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## SENATE

Wednesday, February 26, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. C. Townsend of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to office of forest commissioner.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Folsom of Somerset, tabled.

From the House: Resolution urging upon the Congress of the United States to pay soldiers and sailors discharged from the service six months additional salary.

In the House this resolution was read and adopted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Senate voted to concur with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

## House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 185: Resolve in favor of John L. Mitchell, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

H. D. 186: Resolve in favor of Ida E. Heath of Chelsea, Maine.

H. D. 187: An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water.

H. D. 193: An Act to make valid the organization of the Second Christian Society of Kittery, Maine, under the Revised Statutes, in the year of our Lord 1843.

H. D. 195: An Act to authorize the town of Presque Isle to raise money to pay the purchase price of the lot of land conveyed to the State of Maine as a site for the erection of the buildings of the Northern Maine Sanatorium.

H. D. 196: An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, and amended by Chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1917, re-

lating to stenographers of the supreme judicial court.

H. D. 197: An Act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the adjournment of court.

H. D. 200: An Act relative to the tenure of office of county treasurers.

H. D. 192: An Act amendatory and additional to Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the State department of health.

H. D. 188: An Act to incorporate the Steep Falls Water Company. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Deering of York, pending first reading.)

H. D. 189: An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Valley Gas Company.

H. D. 190: An Act to authorize the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company to merge with and into the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company.

From the House: An Act to provide for the collection of agricultural statistics by assessors.

In the Senate this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The House insisted on recommitting it to the committee on agriculture and asked for a committee of conference.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, the Senate voted to confer with the action of the House.

The Chair then appointed as such committee of conference, Messrs. Thombs of Penobscot, Babb of Cumberland, and Butler of Franklin.

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

## Education

By Mr. Deering of York, petition, in favor of amending the Revised Statutes in regard to school contracts.

By Mr. Googin of Androscoggin, An Act to amend Section 2 of Private and Special Laws of 1868, Chapter 465, relating to duties of the superintending school committee of the city of Lewiston.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will

state that this is a private and special bill. What is the action of the Senate?

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: May I inquire if the bill came up in the House first?

The PRESIDENT: It came to the Senate first.

Mr. THOMBS: I move that the bill lie on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. THOMBS: I move that we reconsider that vote. I do not intend to admit the bill to the Senate. (Motion was agreed to.)

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Inasmuch as we passed a vote some time ago which provided that no special legislation should be received after January 31st, I move that the Senate refuse to accept any special legislation undertaking to place a bill before the Senate.

The motion was agreed to.

#### Judiciary

Mr. Deering of York presented bill, An Act defining prostitution, lewdness and assignation and providing punishments therefor.

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Parent of Androscoggin, An Act to create the office of purchasing agent and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

#### Public Health

By Mr. Gordon of York, An Act relative to diseases, infectious, contagious or dangerous to public health.

#### Public Utilities

By Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, An Act to amend Section 39, Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to increase or decrease of capital stock, or stock, bond or scrip dividend. (500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Orders

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted the committee on legal affairs for the afternoon of March 4.

#### Bills in First Reading

S. D. 109: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of superintending school committees.

S. D. 110: Resolve in favor of John

P. Hancy of Bangor, Penobscot county, Maine.

S. D. 112: An Act to authorize the Brunswick & Topsham Water District to adjust a claim for overcharge.

S. D. 113: An Act to repeal Sections 54 and 55 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes relating to appropriations for the State prison.

S. D. 114: An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes relating to county jails.

S. D. 115: An Act to establish the Lubec & Machias Railway Co.

S. D. 116: Resolve for further public instruction in forestry.

S. D. 117: An Act to provide an appropriation for general forestry purposes.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Ames for the committee on education, on An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relative to school conveyance (Senate No. 28), reported same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Walker for the same committee, on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for maintenance and for the payment of existing deficit, submitted the same in a new draft under the title of "Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for maintenance," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Emerson for the committee on interior waters, on Resolve in aid of navigation on Moosehead Lake, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Davies for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 93 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relative to the time of holding the civil terms of the municipal court of the town of Farmington, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Dearth for the same committee, on An Act in relation to the acts or omissions of a child more than seven years of age and under 16 years of age, this act to be known and styled the "Act of juvenile delinquency," submitted the same in a new draft under the title of bill, "An Act in relation to the acts or omissions of a child more than eight years and under 16

years of age," this act to be known and styled as the "Act of juvenile delinquency," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Gurney for the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend the charter of the Lubec Water Company, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Peacock for the committee on sea and shore fisheries, on An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in the tide-waters of Roque Harbor in the town of Jonesport, submitted a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

H. D. 36. An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes.

H. D. 37. An Act to amend Chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to dental hygienists.

H. D. 38. An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes relating to the State board of dental examiners.

H. D. 43. Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the repair of Fort William Henry at Pemaquid, in the town of Bristol, Maine.

