending concurrence or non-concurrence.

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From the Senate: An Act to prohibit discrimination against persons seeking employment.

Came from the Senate referred to the next Legislature in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in referring the document to the next Legislature.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, relating to wanton injury to books, pictures and statues.

Referred by the committee on reference to the judiciary committee.

In the House referred to the judiciary committee.

In the Senate referred to the next Legislature in non-concurrence as the judiciary committee has made its final report.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, the House voted to insist on its former action in referring the matter to the judiciary committee and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair named as such committee of conference on the part of the House Messrs. Cole of Eliot, Buzzell of Belfast and Driscoll of Lewiston.

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From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes relating to smelts.

The Senate accepted the report of the committee "ought to pass," and gave the bill its two several readings and passed the same to be engrossed.

In the House the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its action.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland the rules were suspended and the bill had its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Henry H. Grindle of Castine.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta the House voted to concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

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From the Senate: An Act to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in the State.

This bill was given its three several readings and passed to be engrossed in the House.

In the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson the

House voted to concur with the Senate in indefinitely postponing the measure.

On motion by Mr. Clifford of Reed plantation the House by a viva voce vote voted to reconsider its vote whereby bill, An Act to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in the State, was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The question now is concurrence or non-concurrence with the Senate.

Mr. FLINT of Monson: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that the committee on appropriations turned that down and reported "ought not to pass;" and if we are going to have a bounty on bears we must have something to pay it with. If you pass this you will have to make arrangements for an appropriation. That is all I have to say.

On motion by Mr. Clifford of Reed plantation the matter was tabled pending concurrence or non-concurrence and especially assigned for Tuesday, March 27.

From the Senate: An Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters.

In the House this matter received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Sisson of Island Falls the House voted to insist and that a committee of conference be appointed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will name that committee later in the morning session.

(Mr. Cushman of Auburn in the chair.)

#### Senate Bills on First Reading

Senate 357. An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes to permit savings banks to invest in certain electric railroad bonds.

Senate 358. An Act to ratify the organization of Capital park and give additional powers to said corporation.

Senate 359. An Act authorizing the city of Augusta to raise money by taxation to assist Capital park in maintaining grounds and conveniences for public amusements.

Senate 362. An Act to provide for the registration of teachers.

Senate 363. An Act to amend Section 60, Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Forestry District.

Senate 364. An Act to enable the chief engineer of the State Highway Commission to convey a certain lot or parcel of land owned by the State of Maine to the Europe and North American Railroad.

Senate 365. An Act to authorize the city of Augusta to acquire property.

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

Senate 361. Resolve in aid of navigation of various lakes, rivers and thoroughfares in the State of Maine.

The rules were suspended and the resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on salaries and fees reporting "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to establish the salary of the register of probate for the county of Aroostook.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance, in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on salaries and fees on bill, An Act relating to clerk hire in the office of the clerk of courts for York county, reporting same "ought not to pass."

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, tabled pending acceptance in concurrence by reason of Mr. Cole's absence from the floor of the House.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on salaries and fees on bill, An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to compensation of register of deeds in Aroostook county, reporting same "ought not to pass."

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

From the Senate: Final report of the committee on School for Feeble Minded,

final report of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, final report of the committee on banks and banking.

Mr. BREWSTER: Has the amendment been accepted?

The SPEAKER pro tem: Not yet.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Monday, March 26, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that that order be tabled. I understood that the House expected to have an afternoon session, and that being the case, I do not think we want at this time to vote to adjourn till Monday.

The SPEAKER pro tem: This is a final adjournment. We can take a recess for another session this afternoon without affecting this order.

Mr. WILSON: I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is it the pleasure of the House that this order have a passage?

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: I have an amendment to offer that we meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, moves that we add an amendment to this order and that we meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow, Saturday, instead of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Monday.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, that he make that amendment in writing so that it may go properly along with the order; and I second the motion that we have a session tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. ALLAN: I will put the amendment in writing.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: I move that that lie on the table temporarily until the amendment has been made in writing in order to expedite matters.

The SPEAKER pro tem: I do not think that that will be necessary.

Mr. BREWSTER: I move that the whole matter lie on the table until the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, can prepare his amendment in writing and submit so that we will know exactly what we are acting on. I would like some time myself to think things over a little.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair thinks it is necessary that this be done as quickly as possible, because the Senate should know what action we take and many of them plan to go home tomorrow.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if it will be in order to withdraw all these motions and allow the matter to lie on the table temporarily until I can prepare an amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair thinks it would, and suggest that you prepare the amendment as soon as possible.

Mr. SAWYER of Madison: Mr. Speaker, I move that we take from the table House report of the committee on salaries and fees reporting "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 28 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to the compensation of the judge of probate for Somerset county. This came from the committee yesterday with a report "ought not to pass," and I move you that the bill be substituted for the report and that it have its first and second readings at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair would ask the gentleman from Madison, Mr. Sawyer, to take that up under orders of the day.

Mr. SAWYER: I thought, Mr. Speaker, we were under the proper heading at this time, if not, I will withdraw.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, I can see no reason why the rules should not be suspended and al-

low Mr. Sawyer's motion to come before the House at this time. This is a matter which relates wholly to the Somerset county delegation and concerns us alone, and we would be very much in favor of the rules being suspended at the present time and that Mr. Sawyer's motion prevail. He may desire to return to his home, and, if this is dragged out until this afternoon, he may not be able to be here to act on the matter. I move that the rules be suspended to enable Mr. Sawyer to present his motion.

The SPEAKER pro tem: This requires a two-thirds vote. Those in favor will please rise and will the monitors please attend to their duties.

A division of the House being had,  
The motion was unanimously carried.

On motion by Mr. Sawyer of Madison, the bill was substituted for the report.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, the bill received its three several readings, under a suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, if it is in order, I would like to move you to take from the table the order for an adjournment to Monday, March 26, at 10 o'clock.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I move the following amendment: Strike out the words "Monday, March 26, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon," and insert the words "Saturday, March 24, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon."

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I hope that this amendment will prevail. I believe that we should have a session tomorrow morning. It is getting along pretty well towards the end of things and we can do quite a lot of routine work which may make a difference to us as to getting away next week. I think the amendment ought to be adopted and I hope it will be.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion to

adopt the amendment about adjournment. Is it the pleasure that the motion be carried?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it this winter, they do not want to give any extra time; they are very economical in certain ways. The printers cannot keep up the way things are flying their way with this suspension of the rules and first, second and third readings, and so on. Many of the members would like to go away this afternoon and not come back here until Monday—I think the majority of them. I will stay here until tomorrow, but if there are not 76 here, I will make the point that there is no quorum and move that we adjourn. I would like to go home, but if it comes in that way, I will stay here and make the point of no quorum if there are not 76 present. There are many who would like to go home and do business over Sunday and come back Monday morning. I have heard a dozen say right here in the House this morning that they would like to do that.

The SPEAKER pro tem: I will say for the benefit of the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) that the clerk states that the printer is all caught up.

Mr. BUSSABARGER of Lubec: Mr. Speaker, some of you gentlemen who have good memories may recall that the first week of this legislative session the gentleman from Lubec took about 10 minutes to debate a proposition that would have saved the State of Maine in the coming years thousands of dollars. My big-hearted brother, the gentleman from Portland ———

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman will state his point.

Mr. WILSON: The gentleman from Lubec is not confining his remarks to the question before the House.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The point is well taken.

Mr. BUSSABARGER: I was going to second the motion of the gentleman

from Augusta (Mr. Farrington) and give my reasons therefor. The gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) has said that he wanted to go home. I wish to state that in the first week of this session, when we attempted to save the time of the State and its money, that the gentleman from Portland declared we were wasting valuable time, that thousands of dollars of the State's time was being wasted. I have been here in this session every day since it began, and there are numbers of others. We want to save the State's valuable time and we want the business to be done expeditiously; and I heartily concur with the motion of the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Farrington) that we have a session on Saturday morning.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I would regret very much if the House should see fit to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, as I feel it ought to do, if the question of no quorum were raised. It is an unwritten law of this House that matters about which there might be a contest developed will be tabled and nobody's rights will in any way be impaired by their absence. It does seem to me that the time has come when we must remember that we are here in the service of the State and sacrifice our personal pleasure and convenience by staying here to do the State's business.

Mr. LONGLEY of Sidney: Mr. Speaker, there are many of us whom it will inconvenience very much to stay here after the end of this month. There are many men who have been chosen on boards of assessors. We have been here to do business and willing to do it and take all the time necessary therefor. I am willing myself to work evenings or afternoons or any other time, but I am not willing to stay here after this month closes; in fact, I cannot. In this I think I voice the sentiment of a great many others in that respect. We have been dallying here now for almost 12 weeks and it seems to me it is getting along to a time when we ought to speed up a little if it is a possible thing and put in a little time, even if we do not get home very early Saturday and do not stay at home very late

Monday. I, for one, am in favor of adjourning until tomorrow morning.

Mr. PACKARD of Rockland: I move the previous question.

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker, I have been remaining here all the session while the other gentlemen have been going home to their town meetings. Now my town meeting in the town of Baileyville is to be holden on next Monday, and in order for me to get there it is necessary for me to leave at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning. That being the case I hope that the members of this House will be sufficiently considerate of one of its members who lives at a very distant point of the State to allow him the same privilege that has been accorded to the other members of the House that he may have an opportunity to at least remain in his town meeting until 1.40 on next Monday afternoon.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the passage of the previous question. Is it the pleasure of the House that the main question now be put and the adoption of the amendment to adjourn until tomorrow morning until 9 o'clock?

