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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Mr. GILLIN of Penobscot: Mr. President and fellow Senators: I wish to announce the arrangements for the demonstration at Bangor which Bangor is going to give on Wednesday next. I am sorry there are not more of the members of the Senate present. But will you please communicate, and I will also, with the absent ones, if they are not here this afternoon, tomorrow morning.

There will be a special train which will leave here for Bangor at seven o'clock, which will return here at five o'clock—especially for the Senators—and the same announcement will be made in the House of Representatives. When you arrive in Bangor you will be taken care of. Your entertainment will be given you at the Tarratine Club, all the members of the House and Senate together.

The people of Bangor through the chairmen of the different committees specially request that every Senator come and I extend the invitation. We will furnish a special train to take you over. As I understand they expect to entertain the members of the Senate and the House exclusive of any other people. That is as they instructed me and asked to have every member come and special entertainment will be given them at the Tarratine Club.

Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, the special train will be ready to leave the station.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the following communication was received from the Executive Department and was read by the secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives,
Gentlemen:—

During the next few days, you will pass upon a series of taxation meas-

ures which will determine how much of the revenue of the State during 1917 and 1918 will be raised from indirect taxation and how much by direct tax upon the people.

For the past few years approximately one-half the total revenue of the State has been provided by a direct tax upon the people, and the other half by various forms of indirect taxation. For the coming two years, because of inflation in prices we are confronted with necessarily increased expenditures in all departments and institutions. You will recall that I pointed out in the budget message that to grant the amounts asked for and make no change in the laws governing indirect taxation, would impose upon the people of the State a direct tax of not less than eight mills for each of the years 1917 and 1918.

I suggested a reduced schedule of expenditures involving rigid economy in the management of all departments and institutions and showed, that by adhering to this schedule and enacting certain laws increasing the revenue from indirect taxation, the entire necessary public financial program, including the mill tax for roads could be accomplished with a direct State tax of only five mills for each year, the same rate that has heretofore prevailed. This means a saving of more than \$3,000,000 to the people of the State in the two years as compared with the tax rate indicated by the estimate filed with the State auditor.

The schedule of expenditures has in fact been worked out in almost exact accordance with the budget suggestions. The total public expenditures agreed upon for 1917 exceed the budget recommendations by only \$7,292.08. The total excess in 1918 is \$38,007.67. In each instance the changes have been agreed upon in conference with the committees having the appropriations in charge. I wish to express to all the members of the legislature and especially to the committees having the appropriations in charge, my sincere appreciation of the unflinching co-operation on your part that has made this result possible.

You have also been willing, at my request, to delay action upon special items

outside the budget until it should become evident how much revenue would be available. By arrangement with the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, these items will be provided for in a supplementary appropriation bill. Only the budget items have been included in the first appropriation bill for each of the years 1917 and 1918.

What remains to be determined is the apportionment of the revenue between direct and indirect taxation. The enactment of all the proposed changes in indirect taxation, namely: increase in the corporation franchise tax; taxation of personal property in unorganized townships, savings deposits in national banks, and intangible property; increase in the tax on parlor cars, railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies and the repeal or the railroad rebate tax law, would make possible a five mill tax for each year. The failure of any one of these measures must be offset by a corresponding increase in the direct State tax beyond five mills. The failure of all these measures would make a six mill tax imperative and leave scant margin for any special appropriations outside the budget.

These additional indirect taxes were suggested with the idea that the special interests concerned might fairly be asked to pay their share of the increased cost of government. They have appeared at committee hearings and protested against the proposed increases, as they had a perfect right to do. You are asked to remember that the alternative in each case is an increased tax upon all the people of the State whom you collectively represent.

I have not used and will never under any circumstances use either personal friendship or the appointing power to influence the decision of any member of the Legislature upon matters pending here before you. I have the right to expect that in deciding these matters of taxation, you will disregard all personal interest and act solely in your capacity as public servants.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,
Governor.