H. D. 48. An Act to amend Chapter 613 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by Chapter 314 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to establish the Western Hancock municipal court."

H. D. 65. Resolve proposing an amendment to article 7 of the Constitution relating to military.

H. D. 174. An Act for the rating and standardization of schools.

H. D. 183. An Act to authorize the merging of the corporate existence of Aroostook Northern Railroad Company with and into the corporate existence of Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company.

H. D. 184. Resolve in favor of Mitchell M. Nicolai, representative of Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

S. D. 99. Resolve authorizing DeForest Keyes to bring a suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine.

S. D. 100. An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Stat-

utes relating to the time of payment of legacies.

H. D. 91: An Act amending Chapter 301 of the Public Laws of 1917, an Act additional to Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes relating to public health. (On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading.)

H. D. 93: An Act amending Section 9 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health. (On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading.)

#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks outside the State.

This bill carrying an emergency clause required a two-thirds vote of the Senate. Twenty-nine senators voting for the passage of the bill it was passed to be enacted.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Passadumkeag Lumber Company to erect and maintain booms and piers in the Penobscot river.

An Act to extend the authority of the American Thread Company to erect a bridge across the Sebec river in the town of Milo.

An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in the tidewaters of Pembroke river in the town of Pembroke.

An Act to establish a superior court in the county of Penobscot.

An Act to amend Section 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 194 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, amending the Act establishing a municipal court for the city of Auburn.

An Act to amend Section 58 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the protection of forest fire signs.

An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the time of the opening and closing of polls at elections.

An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 155 of the Private and Spe-

cial Laws of 1917, entitled an Act to authorize the town of Yarmouth to supply gas and electricity, and to amend the same.

An Act to extend the charter of the Salisbury Cove Water Company.

An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unclean milk and unclean cream containers.

An Act to provide for conducting scientific investigation bearing upon the agriculture of Aroostook county.

An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes, relating to hearings in the case of violation of the apple packing law. (On motion by Mr. Deering of York, tabled.)

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to municipal officers maintaining standards of weights and measures.

An Act to amend Chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, relating to an Act to establish a municipal court in the city of Lewiston.

An Act relating to the sale of standing wood and timber on islands within the limits of the Indian reservation of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

In the House this bill was recommended to the committee on Indian affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Senate voted to concur with the action of the House.

#### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: Specially assigned for today is the joint resolution presented by the senator from York, Senator Deering.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, this resolution is in regard to a matter which at the present time is being discussed by a great many people of the country, and by all congressmen and by the President of the United States. There has arisen without any doubt a violent difference of opinion in regard not only to the plan but to the details of the plan of the league of nations. In order that the Senate may have the

advantage of hearing all the discussions going on in the country at the present time and hearing all things that take place about it, I move that this resolution be further tabled and that next Wednesday morning be assigned for its consideration.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I ask the senator from York, Senator Deering, if he would have any objection to having it referred to a committee, that all sides might be heard before a committee? It seems to me, Mr. President, it is one of those matters that would naturally go to a committee to be heard.

The PRESIDENT: Will the senator from York, Senator Deering, reply to the inquiry of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies?

Mr. DEERING: Why, I have no objection to the committee on reference making such disposition of it as they see fit.

Mr. DAVIES: That is very satisfactory to me.

The PRESIDENT: The senator from York, Senator Deering, withdraws his motion, and further moves that it be referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. DAVIES: (To Senator Deering) Was that your motion?

Mr. DEERING: No.

The PRESIDENT: Will the senator inform the Chair just what his motion was?

Mr. DEERING: What I said was, I had no objection to the committee on reference referring it to an appropriate committee. I understand, however, that there is quite a lot of objection on the part of some of the senators to referring that particular resolution to a committee because the speakers that we are able to obtain cannot come here exactly on the times that committee meet. We were successful in obtaining Senator Poindexter and Senator Hale to speak in regard to it in some particulars, and we were successful in having Courtenay Crocker and Talcott Williams speak on the other side of it; and it might be difficult to arrange a committee hearing when any man of the prominence of those men whom I have mentioned could be here. But if we lay it on the

table for a week and take advantage of the discussions going on, and if the suggestion which I think the President of the Senate has made that Senator Lodge be invited to address a joint convention of the Legislature in regard to it be carried out, the object of the gentleman from Cumberland, Senator Davies, will be accomplished as well.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of the senator from York that the bill lie on the table and that next Wednesday be assigned for its consideration.

