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**HOUSE.**

Saturday, March 24, 1917.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Bangor.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Paragraph 15, Section 45, Chapter 117, Revised Statutes, relative to clerk hire in the office of register of deeds of Waldo county, came from the Senate that body voting to insist on its former action. On March 21st in the Senate the bill was indefinitely postponed. In the House it was voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference. The Senate voted to adhere.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, tabled and assigned for Tuesday next.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on salaries and fees on An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 204 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the salaries of registers of probate of Piscataquis county. In the House, that body voted to refuse to accept the report, and the bill was substituted for the report, given its three several readings and passed to be engrossed. In the Senate the report "ought not to pass" was accepted in non-concurrence with the action of the House.

On motion by Mr. Ryder of Brownville, the House voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as members of that committee Messrs. Ryder of Brownville, Garcelon of Auburn and Hunt of Brunswick.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Joseph H. Underwood of Fayette to reimburse him for money paid out for testing his cattle in 1915 after the sanitary commission had refused and neglected to act as provided by law.

In the House this matter received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A. This comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, the House voted to insist on its action and ask for a committee of conference.

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

From the Senate: An Act to authorize the town of Yarmouth to supply gas and electricity. This act received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in the House, and comes from the Senate read twice and Senate Amendment A adopted, and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: I would like to know what Senate Amendment A is.

The SPEAKER: The only way Senate Amendment A can be brought before the House is to reconsider the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby House Document No. 544, An Act to authorize the town of Yarmouth to supply gas and electricity, was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SPEIRS of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Yarmouth, Mr. Rowe, is not here this morning, and perhaps he would like to have it tabled.

Mr. WILSON: I will say, Mr. Speaker, for the information of the gentleman from Westbrook (Mr. Speirs) that I made a redraft of this bill in committee and I am a little curious to see what this amendment is. My only object is to get a chance to read it. It may be satisfactory to me and may not. I thought I was looking out for the interests of the gentleman from Yarmouth, Mr. Rowe; if not, I will yield to the gentleman from Westbrook (Mr. Speirs.)

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Speirs, withdraw his motion?

Mr. SPEIRS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Senate Amendment A to House Bill No. 544 is as follows: Amend Section 4 by striking out the last section thereof, reading, "Provided, however, that such value shall be estimated without enhancement on account of future earning capacity," so that said Section 4 as amended shall read as follows:

Mr. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I do not think it necessary to read any further as I understand what it is. It is easy to see that it affects that last section and that what goes before has not been changed.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, the bill and amendment were tabled until Tuesday, March 27th.

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From the Senate: An Act relating to insurance. This act was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance in the House March 20. In the Senate, on March 21, it was referred to the same committee. In the Senate, on March 22, the vote whereby the bill was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance was reconsidered, the rules were suspended, and the act was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, if I get the history of the action correctly, that bill was referred by both branches to a committee. How did it ever get back to the Senate unless there was some order recalling it from the committee? I do not recall any such order in here.

Clerk ROIX: This started in the House and apparently it ended in the Senate and the Senate reconsidered its action before it went to the committee in concurrence.

Mr. FARRINGTON: I understood the clerk to read that it was referred to the committee by both branches.

The SPEAKER: It was referred in concurrence March 21 in the Senate to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

Mr. FARRINGTON: The Senate had the last action I understand, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is whether the House will recede from its action of referring it to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance and concur with the Senate.

Mr. FARRINGTON: What is the bill, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Relating to insurance rates and providing for approval of the same by the insurance commissioner before promulgation and use.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say, for the information of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, that as near as I can find out—and I think I have had as much to do with this bill since it was introduced in the House as anyone, being secretary of the committee to which it was referred—the committee filed a final report on the same day that the bill was introduced here in the House. This bill, as I understand it, was one that some member had been carrying around in his pocket for two or three weeks or a month and did not introduce, and it came in as sent out by the insurance department. The object of it as near as I can find out is to assist that department in making up some data that it is now making up. I think that this law would perhaps help them some. Some members of the committee who were connected with the insurance business told me that they thought it was an important matter and should go through, and some of the insurance department with whom I talked did not seem to know anything about the bill. I do not think it makes much difference what we do with it.