Mr. DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford: I call for a division of the House.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, has the amendment yet been adopted? Would not the question be first upon the amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair thinks you are right. The previous question has not yet been decided. Those in favor of putting the previous question will please rise.

A division being had,

Sixty-nine voted in favor and one opposed.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: I would inquire, Mr. Speaker, what question we then settled.

The SPEAKER pro tem: None of them have been settled yet. Sixty-nine having arisen in favor of putting the question and only one opposed, the original ques-

tion will now be put. The question is on the adoption of the House amendment to strike out the words "Monday, March 26, at 10 o'clock," and insert the words "Saturday, March 24, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon."

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House being had, Sixty-six voted in the affirmative and 17 in the negative and the amendment was adopted.

The House then voted to adopt the order as amended.

(Speaker Bonney resumes the chair.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state in regard to this matter of adjournment that, this being a joint order, of course if the majority of the House wishes to have a session tomorrow morning it can do so irrespective of the action of the Senate. The House has voted on a joint order to have a session tomorrow morning. In the event this comes back from the Senate not concurred in and the House desires to have a session, it can do so by recessing if it chooses.

The Chair would state farther in regard to this matter of adjournment that in case the House should decide to have a session tomorrow morning, it would be understood that nothing about which there is any contest would be taken up either at the session tomorrow or at the session Monday; that is to say, nothing would be put beyond the reach of any member who might be especially interested in a measure—nothing would be passed to be enacted beyond the amending stage. It is simply to further the work of the Legislature so that we may get home a little earlier and give the printer something to do. Of course it is further understood that some individual members might be unable to be present and would be excused. We are governed by the majority.

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

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

By Mr. Emerson of Lewiston: Resolve in favor Charles S. Brown for

expenses of special committee on coat of arms.

By Mr. Daigle of New Canada: Resolve in favor of Louise E. Cony for services as stenographer for committee on State lands and forest preservation.

By Mr. Bragdon of Westbrook: Resolve in favor of the stenographer to the committee on temperance.

#### **Legal Affairs**

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: An Act in relation to the salary of the superintendent of public printing.

#### **Taxation**

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the tax on railroads, how ascertained.

#### **Orders**

Mr. GURNEY of Portland: Mr. Speaker: There are several matters of immediate importance to us at this time of intense feeling when no one knows what a day may bring forth. I have in my hands three bills, one of which relates to increasing the penalty for the wilful corruption of our water supply. I would like to say in this connection that the present penalty for corrupting a water supply is punishment of not exceeding one year. Another bill is a bill to impose a heavy penalty upon whoever may injure or destroy any public building and at the present time there is no adequate law in Maine to punish such an attempt. The third bill relates to increasing the penalty to anyone who shall blow up or injure any public or toll bridge or any of the public utilities. I would like the consent of the House to introduce these bills at this time under a suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER: The House hears the remarks of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Gurney, who asks leave to introduce out of order under suspension of the rules three measures which are necessary for the safety and well-being of perhaps several of our cities in the light of the threatening condition which we face. Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion of the gentleman from Portland prevails?



Mr. GURNEY: Now, Mr. Speaker, if I may explain briefly the three of them, that will obviate any further discussion. The first is found in Section 4 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, which says:

"Whoever wilfully injures any property of any water company, or of any city, town or municipal corporation used by it in supplying water to its inhabitants, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year."

The amendment which I would like to have passed under the emergency clause is this: "Whoever knowingly and wilfully destroys or injures any public building, armory, breast-work, trench, fortification, wharf, pier or dock, or whoever knowingly or wilfully destroys or injures any property, conduit, pipe line, reservoir, structure or apparatus used in supplying water to the public or to any portion thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5000 or by imprisonment for any term of years."

The second one: As the law stands at present, whoever knowingly or wilfully poisons, defiles or in any way corrupts the water of any well, spring or public utility may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year. The obvious importance of having a law adequate to protect the sources of supply to the towns and cities requires no comment from me at this time. I may say that the water supplies of the larger cities of this State are being very heavily guarded at the present time. The proposed amendment would impose a fine of not exceeding \$5000, or, what is more important, would provide imprisonment for any term of years.

The third act is found in Section 10 of Chapter 129 and provides that whoever shall injure any public utility, or any dam, reservoir, or canal, or any public or toll bridge, or place any obstruction on such bridge, or on any public road with intent to injure persons or property passing thereon, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three years or by a fine not exceeding \$500. The purpose of the present amendment is to raise the

penalty to any term of years and the fine to \$10,000; and I move, Mr. Speaker, that these bills receive their three several readings at this time. They all carry the emergency clause with them.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to second that motion, and perhaps nothing needs to be said; but I do not know that the members of this House have yet heard of what took place in Portland this morning. Two men were discovered approaching the heavy guns at the fort by a guard and upon being ordered to halt they shot the soldier and escaped. So we can see that it is a pretty important matter and that something should be done at once.

The rules were suspended and bill, An Act to prevent injuries to property used for public purposes and amending Section 4 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, had its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The rules were suspended and bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, relating to offences against the public health, safety and policy, had its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The rules were suspended and bill, An Act amending Section 10 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, relating to malicious mischief and trespasses, had its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair will announce that the Senate has concurred with the House, and fixes the time for adjournment to Saturday morning, March 24, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Baxter from the committee on judiciary, on bill "An Act to establish a superior court in the county of Androscoggin," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Cole from same committee reported "Ought to pass" on bill "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.

Mr. Cole from same committee reported same on bill, An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, entitled "Civil Cases."

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

Same gentleman from same committee on bill "An Act in relation to the term of office of the commissioner of agriculture," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Dearth, from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill An Act to amend Section 58, Chapter 64, Revised Statutes, relative to the licensing of children's homes and maternity hospitals.

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

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act to discharge of record attachments of real estate which have lapsed.

(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 4 of Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, relating to notices upon petitions for sale of real estate.

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

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, An Act relating to the trustees of the Windham Ministerial fund.

Mr. Farrington, from the same committee, on bill An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 of Maine, relating to licensed detectives; reported same in a new draft under title of An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 132 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 of Maine, relating to licensed detectives, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee on legal affairs, on bill An Act to incorporate the Calais Water & Power Co., reported same in a new draft, under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Chaplin, from the committee on legal affairs, on bill An Act to better define the duties of medical examin-

ers, reported same in a new draft under title of An Act to better define the duties and to increase the number of medical examiners and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act amending Section 14 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the custody of minor children at the time of decreeing a divorce.

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

Mr. Garcelon, from same committee, on bill, An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the proceedings of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Speirs, from the committee on public grounds and buildings, reported "ought to pass" on House Order, relative to purchase of desks and chairs for the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Conary from same committee, on bill "An Act to prevent officers and employees of life and fire insurance institutions from making copies of records," reported same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to prevent officers and employees of life, accident and fire insurance institutions from making copies of records," and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to establish the police court in the city of Belfast."

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

Same gentleman from same committee on bill "An Act to provide for mothers with dependent children," 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 incorporate the St. Croix Water Company."

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

Mr. Phillips, from the committee on

public health, reported same on bill "An act to amend Sections 12 and 13 of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes relative to the inspection of milk, and to provide a penalty for interference with inspectors appointed by cities and towns in the performance of their duties;"

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

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on public utilities, on bill "An act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, relating to discontinuance of street railroad service," reported same in a new draft, under same title and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Howard, from the committee on salaries and fees, on bill "An Act to amend Paragraph 10 of Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerk hire in Oxford County offices, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass;

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill "An Act fixing the salary of the recorder of the Old Town municipal court," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Jenkins from same committee, on bill "An Act to increase the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Dexter," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Leavitt from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to expenses of county commissioners.

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

Mr. Rounds from same committee on bill "An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salary of the State auditor," 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 Paragraph 3, Section 1 of Chapter 282 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the salary of the

recorder of the municipal court of the city of Westbrook.

Mr. Welch, from same committee, reported same, on bill An Act to amend Chapter 117, Section 18, of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the insurance department.

Mr. Besse, from the committee on ways and bridges, on bill An Act to by regulating the width of tires upon wagons and carts for carrying heavy loads, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Clason, from same committee, on bill "An Act to regulate the operation of jitney busses, or any other steam or motor driven vehicle, reported same in a new draft, under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hammond, from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve to enable the town of Millinocket to raise money for the maintenance and support of Sourdnhunk road, so-called, between the town of Millinocket and Millinocket lake.

Mr. Sawyer, from the same committee, on Resolve in aid of the construction of a highway bridge over the St. John River between Fort Kent, Maine, and St. Francis, New Brunswick, reported same in a new draft under title of "Resolve continuing unexpended balance of appropriation provided by Chapter 321 of the Resolves of 1913, entitled 'Resolve in favor of aid in the construction of a highway bridge across the St. John River between Fort Kent, Maine, and St. Francis, New Brunswick,'" and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported "ought to pass," on Resolve to authorize the American Thread Company to erect a bridge across the Sebec River in the town of Milo.

Mr. Stubbs, from same committee, on Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of a highway bridge over the St. John River, between the town of Madawaska, Maine, and the city of Edmundston, New Brunswick, reported same in a new draft under title of "Resolve continuing unexpended balance of appropriation provided by Chapter 310 of the Resolves of 1915, en-

titled "Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of sub-structure of a highway bridge across the St. John River between the town of Madawaska, Maine, and the city of Edmundston, New Brunswick," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Washburn, from same committee, on Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of making survey, plans and estimates for a new interstate bridge between Kittery, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, reported same in a new draft, under title of "Resolve directing the highway commission to make surveys, plans and estimates for an interstate bridge between Kittery, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire," and that it ought to pass.

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

Majority report of the committee on judiciary, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, relative to leases.

(Signed) Messrs. Dearth, Barnes, Farrington, Deering, Gillin, Hutchins, Baxter.

