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## SENATE

Thursday, March 6, 1919.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

### House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 277: Resolve making an appropriation to support the bureau of horticulture.

H. D. 279: An Act amending Section 41, Chapter 36, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the department of agriculture, providing for the collection and examination of samples of feeding stuffs, fertilizers, insecticides, seeds, foods and drugs.

H. D. 284: Resolve making appropriation for support of bureau of weights and measures.

H. D. 304: An Act to amend Chapter 218, Public Laws 1917, providing for the establishment of a bureau of markets.

H. D. 305: An Act to amend Chapter 141, Public Laws of 1917, providing for the improvement and certification of seed.

H. D. 298: Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Scarborough.

H. D. 287: An Act to amend Sections 128 and 130 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to certification of teachers.

H. D. 288: Resolve in favor of Ellie L. Stafford for teacher's pension.

H. D. 289: An Act to amend Section 107 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of teachers' salaries.

H. D. 280: Resolve making an appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the years 1919 and 1920.

H. S. 300: Resolve appropriating money for the maintenance of Teachers' Old Home, on Old Town, Indian Island, No. 1.

H. D. 285: An Act to amend Section 67 of Chapter 33 of the Revised

Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the licensing of taxidermists.

H. D. 294: An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of moose.

H. D. 297: An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the sale and purchase of certain protected fish.

H. D. 296: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indecent exposure.

H. D. 286: An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington-Oakland Interurban Railway.

H. D. 290: An Act amending the charter of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company.

H. D. 292: An Act to extend the charter of the Investment Insurance and Guaranty Company.

H. D. 283: Resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of an index to the Private and Special Laws and to the Resolves of the State of Maine.

H. D. 281: An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 76 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the powers of the Public Utilities Commission.

H. D. 282: An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, relating to powers of public utilities.

H. D. 293: An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad.

H. D. 255: An Act to provide for physical education in public schools.

H. D. 214: An Act to amend Section 86 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the disposition of money collected under the provisions of the inland fish and game laws.

H. D. 308: An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of

1917, relating to the protection of game birds.

H. D. 266: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 217 of the Acts and Resolves of 1917, relative to carrying dangerous weapons without a license.

H. D. 202: Resolve in favor of the State department of health.

From the House: Report of the committee on public utilities reporting ought to pass on bill, An Act to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge between Portland and South Portland, H. D. 45.

In the House this was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, it was

Voted, that the Senate concur with the House in its reference of the bill to the committee on legal affairs.

From the House: Report of the committee on public utilities, reporting ought not to pass on bill, An Act to amend section two of chapter 56 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, as amended by chapter 203 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to the water supply of Boothbay Harbor.

In the House this was committed to the committee on public utilities.

On motion by Mr. Lord of York, it was

Voted, that the Senate concur with the House in recommitting the bill to the committee on public utilities.

H. D. 330: Resolve relating to the erection of a free highway bridge across and over the Piscataqua river from some point in Kittery, York county, in the State of Maine, to some point in Portsmouth, Rockingham county, in the state of New Hampshire.

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

#### **Banks and Banking**

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to amend section 16 of chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the registration fees of dealers in

securities and their agents or salesmen.

#### **Education**

By Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, An Act to amend section 55 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to supervisory unions appeals.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Metcalf of Piscataquis, Petition of William A. Furber and 23 others, residents of Bath, Maine, in favor of the resident hunters' registration law.

#### **Ways and Bridges**

By Mr. Peacock of Washington, An Act to amend chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes as amended by the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the registration and operation of motor vehicles. (500 copies ordered printed.)

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

S. D. 150: Resolve in favor of the State School for Girls.

S. D. 151: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys.

S. D. 152: An Act providing for the examination and review of historical matter for publication of which State aid is asked of the Legislature.

S. D. 155: An Act to amend sections six, 10 and 33 of chapter six of the Revised Statutes, relating to primary elections and filing of nomination certificates.

S. D. 157: Resolve in favor of the several academies, institutes, seminaries and colleges, for maintenance, repairs and improvements.

S. D. 158: An Act to amend chapter 429 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, with reference to the Winthrop Municipal court.