The SPEAKER: It is the opinion of the Chair that if the House recede from its action in referring it to the insurance committee and concurs with

the Senate in its action, under suspension of the rules, the bill can be given its first and second readings, and it can then be tabled and bring it before the House next week.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the House voted to recede from its position whereby it referred the bill to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance. On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to concur with the Senate in its action, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its three several readings. On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, March 27, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

In the Senate read and passed and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if there has been any determination made on the question of whether this legislature will continue after next week or not.

The SPEAKER: The Chair can only state its opinion as a member of the legislature that it will be impossible to close the business next week.

Mr. BUSSABARGER of Lubec: Mr. Speaker, for the information of the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Wilson), the Chief Executive, in a private conversation which I do not think he would like to have reported publicly, came to the same conclusion as the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: It seems to be the general feeling that perhaps Tuesday would be as satisfactory a time to adjourn to as any other.

On motion by Mr. Bussabarger of Lubec, the House concurred with the Senate in the passage of the order.

The SPEAKER: When the House adjourns, it will stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to any town raising money to secure free use of library in adjoining town. Came from the Senate, received under suspension of the rules. The bill was there given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed without reference to any committee.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, tabled pending concurrent action with the Senate, and assigned for Tuesday next.

From the Senate: Resolve appropriating money for the payment of steel filing equipment in the office of the secretary of the Senate. Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

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

#### Senate Bills on First Reading.

Senate 347. An Act relating to the bond holders of Sanford and Cape Porpoise Railway Company and the Atlantic Shore Railway.

Senate 368. An Act to provide State aid for the construction of highways extending continuously through three or more towns.

Senate 369. An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of inspectors of steamboats.

Senate 371. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the appointment of a deputy commissioner of agriculture.

Senate 374. An Act authorizing the municipal officers of the town of Machias to close a bridge over tide-water.

(The rules were suspended and the bills given their three several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

Senate 370. Resolve in favor of the Trull Hospital Aid Association for the care, support, medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Senate 373. Resolve authorizing the

treasurer of State to reissue matured State highway bonds.

(The rules were suspended and the resolves were given their three several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

From the Senate: Final report of the committee on claims, final report of the committee on public utilities, final report of the committee on State lands and forest preservation.

Came from the Senate, reports read and accepted.

In the House reports accepted in concurrence.

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

#### Placed on File.

By Mr. Holbrook of Brooks: Remonstrance of Seth W. Norwood and 11 others, members of Harvest Home Grange of Brooks, Maine, protesting against the passage of House Bill No. 321, relating to distribution of State school funds.

#### Taxation

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 32, Chapter 9, Revised Statutes, relating to taxation of street railroad corporations.

#### Orders.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would name as the committee of conference on the Underwood resolve, Messrs. Farrington of Augusta, Frost of Berwick and Pattee of Harmony.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House An Act to provide a new building for the Augusta State Hospital, sent down from the Senate for concurrence to be considered under suspension of the rules without reference to any committee.

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

#### Conference Report.

The committee of conference on disagreeing action of the two branches of the legislature on House Document 104, "An Act relating to municipal elections in the town of Mt. Desert" with Senate Amendment A, reported that they had unanimously agreed that Senate Amendment A be rejected, and that the act be passed as reported from the House. The report was signed by Messrs. Ames, Wood and Peterson on the part of the Senate and Messrs. Chaplin and Barnes on the part of the House.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, the matter was tabled pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for consideration on Wednesday, March 28.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Davies, from the committee on judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the license fee for itinerant vendors," reported same in new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Gurney, from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 82, Section 72, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to appropriation of Attorney General;"

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to provide for the expenses of the legislature, for salaries fixed by law, for departmental expenses of the State government and for the maintenance of the several State Institutions during the period of the biennial sessions of the legislature."

(On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its three readings and passed to be engrossed.)