Minority report of the same committee on same subject matter, reporting "ought to pass."

(Signed) Messrs. Davies, Cole, Gurney.

(Both reports tabled on motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, pending acceptance of either.)

Majority report of the committee on judiciary, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act for optional referendum for cities and towns."

(Signed) Messrs. Davies, Deering, Dearth, Gillin, Gurney, Hutchins, Farrington.

Minority report of the same committee on same subject matter reporting "ought to pass."

(Signed) Messrs. Baxter, Cole, Barnes.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland the House voted to accept the majority report.

Majority report of the committee on judiciary reporting "ought not to pass" on

bill "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the appointment of clerks of the judicial courts."

(Signed) Messrs. Davies, Dearth, Farrington, Hutchins, Cole, Baxter, Deering, Gillin.

Minority report of the same committee on same subject matter reporting "ought to pass."

(Signed) Messrs. Gurney, Barnes.

On motion by Mr. Speirs of Westbrook the House voted to accept the majority report.

Majority report of the committee on ways and bridges, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 16 and Section 17 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes relating to road commissioners."

(Signed) Messrs. Conant, Peacock, Besse, Sawyer of Eden, Stubbs, Hammond, Baxter of Sagadahoc.

Minority report of the same committee on same subject matter in a new draft, under title of "An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the election by ballot or appointment of road commissioners," and that it "ought to pass."

(Signed) Messrs. Washburn, Clason, Messer.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, the reports were tabled pending printing of the new draft minority report.

Mr. Dearth, from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to abolish the municipal and police courts of the State and to establish inferior courts in their place with uniformity of terms, jurisdiction and terms of office."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to abolish the police court for the city of Rockland."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to establish the Knox municipal court, within and for the county of Knox."

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

relating to the First Congregational church of Windham."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to create a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, having the powers and duties of a juvenile court, and repealing Chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto."

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to further amend Chapter 120 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 as amended by Chapter 233 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to the establishment of a municipal court in the town of East Livermore."

Mr. Canary, from the committee on legal affairs, reported same on bill, "An Act to amend certain Sections of Chapter 72, Revised Statutes, relating to the adoption of children."

Mr. Chaplin from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to create a municipal court district within and for the county of Penobscot."

Mr. Canary from same committee, on bill, "An Act to amend Section 43, Chapter 68, Revised Statutes, relating to proof of notice by both executors and administrators," reported that the same "ought not to pass, as subject is covered in another bill."

Same gentleman, from same committee on bill, "An Act to create a State constabulary and State's counsel: A general measure to secure the public peace and the Statewide protection of persons and property and the enforcement of all the laws of the State; to be known and designated as the executive law," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to allow the mayor of the city of Bangor to appoint the road commissioner and the chief engineer of the fire department."

Mr. Phillips, from the committee on public health, on bill, "An Act to provide for a physical examination of persons committed to jails," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Allan, from the committee on taxation, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to change the date of assessment of taxes."

Mr. Hart, from the committee on telegraphs and telephones, on bill, "An Act to provide for better telephone service," reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient. And your committee recommends that said act be referred to the public utilities commission with the request that it investigate and consider the rules, practices and regulations of the telephone companies within the State in relation to the several matters sought to be dealt with therein, and promulgate such rules and regulations governing the same as it shall find to be consistent with the public welfare, with the recommendation that it is desirable that not over twelve (12) telephones be on one line.

The reports were accepted.

#### **First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.**

House 646. An Act to prohibit the selling or giving away of air rifles to children under fourteen years of age.

House 649. An Act in relation to the sale of timber on reserved lands in all townships or tracts.

House 650. An Act to amend Section 79 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroad crossings.

House 651. An Act to incorporate the Summer Harbor Water Company.

House 652. An Act to create a board of harbor commissioners for the Harbor of Portland, and define its powers.

(Tabled by Mr. Wilson of Portland pending assignment for its third reading.)

House 653. An Act to provide compensation for injuries received by State employees.

House 654. An Act authorizing the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to increase its capital stock and to hold securities in other corporations.

House 655. An Act to amend Sections four, five and seven of Chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, in relation to mortgages of real estate.

House 656. An Act to amend Chapter 117, Section Five, Revised Statutes, relating to the expenses of the justices of the supreme judicial court.

House 647. Resolve in favor of improvement of the navigation of the Fish River Lakes in the county of Aroostook.

House 648. Resolve in favor of the land agent.

**Passed to be Engrossed.**

House 307. An Act providing for sentence at the term of conviction and to give the court discretion in the matter of sentence.

House 308. An Act to amend Sections 70 and 71 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes authorizing persons in charge of railroad property to arrest offenders and for other purposes.

House 431. An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes providing for the discharge from imprisonment.

House 606. An Act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor water district.

House 612. An Act to incorporate the Brassau Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

House 618. An Act to prevent cruelty to animals in the sale and transportation of horses.

House 627. An Act to authorize the town of Caribou to acquire property of the Caribou Water, Light and Power company and to construct and maintain for itself and for persons and corporations a system of water works within said town.

House 639. An Act to amend Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relative to the live stock sanitary commissioner.

House 628. Resolve in favor of home for aged women, Belfast.

House 629. Resolve in favor of Calais hospital.

House 630. Resolve in favor of sisters of charity of Waterville, Me.

House 632. Resolve, making an appropriation for cooperative agricultural work between the college of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States department of Agriculture.

House 633. Resolve, making appropriation to support the bureau of horticulture for years 1917 and 1918.

House 631. Resolve, appropriating money for the protection of trees and shrubs from the ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

House 636. Resolve, making appropriation for New England Fruit Show to be held in year 1917.

House 637. Resolve in favor of the live stock sanitary commissioner for the control of contagious diseases among domestic animals.

House 638. Resolve, making appropriation to assist, encourage and develop the poultry industry in Maine for 1917 and 1918.

House 640. Resolve, making an appropriation for the Maine Seed Improvement Association for 1917 and 1918.

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

(Tabled by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, pending third reading.)

House 615. An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, entitled "Soldiers and sailors not to be considered paupers."

(Tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, pending third reading.)

House 641. An Act for better protection against adulterated, misbranded or inferior commercial fertilizers.

(Tabled by Mr. Powers of Ft. Fairfield, pending third reading.)

House 305. An Act additional to Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the enforcement of the laws against the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not care to table this bill, but I do think it is an injustice upon the people of the State of Maine. You have said in this bill that the employees of the railroad companies shall be criminals and that the railroads themselves shall go on as they may, and it will be all right.

Now, in the City of Portland they deliver freight from Union Station to Union Wharf, and you cannot tell. We might say that there was some liquor delivered between those two places, and it would be illegal they would say

because you did not state the place where that liquor was to be delivered or stated an unusual place. Between these places I have mentioned it is a mile and a half or two miles; I am thoroughly conversant with this, and I know that one man was fined years ago for delivering liquor at a place they said was outside of the station limits, not only in Portland, but in other places this is true. So that I say it is an injustice. If you will amend that so that the railroad corporation will be liable, as well as the employees, I have no objection to it. I think it is not right and that we are passing class legislation when we let the managers and owners go free, but let the employees be punished, who are told to do it by the owners who will not back them up. I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman who has just addressed the House (Mr. Rounds of Portland) will explain to us how we can imprison a corporation, we will discuss the proposition as to an amendment to the act. I assume that he was speaking as to the first section of House Bill 305, which provides that "if an officer of the corporation delivers any intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions hereof"—that is, other than at their regular place of business at the point of destination—the officers of the corporation who do it, shall be punished by a fine and by imprisonment.

Now it seems to me that it is perhaps unnecessary to take your time and mine in argument, but let me suggest that intoxicating liquors, consigned to any town in the interior of the State, intended by the consignee for illegal sale, are billed to his name, at his residence in the town of destination, according to the bill of lading; but, by the connivance of the railroad corporation or by accident they are taken out of the car in which they are transported at a station miles either one side or the other from the point of destination, and it is intended that under the law of the State of Maine, hereafter, consignments of intoxicating liquors must be carried through to the rail-

road station to which they are billed, and delivered, in case of freight, by the common carrier at its place of business, or in case of express, by the common carrier at its office.

It would be impossible to imprison a corporation, and fining agents of the corporation does not seem to stop the practice which is prevalent all over the State where railroads carry intoxicating liquors.

Mr. BEWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, it says that "he shall be punished by fine and imprisonment." I would like to inquire of Mr. Barnes of Houlton whether "and" in that connection may mean "or?"

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Brewster, has doubt about the interpretation which will be put upon the conjunction "and" by the Supreme Court, I would suggest that he propose an amendment so that it may be absolutely certain.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, what I had in mind was a provision of the Statutes—I do not know whether it applies to this question or not, as I have never had it before me—that "and" in those connections could be construed as "or". I am sure that the gentleman from Houlton (Mr. Barnes) can advise me as to the correctness of that.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that the bill be indefinitely postponed. Of course, it is at the amendable stage.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say one more word. You will notice, at line 6 in this bill 305, it reads:

"And in all cases, before delivery is made, said company or individual shall require the consignee personally to sign a receipt in a book kept for such purpose."

Now, if the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, should want a little alcohol to rub on the outside, would he like to go down to the station and sign personally for that liquor and have it of

public record that he was running around with a quart bottle of alcohol, and that he had to go after it himself, as he could not send his agent? I do not want to go; I am going to have some alcohol come and some whiskey come under the law, but I do not want to go personally and sign for that, for I might want to send my agent. Here it says nobody but the consignee shall come. Therefore, I think it is too much to ask us to pass a law that every man who wants a little nip shall have to go and sign for it himself before he can take a drink. (Laughter.)