The communication was ordered placed on file and sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

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

This bill was passed to be engrossed by both branches. On its return to the House it was indefinitely postponed by that body.

On motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland, tabled.

From the House: An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Auburn.

In the House, on its passage to be engrossed this bill was amended by House Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin the bill was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment A in concurrence.

From the House: Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn.

In the Senate this bill was passed to be engrossed; in the House it was indefinitely postponed.

On its return the Senate voted to insist upon its former action; in the House that body voted to adhere to its former action.

Mr. WALKER of Somerset: Mr. President, I move that we recede and concur with the House in the indefinite postponement of this bill.

I understand that this resolve for money is to be paid out of the contingent fund.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to amend Chapter 337 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the amount to be paid for clerk hire in Knox county.

In the House they substituted the bill for the report of the committee; the Senate accepted the report of the committee, ought not to pass, in non-concurrence.

The House then insisted upon its former action and appointed a committee of conference.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. Pres-

ident, inasmuch as the senator from Knox is not present this afternoon, I move that the bill be tabled.

The motion was agreed to.

From the House: H. D. 698, An Act relative to the operation of traction engines, motor and other vehicles upon highways and bridges.

In the House this bill was introduced under suspension of the rules and without reference to a committee was read three times and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended, the bill received, receive its two several readings and be passed to be engrossed at the present time.

(The bill was read twice.)

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, I have had handed to me an amendment proposed to this particular bill, H. D. 698, which I desire to offer, and move its adoption.

"Senate Amendment A to House Document 698.

Amend Section 1 by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

"Section 2. Between May one and November one no traction engine, trailer, motor or other vehicle in excess of a total weight of eight tons, including load and vehicle, or the width of the load on which is an excess of eight feet, and between November one and May one, no traction engine, trailer, motor or other power-driven vehicle in excess of a total weight of three tons, including load and vehicle, or the width of the load on which is an excess of eight feet, shall be operated upon or over any highway in this State outside of the thickly settled portions where the buildings are situated at distances averaging less than 200 feet apart in any one-quarter mile, without first obtaining a permit from the authorities having charge of the repair and maintenance of such highways."

The amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

From the House: Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on H. D. 104, An Act relating to municipal elections in the town of Mount Desert, reported unanimately that the act be passed as reported from the House.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Ames of Washington, the vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate adopted Senate Amendment A to this bill.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House: The committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches, on An Act to provide for registration of resident hunters, reported that they could not agree.

In the House the report of the committee was accepted; the former action of that body was insisted upon and they asked for another committee of conference.

Mr. CHICK of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that we concur with the House and join a committee of conference.

Mr. GILLIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that we do not concur with the House and do not join another committee of conference.

The PRESIDENT: There are two motions before the Senate and the motion which has priority is the motion of the senator from Kennebec, Senator Chick, that the Senate insist and join a committee of conference.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, I move that the bill lie on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: I will say for the information of the senator from Penobscot that we have already accepted the report of the committee of conference in concurrence.

Mr. GILLIN: Mr. President, and the report has been in the House?

The PRESIDENT: Yes.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 704. An Act repealing Paragraph 6, Section 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the exemption of certain livestock from taxation.

H. D. 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.

H. D. 701. Resolve for the publication of automobile registration.

Resolve in favor of the payroll of the House of the 77th Legislature.

(On motion by Mr. Higgins of Penobscot, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

H. D. 708. Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening lakes and ponds and for other purposes.

From the House: Majority and minority reports of the committee on inland fisheries and game, on An Act to create the office of commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and abolish the office of commissioners of inland fisheries and game.

Majority report, ought to pass.

Minority report, ought not to pass.

In the House the majority report, ought to pass, was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec, the rules were suspended and the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

H. D. 418. An Act to establish the farm lands loan commissioners of Maine, and authorize the investment of certain moneys now on deposit in the State treasury known as the reserved land fund.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Ames of Washington.)