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill "An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes providing for order of trial at Supreme Judicial Court for Aroostook County," reported same in a new draft, under same title and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Hutchins, from same committee, on bill "An Act to amend Section 2 and

Section 20 of Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the speed of motor vehicles," reported same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to amend Section 16, Section 38 and Section 40 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes relating to the speed of motor vehicles," and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Buzzell, from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to make valid the doings of the annual town meeting of the town of Jackson, Waldo county;"

Mr. Chaplin, from same committee, on bill "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to payments of proportional part of salaries to retired justices of the supreme and superior courts," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass;

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Casco Water, Electric Light and Power Company," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Garcelon, from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 10, Chapter 137, Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of probation officers;"

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

Mr. Murray, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Paragraph 10, Section 45, Chapter 117, Revised Statutes relating to clerk hire in county offices;"

Mr. Baxter, from the Portland delegation, on bill "An Act relating to the appointment, time of service, removal and pension of employees of the department of electrical appliances of the city of Portland," reported same in a new draft under title of "An Act relating to the department of electrical appliances of the city of Portland," and that it ought to pass;

Mr. Rounds, from the committee on salaries and fees, on bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 337 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the municipal court of the city of Port-

land," reported same in a new draft under the title of "An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the amount to be paid, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Allan, from the committee on taxation, on bill "An Act to insure the collection of taxes in unorganized townships," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass;

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 9, Section 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to taxation of owners of parlor cars," reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

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Majority report of the committee on judiciary, reporting "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to regulate the practice of Osteopathy, creating a board of examination for those desiring to practice the same and providing penalties for violation of this Act," in a new draft under title of "An Act to regulate the practice of the system, method or science of healing known as Osteopathy, creating a board of examination and registration for those desiring to practice the same and providing penalties for violation of this Act."

(Signed) Messrs. Deering, Farrington, Cole, Baxter, Dearth, Gurney.

Minority report of the same committee on same subject matter, reporting "ought not to pass."

(Signed) Messrs. Barnes, Gillin, Davies, Hutchins.

(Both reports tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland, pending printing of the new draft.)

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Majority report of the committee on salaries and fees, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act relating to the compensation of judges of probate,"

(Signed) Messrs. Grant, Howard, Welch, Jenkins, Holt of Gouldsboro, Leavitt, Conant.

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

(Signed) Rounds.

(Both reports tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland pending acceptance of either report.)

Majority report of the committee on salaries and fees, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the revised Statutes, relating to the salary of the register of deeds for Kennebec county."

(Signed) Messrs. Grant, Holt of Gouldsboro, Welch, Leavitt, Jenkins, Conant.

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

(Signed) Messrs. Rounds, Howard.

(Both reports tabled by Mr. Farrington of Augusta pending acceptance of either report.)

Majority report of the committee on salaries and fees, reporting "ought not to pass," on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 337 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to clerk hire in the registry of deeds of York county."

(Signed) Messrs. Grant, Conant, Holt, Welch, Jenkins, Leavitt.

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

(Signed) Messrs. Rounds, Howard.

(Both reports tabled by Mr. Stanley of Dixfield pending the acceptance of either report, and assigned for Tuesday, March 27.)

Mr. Williams from the committee on education reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to provide for tuition in normal schools in certain instances.

Mr. Gurney from the committee on judiciary, on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 82, Section 72, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to appropriations for the employment by the attorney general," reported that same ought not to pass, as it is a duplicate of another bill passed upon by this committee.

Same gentleman from same committee

reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act providing for court jurisdiction in criminal cases originating in Hibberts Gore," which was recommitted.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 65, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine in relation to divorce.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the holding of court in Aroostook county."

Mr. Anderson from the committee on legal affairs, on bill "An Act to amend Section 20, Chapter 92, Revised Statutes, relating to actions against administrators de bonis non," reported that same ought not to pass, as subject is covered in another bill.

Mr. Conary from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 68, Chapter 16, Revised Statutes, relating to the election of truant officers."

Mr. Garcelon from same committee reported same on bill "An Act compelling the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to give toll rates to Associated Press newspapers.