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, lest silence should be misconstrued, I will answer the gentleman from Portland, that it is my conviction that a citizen of Maine has the right to have intoxicating liquors in his possession for a legal purpose, and when I feel that I need intoxicating liquors for a legal purpose, I shall be as willing to go to the office of the express agent in the town of Houlton to get it and carry it up through the street as I would be to go to the milkman and get a quart of milk. Now I think perhaps that will answer the question.

Before the vote is taken, gentlemen, although I am not a member of the Temperance Committee and do not profess to speak for them, let me assure you that this section has been drafted with great care to enable the officers of the law to seize and libel intoxicating liquors which they believe are intended for illegal sale, and the evil custom of going to railroad stations other than the place or station of consignment to get the goods is the evil which we now attempt to eradicate. I hope, after this brief explanation and discussion, that every man in this chamber will vote in favor of Bill 305.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this act, No. 305, was drawn with the express purpose or this section five was drawn with the express purpose of striking at one particular phase of the liquor question, and that phase is the delivery of goods to the wrong party.

I think it will serve as an argument if I state a personal experience. Within the last two years I received a notice from a

city transportation company operating between Portland and Boston that there was a barrel of liquor consigned to me at the dock and for me to come down and pay the charges and get it. Now, gentlemen, I did not order those goods, but I took it into my head somehow or other to go down and see if I could get them. If they had delivered them to me, I should have paid the charges and taken them, but the goods were not there; they had been delivered to someone else.

That is what this section is intended to strike at as much as anything else and I hope, when we come to vote, that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, to indefinitely postpone this bill will not prevail.

Answering the question of my brother Brewster about the construction of "and" and "or," I would say that it was the intention of the bill to make that "and" instead of "or."

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I understand that this has come to us as a unanimous report of the committee on temperance, and I certainly hope the motion of the gentleman from Portland to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

Mr. NEWCOMB of Scarborough: Mr. Speaker, in order to assist the officers of the law who are trying to enforce the law, it is necessary at times to inconvenience the fellow who wants to get a little alcohol for medicinal purposes. Now I live in a section of this state where the officers lie in wait at the railroad stations, having been tipped off that there was going to be liquor delivered at that certain station, and by some means or other the officers on the train would find out the officers of the law were laying in wait at the station, and they would deliver that liquor between stations. That has been done lots of times, and it seems to me, if this law should pass, it would be an assistance to the officers whom we elect and pay to enforce the prohibitory law, and I believe, gentlemen of the legislature, that it would stop just such instances as those instances the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Allan) has spok-



en of. I believe that this bill should have your hearty support and should pass.

The pending question being on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

The bill was then given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

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House 306. An Act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 4 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, relating to nuisances.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think it is very nice to have seven men somewhere who have got a grudge against a man.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that he would be in order if he would make a motion.

Mr. ROUNDS: I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed, then. According to this bill, if seven men have got a grudge against a man, they can step up and make the different counties of the State pay for a long lawsuit, and the man whom they charge has got to defend that lawsuit; he may be acquitted, but it is going to cost him quite a lot of money. I admit that he will have to pay some very nice lawyers who helped make up this bill, but I say it is an injustice against the people of the State of Maine. Some of the best men in Portland, and I suppose it is the same all over the State, have got houses in which perhaps a little liquor has been sold and at some time perhaps a little fornication has been done there, and other things, but I will not say that they knew it. But still, under this bill, they could be haled into court because seven men want it that way. It does not leave it to the jurisdiction of the court; it leaves it to the jurisdiction of seven fanatics in the city. And I think we have got more than seven in our city, because I understand that one man was shot by two men there this morning, so that there must be two fanatics in Portland today somewhere, and I think there are others. It is a bad custom to

start with to give seven men a chance to say to anybody in the State of Maine that they can go ahead and hale men into court, and those men some of our very best citizens. I think it is time these things are stopped.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to be misunderstood in presenting these bills. I do not wish any member of this House to vote upon these bills without knowing just what they are.

Now Section 1 of Bill 306 provides an amendment by adding the words "not less than seven legal voters." This is in addition to the county attorney. Under the present law, the county attorney may petition for an injunction to restrain a nuisance. I think we all know that throughout the State there is more or less complaint about county attorneys bringing actions of this kind. The words "not less than seven legal voters" are put in to make the remedy readily available by the citizens of any city or town that want to use it. I can see no hardship in it whatever. There are no seven voters of Portland who would proceed against a place if there was not some reason for their proceeding against it; I have full faith of that.

Section 2 of the same act provides for the punishment of nuisances—I want to call the attention of the House to it—and it adds a jail sentence to the fine already conferred by the present law. I will read it.

"Whoever keeps or maintains such nuisance shall be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars and in addition thereto be imprisoned not less than sixty days."

That was intentionally put in to make our present law as effective as possible.

Section 4 goes further perhaps than anything we have heretofore placed before you. It renders owners of the buildings liable for any illegal use of those buildings under the laws of the State of Maine for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

With this statement I am going to leave it with you. The entire intention was to place teeth in the act and

to bring about a better enforcement of our law.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, in connection with what the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, has said, Section 4 says, "whoever knowingly lets any building or tenement owned by him or under his control for any purpose named in Section 1, or knowingly permits the same or part thereof to be so used, or who, after being notified in writing of such illegal use by an officer or citizen of the county in which the building or tenement is located, omits to take all proper measures either to abate said nuisance, or failing therein, to eject therefrom the person or persons maintaining such nuisance is guilty," and so forth.

I submit to the members of the House that, if there are any good citizens in Portland or elsewhere who knowingly do these things after they have full knowledge and are fully notified that they ought not to complain of the consequences. I trust that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, let's go one step farther in showing how perfectly fair the temperance committee is. The first four lines read by the man who last addressed us, the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, have been the law of the State of Maine for years and years. The addition to Section 4 is after that.

It has been the law that the county attorney of any county can bring equity proceedings against any person who knowingly lets any building owned by him for this purpose. Now, we provide, to be fair and honest with men who are innocently landlords of criminal tenants, that after that fact has been established, there may be notice served on the landlord, and after that, if he fails to clear his skirts, the court proceeds to do so.

The other point should be made clear now, lest anyone think that seven legal voters can pile costs against an innocent landlord. Having been through the business of getting

injunctions against landlords whose tenants were criminals, I speak with some knowledge of the fact. This point is a bit technical, but most of us would follow it easily. The proceeding is a proceeding in equity, and the court of Maine in proceedings in equity can find no costs or can find costs against either party, and so surely as our court is made up of as fair and upright gentlemen as it is today, if upon petition of any seven voters anywhere, an innocent landlord is brought before any one of the justices of our court and is found to be innocent, there will be no costs against him; the costs will run against the party who made the unsubstantiated complaint.

Now there is hardly any change of the old nuisance statute in the amendments suggested, and both of them to my mind are exceedingly fair. I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

The pending question being on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

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

The bill was then given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

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From the Senate: Joint resolution thanking the employees and the attendants of the Augusta State Hospital.

Resolved that the thanks of the Legislature be extended to the employees and the attendants of the Augusta State Hospital for the great efficiency shown by them at last night's fire in the Harlow building of said hospital.

In the Senate, this resolution was read and passed.

In the House, the rules were suspended and the resolution was read and passed in concurrence.

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On motion by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn, unanimous consent was given and that gentleman presented out of order report of the committee on legal affairs as follows: "The committee on legal affairs to which was referred the

bill entitled 'An Act to establish the office of reviser of bills,' have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report that 500 copies of the same be printed. Per order Garcelon for the committee."

The report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce that there are two emergency measures among these bills that are about to be passed to be enacted. They are emergency bills on measures involving no contest. It is necessary to have one hundred and one members here and the Chair will take up the emergency measures last, and the pages will see that the members are in their seats.

#### Passed to be Enacted

An Act to extend the charter of the Brewer Water Company;

An Act to extend the charter of the World Standard Insurance Company;

An Act additional to Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes relating to limitation of actions to recover money paid on forged signatures;

An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes, relating to temporary leave of absence of patients from insane asylums;

An Act to refund a certain bond issued in favor of the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital;

An Act to amend Section 59 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appropriation by cities and towns for advertising;

An Act relating to the probate of foreign wills;

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to recording of certificates of incorporation of and payment of fees for same by corporations without capital stock;

An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance;

An Act to repeal Chapter 373 of the Private and Special Laws of 1833, entitled "An Act to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot;"

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

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 82 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled "An Act to supply the city of Auburn with pure water;"

An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the custody of securities owned by savings banks;

An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the withdrawal by a minor of deposits in banking institutions;

An Act to incorporate the Dirigo Water Company;

An Act to extend the charter of the Harmony Water Company.

An Act to amend Section 62 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to deposit of state funds;

An Act providing for the licensing of drivers of automobiles for hire in the town of Eden;

An Act amending Sections 3 and 20 of Chapter 144, Section 29 of Chapter 117, Section 25 of Chapter 137, of the Revised Statutes, and making additional provisions pertaining to inmates of State juvenile institutions, and increasing the salary of the superintendent of the State School for Boys;

An Act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Perkins;

An Act to amend Section 47, Chapter 55, Revised Statutes, relating to orders of the Public Utilities Commission and their enforcement;

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

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insane inmates of the reformatory for women;

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

An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salaries of the stenographers of the superior courts.

An Act to amend Section 139 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the annual appropriation for the encouragement of industrial education.

**Finally Passed.**

Resolve, in favor of the State Juvenile Institutions, for maintenance and other purposes, for the years 1917 and 1918.

Resolve, in favor of the trustees of Juvenile Institutions for per diem and expenses for the years 1917 and 1918.

Resolve, appropriating money for the repair of teachers' old home, on Old-Town Indian Island No. 1.