Mr. DAVIES: I don't know that I quite understand the answer of the senator from York, Senator Deering, to the question addressed him by the Chair. Do I understand that there is no objection on his part to the committee on reference sending this resolution to any committee which it may select for the purpose of a hearing? And to that he shakes his head, and therefore I assume that the matter may be referred to the committee on reference for the purpose of referring it.

Mr. DEERING: If the committee on reference thinks that is a matter to come before a committee, I have no objection to it.

Mr. DAVIES: Then, Mr. President, should not the motion be that it be referred to the committee on reference for them to report?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would rule that the pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from York, Senator Deering, that it be tabled and specially assigned for one week from today—next Wednesday.

Mr. DAVIES: Yes, Mr. President, I so understand the question, but I also understand that providing the senator from York, Senator Deering, does not care to withdraw that motion and make the motion that it be referred to a committee on reference, that the motion stands.

Mr. DEARTH of Penobscot: Mr. President, I feel personally as though I would like to see this matter lie on the table for the present. I think that every member of the Senate, regardless of any political affiliations, is in favor of the object of the conference of nations; the method—no one for the present knows just the best one to

adopt. It seems to me that it is best for us to wait and listen and not criticise or take any definite stand on the question for the present. So it seems to me better that this matter lie upon the table until Wednesday of next week, and then we may be in a position to decide whether we want to take a definite position on the question. If so, then as the senator from Cumberland suggests, have it referred to a committee and then discussed. My position is that I think for the present the less we discuss it the better, and I do not mean by that to criticise in the least; listen and let those who are handling this question, whom we have reason to believe are competent to handle it, let them handle it, and when they have decided, then we will approve of what they say or we will criticise, but not criticise now.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the pending question is on the motion of the senator from York, that this bill lie on the table and that Wednesday of next week be assigned for its consideration.

Mr. DAVIES: Perhaps I might make my meaning a little clearer. I desire to say to the senator from Penobscot, Senator Dearth, that I was not criticising the resolution in any way. The only purpose of my motion to refer the resolution to a committee was that it might be fully discussed there, and then report might be made by the committee to the Senate.

Mr. DEARTH: Do not think that I intended to infer at all that you were criticising. I spoke in a general way that we cannot discuss at the present time without criticising either for or against; so I think we better not say anything about it at the present time—but take another week to consider the matter.

Mr. THORNTON: Mr. President, it seems to me that as this matter is of national importance that perhaps a week would be too short to listen to this matter, and that it would be better to refer it to some committee, committee on federal relations or some appropriate committee, who would have time to gather together the information that the men of na-

tional interests are putting before the public on this matter, and that then, when reported back to the Senate, the Senate will be in a better position to consider the question. I hope that the question will be referred to some committee.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the passage of the motion of the senator from York, Senator Deering, that this bill lie on the table and be specially assigned for Wednesday of next week.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: Under the order introduced yesterday all bills come off of the table automatically Wednesday of this week.

Coming under that order the Chair lays before the Senate the majority report, ought to pass, and the minority report, ought not to pass, on bill, An Act granting to women the right to vote for Presidential electors, S. D. 16, and the Chair recognizes Senator Gannett.

Mr. GANNETT of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the majority report, ought to pass.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the vote be taken by yeas and nays.

A sufficient number having arisen the yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the acceptance of the majority report. Those voting yes vote to accept the majority report, and those voting no do not accept the majority report.

The secretary called the roll. Those voting yes were: Messrs. Babb, Baxter, Butler, Cobb, Davies, Dearth, Deering, Emerson, Folsom, Gannett, Googin, Grant, Gurney, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Lord, Metcalf, Parent, Peacock, Stanley, Thombs, Thornton, Tuttle, Walker—25. Those voting no were Messrs. Ames, Chick, Clement, Creighton, Gordon, Ricker—6. Twenty-five senators having voted in the affirmative and six in the negative the majority report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Gannett the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading and its second reading was assigned for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes relating to indexes in the registries of deeds. The pending question is the second reading.

Mr. LORD of York: Mr. President, I yield to the senator from Androscoggin, Senator Parent.

Mr. PARENT of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I move that this bill have its second reading.

Mr. WALKER of Somerset: Mr. President, in view of the fact that the hearing before the committee on legal affairs was very poorly attended, there was not a full committee meeting, and that there are various parties who desire to appear before that committee in relation to this bill, I ask that it be recommended to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President, as chairman of the committee I desire to ask if I understood correctly the senator from Somerset to say that there was not a full meeting of the committee?

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, may I ask the senator, through the Chair, to repeat his question?