Mr. Allan from the Portland delegation reported same on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 164 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to an act to provide for the establishment of a board of registration for city of Portland.

Same gentleman from same delegation reported same on bill "An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appropriate money for pensions for teachers in the public schools."

Same gentleman from same delegation reported same on bill "An Act relating to the appointment, time of service, and removal of janitors and engineers of public school buildings of the city of Portland."

Same gentleman from the committee on public utilities reported same on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District," which was recommitted.

(Tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland pend-



ing acceptance, and assigned for Tuesday, March 27.)

Mr. Howard from the committee on salaries and fees, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland."

Mr. Welch, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 23 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Portland."

Mr. Coffin, from the committee on State sanatorium, reported same on bill "An Act to provide for the care and treatment of tubercular persons, in local, county or district sanatoria."

Mr. Jenkins, from same committee, on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 146, Section 5, relating to State sanatoriums," reported that the same ought not to pass, as the subject matter is covered by another bill.

Mr. Allan, from the committee on taxation, reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the taxes of toll bridges.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 8, Revised Statutes, relative to duties of State assessors."

The reports were accepted.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 657. An Act to amend Chapter 117, Section 18, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the insurance department.

House 659. 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.

House 660. An Act relating to the trustees of the Windham Ministerial Fund.

House 661. An Act to authorize the

American Thread Co. to erect a bridge across Sebec river in the town of Milo.

House 662. 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.

House 664. An Act to establish a superior court in the county of Androscoggin.

House 665. An Act in relation to the term of the office of commissioner of agriculture.

House 666. An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 132 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 of Maine, relating to licensed detectives.

House 667. An Act to better define the duties and increase the number of medical examiners.

House 668. An Act to prevent officers and employees of life, accident and fire insurance institutions from making copies of records.

House 669. An Act to provide for mothers with dependent children.

House 670. An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the acts of incorporation and proceedings of Abou Ben Adhem Lodge No. 23, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

House 671. An Act to incorporate the Calais Water and Power Company.

House 672. An Act to amend Section 36, Chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes, relating to discontinuance of street railroad service.

(Tabled by Mr. Farrington of Augusta pending second reading.)

House 673. An Act to amend Paragraph 10, Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerk hire in Oxford county offices.

House 674. An Act fixing the salary of the recorder of the Old Town municipal court.

House 675. An Act to increase the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Dexter.

House 676. An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salary of the State auditor.

House 677. An Act to improve the public highways of Maine by regulating the width of tires upon wagons and carts for carrying heavy loads.

House 678. An Act to regulate the operation of jitney busses, or any other steam or motor driven vehicle.

House 658. Resolve to enable the town of Millinocket to raise money for the maintenance and support of the Sourdnamunk road, so called, between the town of Millinocket and Millinocket lake.

House 679. 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."

House 680. Resolve continuing unexpended balance of appropriation provided by Chapter 310 of the Resolves of 1915, entitled "Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of substructure of a highway bridge across the St. John river between the town of Madawaska, Maine, and the city of Edmunston, New Brunswick."

House 681. Resolve directing the highway commission to make surveys, plans and estimates for an interstate bridge between Kittery, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

House 34. An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, entitled "Civil Cases."

House 172. An Act to incorporate the St. Croix Water Co.

House 397. An Act to amend Section 58, Chapter 64, Revised Statutes, relative to the licensing of children's homes and maternity hospitals.

House 408. An Act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to expenses of county commissioners.

House 508. 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.

House 516. An Act to discharge of record attachments of real estate which have lapsed.

House 527. An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, relating to notices upon petitions for sale of real estate.

House 553. An Act to amend Sections 12 and 13 of Chapter 37, 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.

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 Co.

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

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

House 655. An Act to amend Sections 4, 5 and 7 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 5, Revised Statutes, relating to the expenses of the justices of the supreme judicial court.

House 685. Resolve, making appropriation for support of bureau of weights and measures for years 1917 and 1918.

House 312. An Act to amend Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, to make plain the penalties imposed under certain sections thereof.

(Tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland, pending third reading, and assigned for Wednesday, March 28.)