Resolve, reimbursing Samuel N. Packard for the loss of two cattle.

Resolve, in favor of certain private charitable and benevolent institutions for the care, support and education of indigent persons and for other purposes.

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Resolve for laying the county taxes for the year 1917.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state for the benefit of the members of the House that this resolve comes from the committee on county estimates and is to be sent to the different counties and so it is necessary that it should reach the hands of the proper officials in the several counties as soon as possible, and of course it is necessary to be passed under the emergency clause.

A division being had,

One hundred and fifteen having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the resolve was finally passed.

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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."

This bill carrying the emergency clause, requires a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to this House, on its final passage.

A division being had,

One hundred and sixteen having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, the bill was passed to be enacted.

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On motion by Mr. Snow of Mars Hill, a recess was taken till two o'clock this afternoon.

**After Recess.**

The SPEAKER: The Chair will name as a committee of conference on the resident hunters' license bill Messrs. Barnes of Houlton, O'Connell of Millinocket and Berry of Waterville.

The Chair will remind the members that the first thing under orders of the day is unfinished business, and that is what should have been taken up yesterday. That brings us back to the order which was passed some time ago which provides that matters on the calendar shall be taken up in the order in which they are printed, unless unanimous consent is granted to take a thing up out of order. The Chair feels very sure that any matter that ought to be taken up but cannot be reached before a certain train goes, if a member wants to go home, can be left in charge of some member here who will see to it. In that way we will not have to disturb the order of the calendar.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House majority and minority reports of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, majority reporting "ought not to pass" and minority reporting "ought to pass," on Senate Document 103, "An Act to amend Chapter 295, public laws of 1915, relative to compensation to employees for personal injuries," tabled by the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, pending acceptance of the majority report in concurrence.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I move that we non-concur with the Senate in the acceptance of the majority report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, to move that we non-concur in the acceptance of the majority report. The report comes from the Senate, the majority report accepted, and the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, which has been seconded, is that the House non-concur.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House. This bill is an act to amend Chapter 295 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to compensation of employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment and to the prevention of such injuries, by allowing the injured party to select his own physician and the hospital to which he shall be carried. As the law reads now, the employer—that is to say if I am the man getting hurt—has got the right to say whether I shall take a doctor from him or not and whatever hospital he wants me to go to. I should like to get this amended so that the party injured can have his own doctor and I do not see any harm in that. The law reads that he shall not make an expense of over thirty dollars. When this law was passed two years ago, it was admitted by the committee and the members of the legislature that it was not a perfect law, and was only a start. It was expected that at this session there would be amendments offered, and this is one of the amendments. I hope that my motion to non-concur will prevail.

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House: It seems to me that it is only fair, just and right that this measure should prevail. Section 10 reads "during the first two weeks after the injury the employer shall furnish reasonable medical and hospital services and medicines when they are needed, and the injured party shall have the right to select his physician and hospital to which he shall go, but the amount of the charge for such services and medicine shall not exceed the sum of thirty dollars, unless in case of major surgical operations being required, and the employer and employee being unable to agree upon the same, the amount to be allowed for such medical services or medicines shall be fixed by the Commission upon petition by either party setting forth the facts."

Now it seems to me, gentlemen, that this is only fair and just and right. If a man happens to be injured I think he ought to have something to say about what shall follow, and to my mind it is just and proper that this bill should

become a law. Therefore, gentlemen, I hope that the motion will prevail; and, if it is necessary to have a committee of conference, or whatever are the best methods, I hope that they will be followed.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, that the House non-concur in accepting the majority report.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, before that vote is taken I would like to say just a few words to the House. This bill came before the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance in company with two or three other measures, all of which proposed amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Law. That law, as you all know, was passed two years ago and has now been in operation in this State 14 months. As I understand it, the schedules of the insurance companies who insure the employees in this line were made up practically by guess during that first year, as there was no data available as to how the law worked or how it compared with other states until the matter had run a year. There has been two months or two months and a half now since the first of this last January, which is practically the only time in which the insurance companies had reliable data on which to base their schedules of insurance.

This bill itself perhaps does not amount to very much, but this is really an amendment and should have been considered, I felt, with the other bills. House Bill 225 proposes several amendments to the general act. This bill proposes an amendment to only one section of the general act, but your committee after hearing the whole matter and going over all the bills, decided that this law was new and had been in operation such a short time that it would be unwise to make any change now. The matter of the physician was carefully discussed and thoroughly considered. I might say that as secretary of that committee I received some 27 letters after the hearing and before the report from members of a certain sect in the State requesting

that this present bill be further amended by allowing the injured to select not only their physician but their method of treatment. It seemed to me in view of all those letters that the committee acted more wisely than it knew when it decided not to make any change in the law at this time. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford (Mr. Descoteaux) will not prevail.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX: Mr. Speaker, there have been four amendments before that committee—four or five—and every one of them has been turned down. Now it seems to me that this amendment here is reasonable, just and right. Why should not a man have a right to have his own doctor? It is only giving him some kind of a show. The reason this amendment was put in is because there have been cases of doctors attending parties hurt who were incompetent to do the work, and the injured parties had to turn around and get another doctor. As I said a while ago, this bill has been working a year, and I think it is long enough to have a chance to make some amendment to it; and I think this amendment ought to pass.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state the question. As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, that the House non-concur in the acceptance of the majority report "ought not to pass," will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,  
A division of the House was had.

Thirty-nine having voted in the affirmative and twenty-eight in the negative, the motion prevailed and the House voted to non-concur with the Senate in the acceptance of the majority report.

On motion by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford, the minority report "ought to pass" was accepted, and the bill then had its two several readings and the third reading was assigned for Tuesday, March 27.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Senate Document No.

150, An Act relating to the Clark Power Company, tabled by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter, pending its third reading.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer House Amendment A and I move its adoption. In offering this amendment I would like to say, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House, that I have conferred with the parties interested in this measure, and they are perfectly willing to accept the amendment. I talked it over with them a few days ago and they seemed to think it reasonable and fair.

The SPEAKER: Amendment to Senate Document No. 150, An Act amending Chapter 250 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Clark Power Company." Unless the House insists on the reading of this document, the Chair will not read it as it assumes that all the members are familiar with it.

The amendment was adopted without reading, and on motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, the bill as amended was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed, and especially assigned for Tuesday, March 27th.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I rise for information, after which I perhaps would like to make a motion. May I ask if it is the understanding that the Governor has asked that this Legislature stay in session after next week?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is unable to give the information.

Mr. SISSON: Mr. Speaker, I would say that it is generally talked around, I believe, that the Governor has asked that this Legislature stay in session beyond next week. If that is so, I would like to make a motion relative to the time of adjournment.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Island Falls refer to the time of adjournment tomorrow over Sunday? This is an informal matter and there is no motion before the House.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would say for information

that I had occasion to talk with His Excellency this noon and he mentioned informally, although not officially or in any sense as asking it, that he rather expected that the Legislature would stay in session beyond April 2d, when Congress was called, so that it might be able to deal during that week with any matters in connection with the present national situation; that otherwise it would be necessary to call a special session, and it was possibly undesirable to have blanket appropriations passed. He did not seem to want to ask for a blank check. Of course in these remarks I do not wish to embarrass the Governor at all.

Mr. SISSON: Through the Chair I wish to thank the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Brewster) for his information. I was going to move that if the Governor had so asked, we should reconsider our vote whereby we voted to adjourn until tomorrow morning and place the time of adjournment until Monday or Tuesday. Of course in that event there would be no need of rushing affairs; but inasmuch as the information is not authoritatively given, I will not make the motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Senate Report of the committee on judiciary reporting "ought not to pass" on Senate Document No. 199, An Act to repeal Section 27, Chapter 51, Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of cashiers to return list of stockholders to the Secretary of State, tabled by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Gurney, pending the acceptance of the report in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Portland, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The chair lays before the house, Resolve relating to equestrian statue of Major General Oliver O. Howard, and a standing statue of Brevet Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain at Gettysburg, Senate Document No. 243, tabled by the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Berry, pending its second reading.

Mr. BERRY of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, I move that the resolve be given its second reading.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, yesterday I tabled Senate Document 328 in relation to a resolve of the General Knox Chapter of D. A. R., carrying an appropriation of \$25,000. This resolve carries an appropriation of \$50,000, covering a period of five years, if I am not stating it incorrectly; and while the purposes of both these resolves are to my heart as dear as to the heart of any man in favor of them, it does seem to me that these two resolves, with a total appropriation of \$75,000, in the present condition of things, when it is pretty hard to get more than 50 per cent. of what the schools and academies of this State want, and other things, that we should consider pretty carefully before we pass that along. I move that it lie on the table until Tuesday, March 27.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Senate Document No. 298, An Act to amend Sections 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61 and 62 of Chapter 16, Revised Statutes, to provide for the formation of unions for the employment of superintendents of schools, tabled by the gentleman from Naples, Mr. Meserve, pending its third reading.

Mr. MESERVE of Naples: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Naples, Mr. Meserve, offers House Amendment A to Senate Document No. 298, and moves its passage. The Chair will read the amendment:

"Amend Section 56 by striking out the words 'three years' in the 29th line thereof, and substituting in place thereof the words 'one year' so that said section as amended shall read as follows."

Unless the House wishes it read the Chair will not read the section.

Mr. ALLEN of Sanford: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say for the benefit of the House that this amendment is perfectly satisfactory to the committee on education, and I move that it have a passage.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Meserve of Naples, the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Document No. 185, An Act pertaining to the authority of the Vassalboro, China and Windsor Light and Power Company, tabled by the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell, pending its third reading.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment A and move its adoption. I move that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with unless the gentlemen wish it read.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, if it is not too lengthy I wish it might be read.