#### **Reports of Committees**

Mr. Thompson for the committee on Public Utilities on An Act to authorize the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to issue bonds for refunding and other purposes, (Senate No. 17), submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Folsom for the same committee on An Act to authorize the Winterport Water Company to issue bonds for refunding and other purposes, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

From the House:

Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relative to the office of forest commissioner, reporting that the Senate should recede and concur with the House.

In the Senate this bill was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

In the House the bill was referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation in non-concurrence.

The pending question being the acceptance of the report of the committee of conference.

The report of the committee of conference was accepted.

#### **Passed to Be Engrossed**

H. D. 203: An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to penalty for practising dentistry without certificate.

Mr. Parent of Androscoggin offered Senate Amendment A to House Doc. 203, to amend by inserting after the word "law" in the sixth line thereof the words "or whoever shall practise dentistry under a false or assumed name or under the license or registration of another person of the same name or under the name of any corporation, company, association, parlor or trade name."

The pending question being the adoption of Senate amendment A.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill then received its second reading as amended, and was passed to be engrossed.

H. D. 258: An Act to amend Chapter 401 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Private and Special laws of 1909, entitled An Act for the protection of salmon, alewives and

smelts in Pleasant river, Washington county.

H. D. 260: An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to the manner of signing certificates of shares.

H. D. 268: An Act to amend Chapter 358 of Private and Special Laws of 1867 entitled An Act to incorporate the Great Works Log Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 466 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868.

H. D. 269: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the organization of corporations for literary, charitable, educational and other purposes.

H. D. 270: An Act to incorporate the Chase Stream Improvement Company.

H. D. 271: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1819 as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 152 of the Public Laws of 1823, relating to ministerial funds in the town of Bridgton.

H. D. 272: An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

H. D. 273: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais, with reference to the Calais municipal court.

H. D. 276: An Act to incorporate the Industry Water Company.

H. D. 278: Resolve in favor of Hahnel Bros. & Co., for labor and material furnished by them in the construction of the Woman's Reformatory at Skowhegan. (Tabled pending its second reading on motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland.)

H. D. 299: Resolve appropriating money for the payment to Delano Mill Co. of Portland for material furnished in the construction of Stevens cottage at Skowhegan, for the Reformatory for Women.

(Tabled pending its second reading on motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland.)

S. D. 101: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relative to the tenure of office of the land agent.

#### **Passed to Be Enacted**

An Act to amend chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to dental hygienists.

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.

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

An Act to amend section 9 of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health.

An Act to amend the charter of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

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.

An Act to make valid the organization of the Second Christian Society of Kittery, Maine, under the Revised Statutes of 1841.

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

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

An Act granting compensation to the members of the Maine Library Commission.

An Act to amend chapter 205 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to annual report of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Maine.

An Act to amend section 74 of chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the establishment of Public libraries.

An Act relating to publications of State departments and institutions.

An Act to amend section 38 of chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of deer.

An Act to amend sections 2 and 6 of chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to non-resident fishing licenses.

An Act to provide for retiring and pensioning employees of the State of Maine.

An Act to amend section 91 of chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the annual statement of conditions of insurance companies, and providing a penalty for neglect to file the statement.

An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 211 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, as amended by Chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909 and Chapter 146 of the Private and Special laws of 1915, relating to clerk hire in the Bangor municipal court.

An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the time of payment of legacies

An Act to amend Sections 42 and 43 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the publication of ancient vital statistics.

An Act to amend Chapter 215 of the Public Laws of 1887, entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Saco.

An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of members of the Board of Dental Examiners. (Tabled pending its passage to be enacted on motion of Mr. Thombs of Penobscot)

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

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to stenographers of the supreme judicial court.

### Finally Passed

Resolve appropriating money for the purchase of traveling libraries for high schools.

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

Resolve proposing an amendment to Article 7 of the constitution, relating to military.

The PRESIDENT: This resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution requires a two-thirds vote of all the senators elected; all those in favor

of the final passage of the resolve will rise and stand until counted.

A rising vote being taken,

Twenty-five voted in the affirmative.