House 427. An Act to amend Sections 10, 17 and 18 of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the importation of horses and cattle and also the testing of pure blooded cattle to be sold for breeding purposes.

(Tabled by Mr. Allen of Portland,

pending third reading and assigned for Wednesday, March 28.)

House 646. An Act to prohibit the selling or giving away of air rifles to children under 14 years of age.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I have one of those troublesome, but necessary, third reading committee amendments. I will say that on the printed bill there is a clause attached, "This act shall take effect when approved," and this amendment simply strikes out that clause.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Sisson, moves the adoption of House Amendment "A" to House Bill 646, entitled "An Act to prohibit the selling or giving away of air rifles to children under 14 years of age," to amend by striking out all of Section 3 of the act, and Section 3 reads as follows: "This act shall take effect when approved."

The amendment was adopted.

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

#### Passed to Be Enacted

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the bill which is about to be laid before the House is the same bill concerning which we reconsidered the vote whereby it was passed to be enacted. The Chair will state, in explanation, that the Governor was of the opinion that some changes needed to be made in the bill before he signed it, and by concurrent action a resolve went through both Houses rescinding the signatures of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and the result is that a new copy has been made, and the Chair awaits a motion that the bill, entitled "An Act making it unlawful to give checks or drafts on banks where the maker has not sufficient funds or credit to pay the same and providing a penalty therefor," be passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, the bill was passed to be enacted.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, House Document No. 426, "An Act to prevent discrimination against soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States or State of Maine, on account of their uniform," was taken from the table.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, there seems to be trouble here with the emergency clause, and I am going to offer an amendment striking out the emergency clause and then let it take its course. Amend by striking out Section 2 and the entire clause following Section 2.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire from the gentleman from Portland if that amendment is agreeable to Mr. Rounds?

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, the bill is my own; I put it in, and Mr. Rounds knows nothing about it that I know of and has never said a word about it.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rounds said something the other day about the matter, and I thought he had some interest in it.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I wish you would adopt the amendment and, if there is any trouble and Mr. Rounds wants to take it up later, he can.

The SPEAKER: The House, of course, is willing to take the word of any member who wishes to take up anything on this list that there is no contest and no opposition on. The Chair will read House Amendment "A" to House Document 426, introduced by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, who moves its adoption.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, now if there is any doubt about it, I will move that it lie on the table pending its third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair feels justified in allowing the matter to go along.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I move you it take its third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair knows that there is one act on here, House 101, that the Chair was requested to stop any action on if any was sought to be taken.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, that No. 101 is an absolutely not pertinent matter. It was prepared and approved by our corporation counsel, but after it was put in, other acts were put in making it inconsistent. We have not got time to take it up at the present time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire from the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, if it is his wish that this take its third reading.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, my only purpose in making inquiry from the gentleman from Portland was, I was asked by Mr. Rounds, if there was any matter that came along which he would like to have tabled, to table it. I may be perhaps mistaken about this. I am perfectly satisfied with the word of Mr. Allan.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rounds never said a word to me.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I will say that I was talking with Mr. Rounds about this particular bill after adjournment yesterday. He complained to me then because Mr. Allan was keeping it on the table and was not letting it go ahead. He told me last night that all he wanted was to have Mr. Allan take the bill off the table and let it catch up with the other two in the Senate.

The pending question being on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr.

Allan, that the bill receive its third reading and pass to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A,

The motion prevailed.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I understood we were considering House Document No. 101. I move that this act be tabled—426. No. 101 is the one Mr. Rounds wants to go ahead and catch up.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, leaving all joking aside, I see no reason why the bill cannot go ahead.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is of that opinion and has already declared the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

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On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, Senate Report of committee on salaries and fees, reporting "ought not to pass" on An Act to establish the salary of the register of probate for the county of Aroostook, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted in concurrence.

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On motion by Mr. Farrington of Augusta, Senate Report of the committee on salaries and fees, reporting "ought not to pass" on An Act relating to the compensation of register of deeds of Aroostook county, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted in concurrence.

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On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Livermore, Adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 27.