H. D. 417. An Act to provide for division and management of the school fund from the sale of timber and grass and from trespassers on reserved lands and amending Sections 20 and 21 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes.

H. D. 688. An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes

in relating to license fee for itinerant vendors.

H. D. 111. An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Light and Power District. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, pending first reading.)

(Subsequently on motion by Mr. Grant this bill was taken from the table, and on motion by Mr. Higgins of Penobscot, the rules were suspended, the bill was given its two readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

H. D. 705. An Act to create the Auburn Sewerage District and transferring to it the sewer system of the city of Auburn.

H. D. 706. An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes relating to duties of election clerks.

H. D. 707. An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the registration of voters.

An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the municipal court of the city of Portland.

(On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, tabled pending first reading.)

H. D. 703. An Act relating to marking lobsters in transit.

H. D. 702. An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, relating to seed lobsters.

H. D. 709. Resolve in favor of the erection of a state sanatorium in the county of Aroostook for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

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

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

From the House: Majority and minority report of the committee on salaries and fees on An Act regulating the compensation of the judges of probate.

Majority report ought not to pass; minority report, ought to pass.

In the House the minority report was accepted, ought to pass.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland the Senate voted to accept the majority report, ought not to pass, in non-concurrence.

From the House: An Act to grant a police reserve force for the city of Portland.

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

From the House: An Act to transfer the registration of motor vehicles from the office of the secretary of State to the highway commissioner's department.

In the House this bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Senate concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

From the House: An Act to amend Section 6, Paragraph 4 of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation for personal injuries for employees.

In the House the bill was substituted for the report of the committee, ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland, tabled.

Bills in First Reading

S. D. 419. Resolve on the payroll of the Senate.

S. D. 420. Resolve for the pay of the chaplains and certain employes and for typewriting and stenographic assistance for the official reporter of the Senate.

S. D. 421. Resolve for a memorial in honor of Major General Hiram G. Berry.

S. D. 422. An Act relating to the operation of motor vehicles.

S. D. 423. Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to wild lands for the purposes of taxation.

S. D. 424. An Act to establish military training in the public schools.

S. D. 425. An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to poor debtors.

S. D. 426. An Act to provide for the

transfer to the Reformatory for Women of women serving in the State prison, in any county jail, or in any house of correction.

S. D. 428. An Act to facilitate the care and treatment of certain infectious diseases, and to add certain sections to Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Board of Health.

S. D. 429. An Act to amend certain sections of Chapter 64, Revised Statutes, in relation to the protection of neglected children.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Wood from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Chapter 69, Revised Statutes, relating to succession taxes, reported that the same ought to pass. (Read first time under suspension of the rules on motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland.)

Mr. Marshall from the same committee on An Act relating to bonds in the probate court, given by executors and administrators to obtain license to sell real estate, amending Section 3 of Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes (Senate No. 198), submitted the same in a new draft, under title of "An Act relating to bonds in the probate court, given by executors and administrators to obtain license to sell real estate, amending Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes," and that it ought to pass.

The same senator from the same committee on An Act in addition to Chapter 26, Section 29, Revised Statutes, relating to transfer of ownership of automobiles (Senate No. 243), submitted the same in a new draft under title of "An Act in addition to Chapter 26, Revised Statutes, relating to the registration of motor vehicles," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Peterson from the committee on temperance, on An Act to provide for the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles carrying intoxicating liquor intended for illegal sale (Senate No. 304), submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and the several bills and resolves tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Hastings from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on Resolve in favor of M. W. Curtis of Waterville, which was recommitted to the committee, reported that the same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Mr. Marshall from the committee on legal affairs on An Act to establish the office of reviser of bills (Senate No. 406), reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Walker from the committee on temperance, on An Act to further promote temperance, and suppress the evils of intemperance; to prevent the advertisement of, or solicitation of orders for, alcoholic, spirituous vinous or malt liquors, such as brandy, whiskey, wine, rum, gin, beer and other intoxicating liquors, and beverages, and other liquids, liquors and beverages, prohibited by the laws of Maine, to be manufactured, sold or otherwise disposed of, in this State; to provide for the removal of such advertisements in defined cases; to prevent the circulation of price lists, order blanks, or other matter for the purpose of inducing or securing orders for said liquors, bitters, and drinks, or any of them; and to provide for the prevention of the continuation, and repetition of the Acts hereby made unlawful; and to prescribe remedies, procedure, penalties and punishment (Senate No. 10), reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Conant from the committee on ways and bridges, on An Act to amend Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915, being an Act to provide for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges (Senate No. 291), reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes, relating to registration of motor vehicles (Senate No. 329), reported that the same ought not to pass as the subject matter is covered by a bill previously reported.