A sufficient number having voted in favor, the resolve was finally passed.

Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, empowering the Legislature to authorize towns to have more than one voting place for all State and national elections.

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Resolve in favor of Mitchell M. Nicol, representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

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

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians to aid in the purchase of a hearse.

Resolve for the appointment of a committee for the purpose of celebrating the glorious victory for the national prohibition amendment.

Resolve, in favor of Ida E. Heath of Chelsea, Maine, as additional compensation for death of husband.

Resolve, in favor of John L. Mitchell, representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Resolve, in favor of William F. Livingston.

Resolve, appropriating money to provide offices for the adjutant general's department and fire-proof apartments for the records and documents thereof. (Tabled pending its final passage on motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland.)

From the House: Bill, An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to regular sessions of the county commissioners of Hancock county.

This bill comes from the House amended by the adoption of House Amendment A.

The pending question being on the adoption of House Amendment A in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by the same gentleman House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate chamber be granted to the Portland delegation for the evening of March 19th for an entertainment to be given to the members of the Legislature.

Mr. GANNETT of Kennebec: Mr. President, I should like unanimous consent to introduce a resolve out of order.

The PRESIDENT: The senators have heard the request of the senator from Kennebec that he be permitted to introduce a resolve out of order.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I do not care to say anything about the resolve until after it has been introduced into the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate to grant permission to the senator from Kennebec, Senator Gannett, to introduce a resolve out of order? (Permission was granted.)

The secretary then read the resolve, as follows:

Resolve to authorize and instruct the Governor and Council to erect a statue in memory of the sons of Maine who served in the World War.

Whereas, it is the duty of the State to commemorate by a suitable memorial the valor and fortitude with which the American soldiers in the present war have borne their heavy burden on weary marches, endured the torments of the trenches, and

facing the most frightfully destructive weapons that a ruthless foe could devise, pressed on to victory despite gas and flame attacks, through barrage and against machine-gun fire, spurning dangers and overcoming difficulties unknown in previous wars and accounted insurmountable; and

Whereas the glorious achievements of the sons of Maine throughout the war have reflected honor on the State,

Therefore, as a public token of appreciation of their heroic sacrifice and service to the State and nation, and in order that we and those who come after us may draw inspiration from a visible illustration of their patriotic devotion,

Resolved, that the Governor and Council be and hereby are authorized and instructed to contract on behalf of the State and to pay for out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a bronze statue, of life size or larger, with a suitable granite base or pedestal, with appropriate bronze tablets, to be erected on the State House grounds; and that this bronze statue shall represent, not a "common soldier," for there were no "common soldiers," but an American soldier, in heavy marching order, carrying his rifle and kit—a soldier wet, muddy, tired, but a dauntless crusader still; his bearing that of a man who fights with religious fervor for a great ideal, and fighting thus achieves an overwhelming victory.

Mr. GANNETT: Mr. President, I move it be referred to the committee on military.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, I move that a request be sent from the Senate to the House, that the resolve be read in the House before reference to the committee on military affairs there in concurrence.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. GURNEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the senator from York, Mr. Deering.

Mr. DEERING: I am not sure, but I hardly think that the vote was put referring this resolve of Senator Gannett's to the military affairs commit-

tee in the Senate. The record will disclose that.

(The reporter then read the record.)

Mr. DEERING: It seems to me the Senate ought to pass a vote referring the resolve of Senator Gannett to the military affairs committee.

The PRESIDENT: The senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies, raised the point that before reference to a committee the resolve be referred to the House, and his motion was carried.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, I do not think the senator from York, Senator Deering, will object to having the resolve read in the House before it is referred to the committee on military affairs.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, I understand that, and I agree with the idea perfectly. My purpose in rising is that I do not remember that the Senate voted to refer this resolve to the committee on military affairs.

The PRESIDENT: You are correct.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, it seems to me that that is the motion that had precedence, that the Senate should vote to refer this particular resolve to the committee on military affairs, and that the motion of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies, was that it be read in the House of Representatives before it was referred to the committee on military affairs in concurrence. Now there can be no concurrent action unless we refer it first to the committee on military affairs.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the senator from York, Senator Deering, that the motion of the senator from Kennebec, Senator Gannett, was not seconded, but the motion of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies, was seconded.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, may I have read the motion of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies?