The SPEAKER: House Amendment A to House Document No. 185, An Act pertaining to the authority of the Vassalboro, China and Windsor Light and Power Company. Amend House Bill No. 185 by adding thereto the following words to be known as section four:

"It shall be unlawful for said corporation to transmit electric current for sale or use beyond the limits of this State, or to contract with any person, firm or corporation for the transmission or sale of electric current beyond the limits of this State; and said corporation shall not be permitted to acquire in any manner the franchises of, or consolidate with or transfer or lease its property, rights and franchises to any other corporation, firm or person now transmitting or having the right to transmit electric power beyond the confines of the State without express authority of the legislature."

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Amendment A to House Document 254, An Act to amend the charter of the Central Maine Power Company, tabled by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Gannett, pending the adoption of House Amendment A.

Mr. GANNETT of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I have an Amendment B which I wish to consider at the same time as Amendment A.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the adoption of House Amendment A, and but one amendment can be considered at a time.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: I would inquire whether House Amendment A has been printed?

The SPEAKER: It has.

Mr. BARNES: And what is the number of the document?

The SPEAKER: No. 584. House Amendment A to House Document 254, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Central Maine Power Company." The first four sections of the amendment are identical with the bill, and the last section, section five, is added and is similar to the amendment just read pertaining to the Vassalboro, China and Windsor Light and Power Company.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: I move the adoption of House Amendment A. The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Gannett, proposes House Amendment B, which the Chair will read: House Amendment B to House Document No. 254, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Central Maine Power Company." Amend House Document No. 254, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Central Maine Power Company" by adding thereto the following:

"Section 6. This act shall not take effect until said Central Maine Power Company shall have filed at the office of the Secretary of State a certificate showing that the company has accepted all the provisions of said act by vote



of its stockholders at a meeting held on or before January 1st, 1918."

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, in seconding the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Gannett, that House Amendment B be adopted, I should like to make an explanation in a very few words. If the House will recall, a few days ago I offered House Amendment A, which comprised the original bill and the amendment providing that no electric power should be taken out of the State, and that no combination of companies should be made for that purpose. If the House will also recall the fact, the gentleman from Augusta; Mr. Gannett, stated that the Central Maine Power Company would either accept that amendment or would withdraw the bill. The reason of this Section 6 is as follows: The gentlemen in charge of the Central Maine Power Company here at Augusta do not quite feel like taking the responsibility of accepting this amendment. It means a good deal to them, and they came to me and asked what I would think of leaving this matter open so that the stockholders of their company could act upon it—so that these directors and vice presidents here might throw the burden upon their stockholders. That seemed to me to be a perfectly fair proposition, and in view of that they have prepared this amendment which provides that House Amendment A, which is the main bill as amended, shall not take effect until the company has time to call a stockholders' meeting and to submit the whole question to the stockholders. The stockholders then may accept the provisions of this act as a whole or may refuse to accept them. It does not in any way affect the amendment relating to the transmission of power outside of the State. It simply leaves the matter open so that the parties really interested may decide for themselves when the proper times comes, and they are given until the first day of next January, so that they may take all the time they need and may act carefully and prudently in the matter. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I second the motion of the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Gannett) that House Amendment B to House Document 254 be adopted.

Mr. GANNETT: Mr. Speaker, I want to correct the statement of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter, which he has just made. When this matter was under consideration several days ago I believe I made the statement that I would accept the amendment or withdraw the bill, and not the company. It was purely a personal statement on my part.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to misquote any member of the House. I think Mr. Gannett's statement is correct, but he, being one of the vice presidents of the company himself, I assumed that he was speaking for the company. It is an unimportant matter and I merely want to straighten out my position. I try to be very accurate in quoting the words of any members of the House.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Report of the committee on public utilities, reporting "ought not to pass" on House Document No. 287, "An Act to amend the charter of the Peaks Island Corporation," tabled by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, pending the acceptance of the report.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland the report was retabled and was especially assigned for Tuesday, March 27.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Resolve proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article four of the constitution, allowing absent voting, House Document No. 421, tabled by the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell, pending its second reading.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: I move that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: I was just going to make the motion, Mr. Speaker, that it have its second reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would naturally recognize the gentleman who tabled the bill, and the gentleman from Belfast moves that the resolve be given its second reading.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the vote has been declared, but the committee on the third reading called our attention to an amendment which was necessary on this matter if this was to go through, that there was a second word in the Constitution which would need to be stricken out. The necessary amendment has not been prepared. I do not know whether this has been called to the attention of the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Buzzell, but I should have looked out for it before this. Therefore, I will be glad if the matter can be tabled until Tuesday when it will be prepared.

Mr. BUZZELL: I am not vitally interested in this matter anyway, and I am only too glad to withdraw my motion so that all the amendments may be had that are desired.

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland, the House reconsidered its vote whereby the resolve received its second reading and on further motion by the same gentleman it was tabled pending its second reading and assigned for Tuesday, March 27th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Document No. 519, An Act authorizing Fort Kent Electric Company to erect and maintain a dam across Wallagrass stream, tabled by Mr. Baxter of Portland, the pending question being the third reading of the bill.

The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter, offered House Amendment A as follows: Amend House Document 519, entitled "An Act authorizing the Fort Kent Electric Company, its successors and assigns to erect and maintain a dam across Wallagrass Stream, in Wallagrass Plantation, in Aroostook county at its power station as now located on said Wallagrass Stream," by adding thereto the following to be

known as Section 5 of said document.

"Section 5. It shall be unlawful for said corporation to transmit electric current for sale or use beyond the limits of this State, or to contract with any person, firm or corporation for the transmission or sale of electric current beyond the limits of this State; and said corporation shall not be permitted to acquire in any manner the franchises of, or consolidate with or transfer or lease its property, rights and franchises to any other corporation, firm or person now transmitting or having the right to transmit electric power beyond the confines of the State without express authority of the Legislature."

On motion by Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass, the bill and amendment were tabled pending the printing of House Amendment A and were assigned for consideration on Wednesday, March 28th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reporting "ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for a bounty on bears killed in the State, tabled by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, the pending question being the acceptance of the report.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, as much as I hate to do it, I am going to yield this bear question to the gentleman from Reed Plantation, Mr. Clifford.

Mr. CLIFFORD of Reed Plantation: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be retabled and assigned for Wednesday, March 28th.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, several gentlemen from Oxford county are vitally interested in this matter and I second this gentleman's motion.

The motion of the gentleman from Reed Plantation, Mr. Clifford, prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Document No.

561, An Act to extend the charter of the Lubec, East Machias and Machias Railway Company, tabled by Mr. Bussabarger of Lubec, the pending question being the assignment of the time for third reading.

Mr. BUSSABARGER of Lubec: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill now have its third reading, that is, that the time assigned for third reading be now.

The motion prevailed and the bill was then given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Report of the committee on judiciary, reporting "ought not to pass" on House Document No. 268, Resolve 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 for governors, senators, representatives and other officers now required to be elected on the second Monday of September, biennially, tabled by Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven, the pending question being the acceptance of the report.

Mr. BOMAN of Vinalhaven: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be retabled and assigned for Tuesday, March 27th.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there is any need of that going over. I trust that the motion of the gentleman from Vinalhaven will not prevail.

Mr. BOMAN of Vinalhaven: Mr. Speaker, to my mind this is a measure that should require a lot of consideration. I cannot see why the gentleman from Augusta should discriminate against this bill. I move that it be retabled and assigned for Tuesday, March 27th.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Vinalhaven, Mr. Boman, that the mat-

ter be retabled and assigned for next Tuesday.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The SPEAKER: The Nos have it and the matter is tabled until next Tuesday.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

The SPEAKER: The Chair stated the decision incorrectly. The Chair is of the opinion that it should reverse itself and state that the motion is lost, but the gentleman from Vinalhaven, Mr. Boman, may have a division of the House if he questions the decision of the Speaker, who made a wrong decision.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from Vinalhaven, Mr. Boman, has his heart set upon this going over until next Tuesday—if he really wants it to go over—I will withdraw the objection to the retabling and I will retable it myself on my own motion.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, that the matter be retabled and assigned for Tuesday, March 27, shall prevail?

The motion prevailed.

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Mr. SNOW of Mars Hill: Mr. Speaker, it doesn't seem to me that we are cleaning off this calendar very much. All these bills have been on here from seven to ten days and they are now retabled.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, my action was somewhat inconsistent, but in view of the fact that I have not the slightest doubt of what will be the fate of House Document No. 268, I think we can dispose of it very shortly on Tuesday.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Majority Report of the committee of 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 compa-

nies, reporting "ought not to pass," tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, pending concurrence with the Senate in the adoption of the report.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I move we insist and appoint a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion of the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, prevail and that the House insist on its action and appoint a committee of conference?