Mr. Baxter from the same committee, on An Act requiring highway bridges and railroad crossings to be covered

with snow during the winter season (Senate No. 129), reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Conant from the same committee, on Resolve in favor of the towns of Alna and Newcastle (Senate No. 62), reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

The same Senator, from the same committee, on Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing and improving State aid road in the town of Phippsburg, leading from Winnegance bridge to Small Point and commonly known as the Middle road;

Resolve appropriating money for repairs on the Maine military road between MacWahoc and Haynesville;

Resolve, in favor of the town of Madrid;

Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing Buxton road in the city of Saco, and providing for the future maintenance thereof;

Resolve in favor of the town of Columbia;

Resolve appropriating money to aid in the completion of a State road from Jackman in Somerset county to Rockwood on Moosehead lake;

Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair and construction of a State aid highway from Westbrook to the New Hampshire State line, through the counties of Cumberland, York and Oxford, and providing for the future maintenance thereof;

Resolve in favor of repairing and improving highways in Sandy bay township, in the county of Somerset, leading from Jackman to Quebec; that the same ought not to pass.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Final Reports

Mr. Walker, from the committee on education, submitted its final report.

Mr. Fulton, from the committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and Woman's Reformatory, submitted its final report.

Mr. Walker, from the committee on temperance, submitted its final report.

The reports were accepted.

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. D. 519. An Act authorizing Fort Kent Electric Company to erect and maintain a dam across Wallagrass stream.

(Tabled pending acceptance of House amendment A on motion by Mr. Deering of York.)

H. D. 566. An Act to amend Sections 85 and 87 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State contingent fund.

H. D. 625. An Act to enable the town of Mexico in the county of Oxford to free the Mexico toll bridge to public travel.

H. D. 644. An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to trial terms of the supreme judicial court of Hancock county.

H. D. 647. Resolve in favor of improvement of the navigation of the Fish River lakes in the county of Aroostook.

Mr. BURLLEIGH of Aroostook: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment A to H. D. 647 and move its adoption.

This simply provides that the money will be expended under the direction of the Governor and Council instead of the steamboat inspector.

The amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

H. D. 697. Resolve making an appropriation for the support of the bureau of inspection of the department of agriculture.

H. D. 699. An Act to amend Section 108 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to teaching the principles of kindness toward birds and animals in the public schools.

H. D. 700. An Act to amend Section 85 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the maximum annual tuition in secondary schools of the State.

S. D. 203. An Act to amend Section 143 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the admission of students to State Normal schools.

S. D. 324. An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 72 of the Revised Stat-

utes relating to legal effect of adoption of child.

S. D. 330. An Act to designate truant officers as attendance officers.

S. D. 356. An Act to amend Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915, entitled An Act to provide for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges.

(Senate Amendment A was offered by Mr. Conant of Waldo.)

"Amend Senate Document 356 by adding after the last word in the last line on Page 4 the following: 'so that said section as amended shall read as follows'" (then add the full section.)

Mr. CONANT: Mr. President, I would say that when this bill was copied this portion was omitted.

On motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland, the bill and amendment was tabled.