The PRESIDENT: The reporter will read the motion of Senator Davies.

(The reporter read the motion.)

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, "in concurrence,"—that is my point; that



the House of Representatives cannot refer this particular matter to any committee in concurrence until we have first referred it to a committee.

Mr. DEARTH of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would like to ask if this is a joint resolution?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state it is in the form of a resolve.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President: I do not know that I understand just the point that the senator from York, Senator Deering, is trying to make, or does make. It makes no difference to me whatever whether the resolve is referred to the committee on military affairs by the Senate at the present time or not. If he has a preference for that procedure, then I, of course, make no objection to it. I only wanted to bring before the Senate by motion my view that this very important resolution should be read in the House before it was referred—nothing but that. And if I misunderstood the motion, Mr. President, I am very sorry.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would ask the information from the stenographer if the motion was put that it be referred to the committee on military affairs?

(The reporter read the record.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will rule that the resolve can go to the House without concurrent action of this body.

Mr. WALKER of Somerset: Mr. President, I wish to call the attention of the senators to a clerical error which appears in the report of the committee on S. D. 150, which is a resolve in favor of the State School for Girls; also a clerical error that appears in S. D. 151, which is a resolve in favor of the State School for Boys. The error is this: It states that it is reported by Mr. Walker for the committee on education; it should read Mr. Walker for the committee on state school for boys, state school for girls and reformatory for women.

The PRESIDENT: It being a clerical error, Senator Walker, I think that a correction can be made and due credit given to the senator from Somerset, Senator Walker.

Mr. GURNEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I wish to ask a suspension of the rules in order that we may reconsider a vote of February 28, by which the Senate voted to adhere to its former action in indefinitely postponing a resolution in favor of Mrs. Esther M. Giles of Boothbay Harbor.

This resolution calls for the payment of \$84.88 to Mrs. Giles, and was introduced into the House after the time had elapsed when we had voted that no special matters should be received. It passed the House and came before this Senate; on the motion of Senator Ames it was laid upon the table, and then subsequently indefinitely postponed. It was referred again to the House and the House voted to ask for a committee of conference and to insist upon its former action. On my own motion, given without a full understanding of the facts, last Friday, we adhered to our former action. Since that time I have come to learn that the situation is somewhat acute in this matter, and I feel that the matter should be laid before the Senate, and then I propose to move that we reconsider our former vote, recede from our position, and concur in the appointment of a committee of conference.

Mrs. Esther M. Giles is a widow. Her husband, surrounded with the exemption from military service of a married man, voluntarily entered the service and went to France. He was killed in action October 3, 1918, and Mrs. Giles made application under chapter 276 of the Public Laws of 1917, for support and an advancement from the State of Maine. She made this defectively so that it never was granted. But subsequently to that time she made a written application, and this written application was honored by the selectmen and she had been receiving her contribution from the State of Maine.

The reason that this matter should have our especial consideration is the fact that a bill is now pending before the Legislature which abolishes chapter 276 of the Laws of 1917, so that that opportunity for payment of this \$84.88 is no longer open to her.

After Mr. Giles had gone to France there was born a baby boy and the

letters from the mother breathed the love that she felt for that infant whose father never was to see him; and I can imagine that as he marched to his post of duty under the stars of heaven at night, filled with misgivings for his own future, doubtful what the future might hold for him, he never had a single doubt that the State of Maine would hold out a helping hand to that wife and that infant, while he was away in the discharge of his duty. I feel that we want to measure up to the expectation of that man, who laid down his life in defense of those principles that we sought to embody this morning in tablets of bronze and in monuments of stone,—that we can exceed even the emotions that we desire to express by the resolve of Senator Gannett in a more human way by listening to the appeal of this helpless woman in Boothbay Harbor who asks merely for \$84.88, which the State has abundantly provided for her. That boy will some day grow up, having inherited the treasures of a memory of a father who threw away the exemptions that surrounded him and took his place on the frontiers of civilization. That memory should not be obscured by the thought that the door of technicality in the Senate of the State of Maine was shut against his mother while he was a mere infant, and she was not allowed to receive the sum which a preceding Legislature in its wisdom had made possible for her to receive. That blot should be wiped away. The child should never know that the door of technicality shut out this helpless mother.