Mr. THOMBS: I understood the senator to make the statement that there was not a full committee meeting. I inferred from what he said that the committee was proceeding without a quorum.

Mr. WALKER: Oh, no, I didn't mean that there wasn't a quorum present, but members of the committee were not present. The main point which I wish to make is that there are parties that would like to appear before the committee in reference to this measure.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President and fellow senators, as chairman of the committee which heard this matter, I simply desire to say that the matter was advertised in the usual and regular way, and that at the hearing there was more than a quorum of the committee, and that every person who appeared there had his opportunity to be heard. I am

not opposing the gentleman's motion at all, but I do not want the Senate to understand that the committee did not give a full opportunity for every one interested to be heard.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I inquire, please, just what the reason is for recommitting?

The PRESIDENT: Will the senator from Somerset answer the inquiry of the senator from Cumberland?

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, I will state that the county which I have the honor to represent would desire to be heard upon this matter. We have been to considerable expense in our county in fitting up for a card index, providing steel cases to hold the cards, and we would like a further hearing on this matter. We feel that it would be rather unjust to force us to give up what has seemed satisfactory to every one who has to do with the registry of deeds office in our county. And I thought that if it was recommitting to the committee on legal affairs that the thing might be worked out satisfactorily to all concerned.

The PRESIDENT: Does that answer the inquiry?

Mr. DAVIES: Yes, Mr. President. May I ask the chairman of the committee if he makes any objection to having it recommitting?

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President and fellow senators, there is no objection on my part, and so far as I know perhaps on the part of any member of the committee. I tried to state to the Senate distinctly and clearly the position of the committee. This particular matter had the same advertising that is given to every bill that has been referred to our committee, and every person who appeared there either for or against, at the appointed time, had his opportunity to be heard. The committee, I think, are ready to acquiesce in the will of the Senate. If you think that it is proper to honor the gentleman's motion and recommit the matter to the committee, we have no objection.

Mr. FOLSOM of Somerset: Mr. President, fellow senators, it is impossible that the importance of this

matter to Somerset county escaped the attention of the senators, and when the matter was brought to our attention we found that it was going to make quite a large expense to our county to make the change from the present system which has proved to be a very satisfactory system to us. We have the good fortune perhaps to have among our attorneys in Somerset county one of the expert title examiners of the State. Perhaps he does as much of that work as any other man in the State, and he has found this card index system to be very satisfactory, and he objects very strenuously to having the change made in our county. But what I wish to bring to your attention, fellow senators, is this, that as I said in starting, possibly the matter escaped our attention, and we would like to ask the courtesy of the Senate in having this bill recommitting to the committee.

Mr. PARENT of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I desire to accommodate the senators from Somerset, and providing it causes no unnecessary delay, as far as I am concerned I am willing that it should be recommitting, if done promptly, and acted upon and returned promptly. This is a matter which arose in the county of Androscoggin some time ago and is a matter which is of great importance to the people who have business with any registry of deeds in this State. This card index, which under the present statute is optional with counties, and this bill providing for a repeal of the use of the card index—this bill was presented by me on account of a certain matter which arose in our county whereby a certain party—I do not care to discuss names on either side, I merely wish to state the facts which occurred there. There was recorded in the county of Androscoggin a warranty deed and also an index of a mortgage, and a certain party in that county, very well known and very familiar with the system of the registry of deeds, extracted the title index to this mortgage, after which he secured a loan from a certain loan and building association, and as a result later on the first mortgagee presented his mortgage to the loan and building association, and as a

result they lost several thousand dollars.

Mr. DAVIES: Will the senator from Androscoggin bear with me just a moment and let me say through the Chair, with great deference to the senator, that we are not discussing the merits of the bill. The only question before the Senate is the matter of the recommitment. I hope the senator will not take offense.

Mr. PARENT: I certainly will not. I wanted to make this matter plain before the matter is referred. The pending question now is on the second reading of this bill.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Chair understand the senator from Androscoggin that he desires to withdraw that motion at this time agreeably to the request of the other senators for recommitment to the committee?

Mr. PARENT: Providing it will be done promptly.

The PRESIDENT: I have great confidence, senator, in the legal affairs committee. The Chair would assure the senator from Androscoggin that the matter will be very expeditiously handled, I am sure.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, as chairman of the legal affairs committee, I desire to thank you for your very complimentary remark regarding this committee, but I should like to inquire just what the senator means by handling the matter expeditiously. If we take it back in the committee shall we re-advertise it? If we do not, possibly we may meet the same situation sometime hence that we are considering today.

The PRESIDENT: I would ask the senator from Somerset, Senator Walker, to answer the inquiry, if he please, through the Chair, of the senator from Penobscot.