Mr. MARSHALL of Cumberland: Mr. President, I do not wish to unduly delay the progress of the bill, and simply want to have a chance to examine the amendment.

The PRESIDENT: If the Senator will withdraw his motion perhaps the Senator from Waldo will explain the matter.

Mr. CONANT: Mr. President, my idea was to have amendment A adopted and then I wished to offer amendment B and have that adopted and then lay them on the table. This bill was drawn in the highway department and they did not get the whole of the bill in.

Mr. MARSHALL: Mr. President, I do not think I understand this well enough to let it go on.

S. D. 367. Resolve, proposing an amendment to Article 7 of the Constitution relating to military.

S. D. 413. An Act to amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State and State-Aid highways, and to provide a mill tax fund for their construction. Tabled on motion by Mr. Deering of York, pending passage to be engrossed.

S. D. 415, An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Brooksville to grant a private way over tide waters in said Brooksville.

S. D. 416. An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to the tenure of office of county attorney.

S. D. 417. Resolve, in favor of the reformatory for women for the construction of additional buildings and other purposes for the years 1917 and 1918.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec, pending passage to be engrossed.)

S. D. 418. An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes relating to copy of proceedings in murder cases.

An Act to revise the military law.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to extend the charter of the Lubec, East Machias and Machias Railway Co.

An Act to amend Sections 70 and 71 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, relating to disorderly conduct on railroads, steamboat or ferry property, and authorizing employes to arrest such offenders.

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

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the discharge from imprisonment in bastardy cases.

An Act to authorize the town of Caribou to acquire the property of the Caribou Water, Light & Power Co. and to construct and maintain a system of water works.

An Act to amend Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the live stock sanitary commissioner.

An Act to correct typographical errors in Section 116 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, relating to illegal voting.

An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in the tidewaters of Little Machias bay in the town of Cutler.

An Act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to any

town raising money to secure free use of library in adjoining town.

An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the care of ancient burying grounds.

An Act to repeal Section 42 of Chapter 127, and to amend Section 27 of Chapter 136 and Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, relating to imposing sentences.

An Act prohibiting the sale of diseased or disabled horses.

An Act to establish the police court of the city of Belfast.

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

An Act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor Water District.

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.

An Act to incorporate the Brassua Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

Finally Passed

Resolve, making appropriation to support the bureau of horticulture.

Resolve, making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Resolve in favor of Anson Academy.

Resolve in favor of Sisters of Charity of Waterville, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Calais hospital.

Resolve making an appropriation for the Maine Seed Improvement Association.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec, the vote was reconsidered whereby An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of inspectors of steamboats, was passed to be enacted, and on further motion by the same senator tabled.

On motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock, H. D. No. 352, An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes,

relating to the salaries of the stenographers of the superior courts, was taken from the table.

Mr. HIGGINS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that we do not adopt Senate amendment A.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HIGGINS: I now offer Senate amendment B and move its adoption.

Senate Amendment B to House Document No. 352.

House Document No. 352 is hereby amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The salaries of the stenographers of the superior courts, to be paid quarterly from the treasuries of their counties, in full for all services formerly chargeable to the counties, are as follows: Cumberland, \$1800 a year; Kennebec, \$1800 a year. They shall also receive from the county in which the court is held, their expenses when in attendance upon court away from their places of residence, but not otherwise; a detailed statement of such expense actually and reasonably incurred shall be approved by the presiding justice.

Senate Amendment B was accepted, and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Gillin of Penobscot, S. D. 241, An Act to provide for the establishment of district almshouses or infirmaries and to repeal Sections 15, 16 and 17 of Chapter 29, Revised Statutes, Report A, ought to pass in new draft, and Report B ought not to pass, from the committee on judiciary, was taken from the table and on further motion by the same senator, Report B, ought not to pass, was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland, H. D. 653. An Act to provide compensation for injuries received by State employes was taken from the table.

Mr. HOLT: Mr. President, I second the motion of Senator Hastings that the bill be passed to be engrossed.