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this is a very important matter, and I think it might be well to defer action upon it until next Tuesday. I am as anxious to settle these matters as anybody, but there are only a few members here, and it was rather understood that we should not take up any matters on which there was a difference of opinion this afternoon. In view of that fact, I move that the matter be laid upon the table.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, a good many members of the House have been so busy about other matters that they have not given the matter of taxation much of any thought. Some have been laboring on that. I have been consulted by several members of the taxation committee, and the result has been that it is altogether likely that if the taxation committee and the friends of the administration be allowed to have their way for a little while there will be some revenue raising measures brought into the House. I do not wish to attempt to force the House to take any action for which it is not prepared. I do not wish to force any vote on anything upon which the House is not ready to vote on a Friday. Any one with any knowledge of parliamentary proceedings will know we are not taking any advantage of anyone by simply appointing a committee of conference. We are simply authorizing five or six men—I guess it is five—to formally confer, where in the corridors they can only confer informally. If the matter is to be tabled now, I will state that it is only fair that the representative from Houlton should have the privilege

of tabling so that I may make this motion at some later date when there is a full attendance. It is made with an honest purpose and endeavor, in a spirit of compromise on the part of those who have the interests of the State at heart, to get out of the dilemma in which we are now placed, due to an insufficiency of revenue.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest that the gentleman from Houlton is speaking for his own motion and not on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, it is not many Fridays distant when I heard my brother Barnes argue very strenuously for matters not to come up, and it was with that in mind that I just yielded the point to the gentleman from Vinalhaven on the matter that he wanted to go over until Tuesday, I thought that was at least consistent. My brother Barnes states that if the friends of the administration with this committee of conference can get together on this railroad rebate bill, there may be some revenue resulting. I think that it is a wrong inference

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to insist upon a well known principle of parliamentary law which provides that a motion to lay on the table is not debatable. If the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter, will withdraw the motion, you can debate on the other proposition. The Chair only has allowed it in the belief that it might forward the work of the Legislature.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am sure I did not question the motives of the gentleman from Houlton in asking for a committee of conference. I rather regret that he should suggest that I did —

The SPEAKER: Of course the Chair will have to suggest to the gentleman from Portland that the same rule prevails as to him.

Mr. BAXTER: I am about to make a motion, Mr. Speaker. If it will give the gentleman from Houlton any satisfaction to have charge of this bill, I shall be only too glad to withdraw my mo-

tion and to leave him free to table this in order that he may take this up at such time as he sees fit. Therefore, I withdraw my motion and refer the matter to the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I move the matter be tabled until Thursday, March 29.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, House report of the committee on labor, reporting "ought to pass" on Senate Document No. 71, An Act to repeal Section 12, Chapter 128, Revised Statutes, relating to intention to defraud in lumbering operations and commonly known as the peonage law, tabled by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, pending the acceptance of the report.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that if Mr. Dutton were here, he would vote to accept the report, but seeing he is not here, to be fair with him, I move we retable this bill till Tuesday, March 27th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to suggest that it must be very plain that if this keeps on, we may as well adjourn.

Mr. MERRILL of Gray: I move that we adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, are we sure to what time the Senate is to adjourn?

The SPEAKER: The joint order provides that it shall be until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire whether the Chair considers it would be proper to take up any contentious matters under the gentlemen's agreement? Most all these seem to be contentious.

The SPEAKER: The Chair was of the opinion that this forenoon and this afternoon it was designed to clean up the calendar as well as we could.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I am willing to go on and move that the report be accepted but I wanted to be fair to Representative Dutton.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to recognize the motion to adjourn.

Mr. MERRILL of Gray: Mr. Speaker, of course I did not want to interfere with business, but if we are not going to do anything, it is no use to sit here. I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, had the floor.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX: I move, Mr. Speaker, that the report be accepted. The motion prevailed, and the bill was given its two several readings.

The pending question being on the assignment of a time for a third reading.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, it was assigned for third reading on Tuesday, March 27th.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I ask if it is not possible for us this afternoon, as we are evidently not inclined to do business, to run over this docket and weed out what we can weed out of matters in which there are no contests, even if we have to leave the others until Tuesday or Wednesday?

The SPEAKER: The Chair suggests that they be taken up in order and that they be given serious consideration by the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House majority and minority reports of the committee on inland fisheries and game, majority reporting "ought not to pass" and minority reporting "ought to pass" on House Document 44, An Act to repeal Section 73 of Chapter 33, Revised Statutes, relating to Sunday being a closed season for game or birds, tabled by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, pending the acceptance of either report.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: Mr. Speaker, it seems a little inopportune at this time to ask that this matter be retabled, especially in view of the fact that a great many have asked the same privilege. We have listened here in this House to a great many petitions both for and against several propositions, but probably no act or measure has received more attention in the way of petitions from different people—hundreds and thousands of names—than this measure. Now, so far as I am personally concerned, I had just as soon consider this matter at this time as any other, but I do not feel that it is fair either to those that are against the measure or to those that are for it, with the members in attendance here today, to consider it. Therefore, candidly and in view of fairness to all, I move that the matter be retabled and assigned for Tuesday, March 27th.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: My idea, Mr. Speaker, was simply this, to go over these and call them off and see how many were ready for trial, as you might say; it was not my idea to push any of these measures.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is ready to entertain that suggestion, but it would require a suspension of the rules, which would have to be done by unanimous consent.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed and we will accomplish just what Brother Allan requires.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules we will proceed with the calendar as printed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, House Report of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reporting "ought not to pass" on House Document 226, An Act amendatory and additional to Section 29 of Chapter 50, Revised Statutes, entitled "The Workmen's Compensation Act," tabled by Mr. Jordan of Baileyville, pending the acceptance of the report.

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker, I will yield to Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, who presented the bill.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: I will say, Mr. Speaker, that I make the motion that we substitute the bill for the report.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, before that vote is taken—this is a very short bill—I will read House Document No. 226. This is added to the section amended: "The commission is further empowered to employ an investigator, when necessary, or to delegate the secretary to make investigation in disputed cases for the purpose of adjusting the same. From and after July first, 1917, there shall be appropriated a sufficient amount for clerical and other assistance, traveling expenses, physicians' and witnesses' fees and all other necessary expenses." That is in addition to Section 29 of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes.

The pending question being on the motion to substitute the bill for the report,

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division was had.

Twenty-six having voted in the affirmative and 34 having voted in the negative, the motion was lost.

The pending question being the acceptance of the report,

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, the report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, House Report of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance reporting "ought not to pass" on House Document 464, An Act to amend Section 6, Paragraph 4, Chapter 50, Revised Statutes, relating to compensation for personal injuries to employees, tabled by Mr. Gurney of Portland, pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I dislike very much to ask the House to consent to the tabling of this report, but the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Gurney, was obliged to leave and asked me to make that motion for him. I know he must have had some

good reason, not only for leaving, but for wanting the report retabled. Sometimes we will do things for others that we would not do for ourselves; consequently, I move that this matter be retabled and be assigned for Tuesday, March 27.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House majority and minority reports of the committee on sea and shore fisheries, majority reporting "ought not to pass" and minority reporting "ought to pass" on House Document 95, An Act to amend Sections 35 and 38 of Chapter 45, Revised Statutes, relating to the measurement of lobsters, tabled by Mr. Goldthwait of Biddeford, pending the acceptance of either report.

Mr. GOLDTHWAIT of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I am not going to make any excuses for asking that this matter be retabled for Wednesday, March 28, because it is by agreement of the most interested parties on both sides that I ask for this action.

The motion of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Goldthwait, prevailed and the matter was retabled and assigned for consideration on Wednesday, March 28.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House majority and minority reports of the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, majority reporting "ought not to pass" and minority reporting "ought to pass" on House Document 225, An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 50, Revised Statutes, entitled "The Workmen's Compensation Act," tabled by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford, pending the acceptance of either report.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford: I move that the minority report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Biddeford moves the acceptance of the minority report.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, there are many persons absent today that I know are interested in this

matter, and I am going to move that it be retabled and assigned for Tuesday.

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker, this is a matter in which I am vitally interested and I am not sure that I will be here Tuesday.

Mr. ALLAN: Will you be here on Wednesday?

Mr. JORDAN: I will be here Wednesday.

Mr. ALLAN: I move that the matter be retabled and be assigned for Wednesday, March 28.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House report of the committee on judiciary, reporting "ought not to pass" on House Document 264, An Act to repeal Chapter 213, Public Laws of 1913, relating to the appointment of road commissioners, tabled by Mr. Meserve of Naples, pending the acceptance of the report.

Mr. MESERVE of Naples: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that any officer of the State who has the expending of so much money as a road commissioner does, and many of them expend thousands of dollars, should be appointed by the selectmen or assessors of any town. It has been the policy of this State, and I believe it is at the present time, that an officer as important as a road commissioner should be elected by the people. Therefore, I move that the bill be substituted for the report of the committee.

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker, I move that we retable this matter and consider it on Wednesday, March 28.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Baileyville moves the matter be retabled and assigned for Wednesday, March 28, is it the pleasure of the House that this motion prevail? It is a vote.

Mr. MESERVE: Doubted.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, those of us who have had to sit in the court room and hear dockets called

understand what is going on and are not worried. There is no sharp practice here. The gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Alden, asked that this matter be tabled if it came up in his absence, and I hope the House will accord him the courtesy of tabling this.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of Mr. Jordan that the matter be retabled and assigned for Wednesday, March 28. The vote was taken and the motion declared to have prevailed, and it was doubted.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion of the gentleman from Baileyville, Mr. Jordan, that the matter be retabled and assigned for March 28, prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Senate Document No. 159, "An Act to authorize Blaine S. Viles and Guy P. Gannett to erect dams and develop water storage basins on Bog brook in Dead River plantation for the storage of water for driving logs and manufacturing," tabled by Mr. Baxter of Portland pending passage to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer House Amendment A. This amendment has been submitted to the parties interested, and I understand it meets with their approval. If I thought there was to be any difference of opinion, I would not present it.

Mr. GANNETT of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, would it be proper for me to make a statement at this time about that.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman moves the adoption of the amendment and that is debatable.

Mr. GANNETT: I just wanted to suggest that the gentleman from Portland showed that to me this noon. I did not have time to take it up with my associate. I have no doubt it is all right, but not having seen him, I do not know whether it is satisfactory to him or not. If the gentleman would like to let me have that until tomorrow morning, I would go over it.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I sent the amendment to the gentleman from Augusta by the page, and the page came back and informed me that it was all right, so I thought it was accepted. I move that it be laid on the table for just as long as the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Gannett, wishes.