And so I move. Mr. President, that we reconsider the vote, under suspension of the rules, of February 28, and I shall then move that we recede from our former position and join with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT: The senator from Cumberland, Senator Gurney, asks the unanimous consent of the Senate to reconsider the vote of February 28.

Mr. GURNEY: Mr. President, the question immediately before us is that we suspend the rules and allow a reconsideration of the vote.

The PRESIDENT: Is that the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. GURNEY: Mr. President, I now move that we recede from our former position in which we voted to adhere, and concur with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the reconsideration of our vote to adhere. Is that the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The senator from Cumberland, Senator Gurney, now moves that the Senate join in a committee of conference. Is that the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion was agreed to.

The President thereupon appointed as such committee of conference Senators Gurney of Cumberland, Ricker of Hancock and Baxter of Sagadahoc.

On motion by Mr. Babb of Cumberland, S. D. 135, Resolve in favor of the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator it was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, S. D. 137, Resolve to reimburse the People's Ferry Company of Bath, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator it was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President, in order that we may expedite the business of the Senate as much as possible, I move that we take from the table the Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of members of the board of dental examiners, laid on the table by me this morning on its passage to be enacted.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President and fellow senators, I now move that we reconsider the vote whereby this act was passed to be enacted, and briefly in explanation of my request I wish to

state, and call your attention particularly to H. D. 36.

It came to my attention yesterday that there was a considerable number of the dentists of the State of Maine, both those enjoying the privileges and benefits of the membership in the Maine Dental Society and those not therein included, who had not realized the true import of this matter, and that consequently they had not been present at the hearing and had not, as they felt, had an opportunity to express their views as to the expediency of this proposed legislation.

I have looked this morning and I find that the committee on public health, to which the matter was referred, very properly advertised the same. I have not inquired of this committee with respect to the appearances for the proponents and opponents of the matter and I do not know how full a hearing was had, but I assume from the report that they have sent back that they had at that time no doubt of the wisdom of this proposed legislation.

If you grant me permission to reconsider this matter now, I shall then move that the matter be recommitted to the committee on public health, and that they advertise the same again and give everyone in the State of Maine that is interested an opportunity to be present and to voice their opposition or their desire for the measure as they see fit. Perhaps it is a bit unusual to make this request at this stage of legislative proceedings, well along in the term, but I believe that the Senate, and that the House also, are desirous of doing exact justice in every matter which is brought to their attention. I just briefly want to say that if you will peruse this recommended legislation I think you will agree with me that it is quite unique.

It seeks to limit the appointment that the Governor may make for membership to the board of dental examiners to six members, who may be proposed by this board. And I feel that it is not necessary for me

to remind the senators that this board, if they so were inclined, might arrange things so that they would take from the Governor that discretion in the appointment that I believe very properly belongs to his office.

I do not wish to say more about the bill at this time, but I do feel that the importance of the matter warrants its recommitment to the committee, and after another opportunity has been given I shall look with much interest upon the report of the committee, and I say to you now that if the committee then feel to recommend this matter, it certainly would have my serious consideration before I opposed it again.

The PRESIDENT: The senator from Penobscot will please understand that this bill has not passed to be enacted. A motion to recommit to the committee would be in order.

Mr. THOMBS: I move then, Mr. President, that this matter be recommitted to the committee on public health.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would respectfully ask the various senators if possible to take from the table any bills on the table that we may clean the calendar as far forth as possible, if there is any bill that can be disposed of at this time the Chair would appreciate your action to that end.

May the Chair suggest that all committees as far forth as possible make their final reports by the 15th instant. I trust the chairmen of the various committees will give this their very serious consideration, and if it is possible that they will endeavor to file their final reports by the 15th.

On motion by Mr. Lewis of Lincoln.

Adjourned.