The motion was agreed to, and the act was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. GILLIN of Penobscot: Mr. President and Senators, I find that I was in error in making my motion today in regard to S. D. No. 241, as I was under an agreement with my Brother Deering to discuss that matter Tuesday, and I move that the Senate reconsider its action accepting Report B, ought not to pass, so that we may take it up tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to and the matter was specially assigned for Tuesday.

Mr. GILLIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that Report A, ought not to pass, and Report B, ought to pass in new draft, from the committee on labor on bill, H. D. 551, "An Act relative to the hours of labor of conductors and motormen, be taken from the table and be especially assigned for Tuesday morning, when Senator Butler returns.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, Report of committee on public utilities on bill, H. D. 513, An Act to permit municipal corporations to own and operate street railways, gas, electric light, water and other public utility and other corporations, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator the report of the committee, ought not to pass, was accepted on concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland, majority report, ought to pass in new draft, and minority report, ought not to pass, from the committee on salaries and fees on bill, An Act to fix the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Androscoggin, was taken from the table.

Mr. MARSHALL: I yield to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Grant.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, majority report, ought to pass in new draft, was accepted. (Tabled for printing under joint rules.)

On motion by Mr. Peterson of Aroostook, the vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate voted to indefinitely post-

pone H. D. 641, An Act for better protection against adulterated, misbranded or inferior commercial fertilizers, and on further motion by the same senator the report of the committee, ought to pass, was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin, tabled, pending its first reading.

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, report of the committee on salaries and fees, ought not to pass, on bill, An Act relative to clerk hire in the office of the clerk of courts for York county, was taken from the table.

Mr. DEERING: I now yield to the senator from Cumberland, Senator Grant.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, the report of the committee, ought not to pass, was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Lord of York, majority report ought not to pass, and minority report, ought to pass, of the committee on salaries and fees, 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, was taken from the table.

Mr. LORD: I yield to the senator from Cumberland, Senator Grant.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, majority report, ought not to pass, was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, H. D. No. 693, An Act to amend Section 45 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, providing for clerk hire in the office of the county attorney of Penobscot county, was taken from the table.

Mr. GRANT: I move that it be indefinitely postponed.

(Tabled by Mr. Higgins of Penobscot.)

On motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock, H. D. 664, An Act to establish a superior court in the county of Androscoggin, was taken from the table.

Mr. WOOD: I yield to the senator from Androscoggin, Senator Hastings.

Mr. HASTINGS of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I wish to offer Senate Amendment A to H. D. No. 664 and move its adoption.

Senate Amendment A to H. D. 664.

Amend by striking out the word "State" in Section 11 in the 10th line, and inserting therein the word "county," so that said line shall read "quarterly from the treasury of the county."

Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Penobscot, H. D. 395, An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the amount to be expended by the insurance commissioner in investigating fires, was taken from the table.

Mr. HIGGINS: I yield to the senator from Kennebec, Senator Bartlett.

(On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec, tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday morning.)

Mr. HOLT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I rise to inquire whether or not the resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution relative to the authority of the legislature to impose taxes, has been printed yet? It is the last one on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT: It has. It is No. 427.

On motion by Mr. Holt it was given its first reading.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, H. D. No. 519, An Act authorizing Fort Kent Electric Company to erect and maintain a dam across Wallagrass stream, was tabled by me with an amendment upon it. I move to take it from the table.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DEERING: Inasmuch as the House considers tomorrow morning all matters which are similar to this, I move that House amendment B be indefinitely postponed, so that this may be taken up with the others by them.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill

was passed^d to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock, S. D. No. 71, An Act to repeal Section 12 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes, relating to intention to defraud in lumbering operations and commonly known as the peonage law, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator House amendment A was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. PEACOCK of Washington: Mr. President, I see that H. D. No. 95 is on the calendar assigned for today. That was specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The PRESIDENT: Yes, that is an error on the calendar.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln. Adjourned.