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, it was because the people in my county and in other counties did not really know what they were up against that they did not appear at the last hearing, and I think that they would like to have the matter advertised and have the hearing upon the subject matter as soon thereafter as in their judgment would be the proper time. I would say to the senators that I have no desire to delay action upon this matter.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President and fellow senators, then I will consider that the committee will feel that if the matter is recommitment it will come as a new matter and will be advertised in the regular way.

The PRESIDENT: That would be the understanding of the Chair through the senator from Somerset, Senator Walker.

The pending question, on the withdrawal of the motion of the senator from Androscoggin, Senator Parent, is that this be recommitment to the committee on legal affairs.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, to provide for a uniform poll tax. The pending question is the acceptance of the report of the committee on concurrence.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. President, I was asked to have this tabled by parties who were interested in it and I have not heard from them yet. I would request that it be re-tabled and assigned for one week from today.

The motion was agreed to and the bill assigned for one week from today.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 117, An Act to amend Sections 3 and 5 of Chapter 37, Revised Statutes, regulating the sale of milk.

Mr. THORNTON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I have under consideration an amendment which I wish to offer to that bill and would like to have the matter reassigned for Friday of this week.

The motion was agreed to and the bill assigned for Friday of this week.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate S. D. 38, An Act relating to schooling in unorganized territory.

Mr. THORNTON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I have had some correspondence in regard to that matter and am awaiting replies from parties, and I would move that it lie on the table and be assigned for March 12.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 146, An Act regulating the taking of clams in the town of Swan's Island.

Mr. PEACOCK of Washington: Mr. President, I desire to retable this bill and assign it for Wednesday. The reason for this request is that there is general legislation that will cover this and that this special legislation will be unnecessary.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Resolve in favor of Esther M. Giles, the pending question being reference to committee on military affairs in concurrence.

The Chair would state for the information of the Senate that this is a private and special bill, and under the vote taken by the Senate this resolve is indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate joint order relative to printing all bills and resolves before reference to committees, the pending question being passage in concurrence.

For the information of the Senate the Chair would state the purpose of this bill was to have every bill printed whether it passed or not. It would seem to the Chair that this order was entirely unnecessary.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the joint order was indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 35, An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes relating to the practicing of dentistry. The pending question is the assignment of a time for a second reading.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that a time be assigned for a second reading of this bill.

The motion was agreed to and the President assigned tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, under the order, I pre-

sume that the next resolve has been taken from the table. I move the adoption of House amendment A in concurrence.

The motion was agreed to and H. D. 98 as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move we reconsider the vote whereby we passed to its second reading H. D. 38, an Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State board of dental examiners.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, I now move that the bill lie on the table.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, may I ask the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies, if that bill may be assigned at the same time as the other dental bill.

Mr. DAVIES: Yes, Mr. President, my understanding is that under the general order it would come up automatically next Wednesday. Would that be satisfactory?

Mr. DEERING: I understood the other bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Mr. DAVIES: No, it is to have its second reading tomorrow morning. There was no assignment, but it went along in the usual course and will receive its second reading tomorrow morning.

The PRESIDENT: I will state that is the fact.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, I tabled this morning a bill in relation to the Steep Falls Water Co. for the purpose of allowing parties interested to frame an amendment. I understand that the amendment has been framed, and I now move to take that bill from the table. It is in the engrossed bills—bills on their passage to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair desires to correct an error. In the motion of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies, which was that we reconsider the vote whereby H. D. 38 was given its second reading,

it should have been to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. The Chair would substitute this motion for the motion made by Senator Davies.

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The PRESIDENT: Will you give the title of the bill in relation to the Steep Falls Water Co.?

Mr. DAVIES: It is an Act to incorporate the Steep Falls Water Co. I arose for the purpose of offering the amendment which Senator Deering referred to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state for the information of the Senate that this bill was tabled pending its first reading. Under advice by the Chair some time ago I would suggest that the amendment be not offered until the second reading.

Mr. DEERING: The name of the company, as I understand it, is the Steep Falls Water Co., and it came in with the bills you have on your

right to be engrossed, and was read, and pending its passage to be engrossed I move that it lie on the table.

The PRESIDENT: The title of the bill I have here as tabled by Senator Deering, pending its first reading, is An Act to incorporate the Steep Falls Water Co.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, that is the bill I wish to amend when the rules of the Senate will permit me to do so.

The PRESIDENT: That would be tomorrow morning.

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On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, H. D. 93, An Act amending Section 9 of Chapter 19, relating to public health, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was given its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

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On motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, adjourned.