The SPEAKER: Shall the Chair assign the matter for tomorrow morning?

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, if I may have a word, Mr. Dutton of Bingham left on the train this afternoon and asked me to see that that was tabled until next Tuesday. I told him I would present that motion to the House.

The SPEAKER: While the Chair has not been taken into the confidence of the Executive on the probability of war breaking out, it looks as though this Legislature would be in session at that time if the war does not break out too quickly. Will the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter, change the time of his assignment?

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Gannett) and would like to have him assign a date.

On motion by Mr. Gannett of Augusta, the bill was re-tabled and assigned for consideration on Tuesday, March 27.

The SPEAKER: The Chair states that we have arrived at the place in the calendar marked "Tabled and Unassigned." The suggestion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, of course, prevails, and the matters that are marked "Tabled and Unassigned" will be taken from the table only on the motions of the gentlemen by whom they were tabled.

Mr. GRANT of Hope: Mr. Speaker, I should like to take from the table House report of committee on salaries and fees, reporting "ought not to pass" on "An Act to amend Chapter 337, Public Laws of 1915, relating to the amount to be paid for clerk hire in Knox county," and I should like to



make a motion to substitute the bill for the report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hope, Mr. Grant, moves that we take from the table House report of the committee on salaries and fees reporting "ought not to pass" on "An Act to amend Chapter 337, Public Laws of 1915, relating to the amount to be paid for clerk hire in Knox county," and moves that the bill be substituted for the report.

Mr. GRANT of Hope: Mr. Speaker, there is only a small amount of money asked in that—\$150—and the present amount allowed is \$250, and that requires the clerk to remain there all the time. We are only asking for \$150, because it is almost impossible to get anybody to do that work and do it well for that small sum, and, consequently, the register of probate has to go down into his own pocket to pay the girl. I think all the representatives from Knox county are in favor of the bill.

Mr. BOMAN of Vinalhaven: Mr. Speaker, this is a very small increase which is asked for, and I think it is deserved. The probate office is allowed \$250, and the increase asked for is only \$150. The committee reported the bill "ought not to pass," but I really think the committee could not have considered the matter very thoroughly. I believe the matter of clerk hire in Knox county is the smallest provision in the State. I hope the bill will receive passage.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion of the gentleman from Hope, the bill was given its two severals for the report prevailed.

On further motion by Mr. Grant of Hope, the bill was given its two several readings.

The pending question being the assignment of a date for the third reading of the bill, it was assigned for its third reading on Tuesday, March 27.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, House Document No. 631, Resolve in favor of Anson Academy, was taken from the table, and, on further

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

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, House Document 421, Resolve in favor of N. J. Hanna, fish warden, for services and expenses, was taken from the table, and, on further motion by the same gentleman, was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, House Document 568, An Act additional to Chapter 433 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Portland Water District," was taken from the table, and, on further motion by the same gentleman, was re-tabled and assigned for Tuesday, March 27.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move you that we take from the table the act tabled by me this morning in relation to the salary of the clerk of York county. It is not on the calendar.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will consider the matter later. The clerks have got behind in the rapidity with which business has been transacted. As soon as the clerk gets caught up, we will take the matter up.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I wanted him to get caught up; I wanted to adjourn so that he would.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, unanimous consent was granted to that gentleman to present an order out of order.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I would say that the gentleman's agreement in regard to the week-ends has played havoc with our getting ahead much, and I want to present this order: That beginning with Tuesday morning, March 27th, next, no matters pending before this House shall be tabled for a period in excess of 24 hours; and all matters tabled on or after that day shall be taken up the day following under

"Orders of the Day;" and I move its passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will read the order presented by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, by unanimous consent out of order:

"Ordered, that beginning with Tuesday morning, March 27th next, no matters pending before this House shall be tabled for a period in excess of 24 hours; and all matters tabled on or after that day shall be taken up the day following under 'Orders of the Day.'"

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if all the committees have fully reported. If they have not, it seems to me that that is driving things a little rapidly, and that we ought to have an opportunity, perhaps, to consider some things that might come up practically together.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, answering the gentleman through the Chair, certain committees have made their final reports, and after these committees do make their final reports, if any gentleman in good faith asks for a suspension of the rules, the matter may be tabled to suit his convenience. I hope the order introduced by my brother Farrington in the interests of and promotion of business as rapidly as it can be promoted fairly to all, will prevail.

Mr. JORDAN of Baileyville: Mr. Speaker, I raise no objection to the order with that proviso.

The order received a passage.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to present an order out of order, and, as I am as uncertain whether you will be able to read my writing as the gentleman from Augusta was, with your permission I will read it.

"Ordered, that if the House of Representatives is not in session on Wednesday evening, March 28, the use of the hall be granted to the Men's Equal Suffrage League of Maine to hear addresses by the Governor and ex-Senator Charles F. Johnson."

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland, unanimous consent was given, and the above order was presented out of order.

The SPEAKER: Does that interfere with any other date?

Mr. BREWSTER: Mr. Speaker, I have spoken to Mr. Farrington about the matter of the business caucuses.

On further motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland, the order received a passage.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, state his motion once more?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move we take from the table the act tabled by me this morning relating to the salary of the York county register of probate, I think it was.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, while the clerk is looking for that, if the Chair will allow me, I will take from the table majority and minority reports of committee on inland fisheries and game, majority reporting "ought to pass," and minority reporting "ought not to pass" on Senate Document No. 210, An Act to create the office of commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and to abolish the office of commissioners of inland fisheries and game.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the majority report "ought to pass" be accepted.

Mr. BERRY of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, I think that that is a matter that is important both to this House and to this State, and I move that it be tabled and assigned for Tuesday, March 27.

The motion of the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Berry, prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, House Document No. 580, An Act to incorporate the Grand Isle Light and Power Co., was taken from the table, and that gentleman offered

House Amendment A and moved its adoption.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain to the House that this amendment was drafted at the request of those interested in the bill and it has been approved by them.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, without asking the Speaker to read it, I would like to inquire whether the provisions of the amendment prevent this company from transmitting and selling in Canada electricity generated in Canada.

Mr. BAXTER: Mr. Speaker, this company is right on the border line, and it transmits electricity across the St. John river to a small parish called the Parish of St. Basil. The electricity which is sold in that parish is generated in the province of New Brunswick. This amendment which I propose is the regular amendment which I have offered, but an exception is made in this case so that such electricity as is sold by this company in the Province of New Brunswick must be generated in that province. In other words, it does not conflict in any way with the wishes of those who are interested in the bill, and it does not make any exception to the principle which so far has been adopted by this House in regard to the transmission of electric current beyond the limits of the State. I think that it meets the approval of everybody interested in the company. The charter of this company specifically says that its activities are to be limited to this one province. The current is generated in New Brunswick, brought across the line into Maine, and then shot out again into New Brunswick; so that it does not take any electricity out of the State of Maine which is generated in the State of Maine.

The amendment was adopted.

On further motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Stubbs of Strong, House Document No. 617, "An Act to

legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Congregational Parish of Weld, Maine, and to authorize the conveyance of its real estate," was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, House Document No. 622, "An Act to amend Section 34, Chapter 55, Revised Statutes, relating to public utilities and free transportation on same," was taken from the table, and that gentleman offered House Amendment A, and moved its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Wilson, moves the adoption of House Amendment A to House Document No. 622, as follows:

Amend House Document 622 by inserting after the words "emergency service," in the 26th line of Page 2 of said document, the following words: "nor to prohibit any public utility from supplying water and service free or at reduced or special rates to any person, firm or corporation for fire protection purposes, through or by means of any apparatus or appliance furnished, installed or maintained by such person, firm or corporation."

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, in explanation of this amendment, I would say that through mistake or inadvertence, two bills were reported out of the committee—House Bill 622, which provides for free transportation on public utilities, and another bill, the number of which I have forgotten, which provides for service mentioned in this amendment. The only object of the amendment is to combine the two bills in one. They both amend the same statute, Chapter 55. This saves printing two chapters instead of one.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I should like to inquire from the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Wilson, in regard to this. There is no difference of opinion between us, but the bill he referred to is House Bill No. 300, which, if I remember correctly, has passed through this House, has had

three several readings, has been passed to be engrossed, and has nearly gotten through the Senate, I believe. If he could inform us just where that bill is, it might save confusion.

Mr. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Baxter) that the bill which contains the clause I have included in this amendment is now on the table in the Senate. I had it tabled there yesterday for the express purpose of making this amendment. It is House Bill 300, as the gentleman says, and it was tabled pending its second reading in the Senate. This bill was tabled yesterday pending its third reading in the House. House Bill 300 is entitled "An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to public utilities." The present bill, 622, is entitled "An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public utilities and free transportation on same." So, by amending this bill 622, the title is fully explanatory, and the result is, there is no confusion, and you simply save so much printing later on.

The amendment was adopted.

On further motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, the bill received its third reading, and was passed to be engross-

ed as amended by House Amendment A.

Mr. Sisson of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I have an order here that can well wait until Tuesday, but, if unanimous consent is given, it can be introduced now.

Unanimous consent being given, the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Sisson, introduced out of order the following order, and moved its passage:

"Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the land agent and forest commissioner make investigation, search out and find townships and parts of townships of the wild lands of Maine suitable for settlement for the purposes of husbandry and advantageously located with reference to railroad facilities, secure options of purchase from the owners thereof, and report to the next legislature recommendations for suitable legislation to open up the timber lands and wild lands of the State of Maine to settlers and home makers, with descriptions of townships or portions of townships upon which he has options of purchase in the name of the State and the terms of such options."

The order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.