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Tuesday, April 1, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. H. S. Dow of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

(These bills came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules. In the Senate they were given their several readings and were passed to be engrossed, under suspension of the rules, in concurrence.)

H. D. 516: An Act to amend and correct certain clerical errors in Chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the public laws of 1917, relating to inland fisheries and game.

H. D. 503: An Act to incorporate the Wallagrass Dam Company.

(House Amendments A and B adopted in concurrence on motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook.)

H. D. 506: An Act to amend Chapter 230 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the price of Maine Reports.

H. D. 509: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes relating to notice of foreclosure of mortgages of personal property.

H. D. 518: An Act to provide for repairing and maintaining Portland bridge.

(House Amendment A read by the secretary.)

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I inquire what the lines are that are stricken out?

The SECRETARY: "After the repairs of said Portland bridge shall be fully completed and the bridge opened to travel, the county of Cumberland shall be entitled to take possession of said ferry slip and sell or otherwise dispose of the same for the benefit of said county. Whatever

sums are received from such sale shall be paid into the county treasury and applied to the reduction of any expenses incurred hereunder.

Mr. DAVIES: That would be the part of the bill that was stricken out by the amendment?

The PRESIDENT: Yes.

On motion by Mr. Davies, House Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House: The majority report of the committee on legal affairs, ought not to pass, on H. D. 522, An Act relating to the appeal of cases from the supreme judicial and superior courts; and minority report of same committee on same bill, ought to pass in new draft.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, the Senate accepted in concurrence the majority report ought not to pass.

From the House H. D. 519: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 325 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897 as amended by Chapter 17 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, increasing the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Waterville; and to amend Section 13 of Chapter 368 of the Private and special laws of 1909, relating to the judge of the police court of Rockland; and to amend Section 14 of Chapter 368 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909 relating to the recorder of the police court of Rockland.

In the House this bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

In the Senate it was read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House: H. D. 511, An Act to amend Section 40, Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the salary of the clerk of courts for the county of Lincoln.

In the House, House Amendment A was adopted, the bill read the third time under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate the bill was read, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

From the House: H. D. 512, An Act to amend Chapter 166 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 189 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to the Piscataquis municipal court; making the clerk of courts of Piscataquis county recorder of said municipal court and fixing the salary of said recorder.

(Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

From the House: H. D. 510, An Act to amend Section 4, Chapter 446 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, fixing compensation of trustees of the Maine School for the Deaf.

(Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

Mr. FOLSOM of Somerset: Mr. President, we just passed a bill relating to the clerk of courts for Kennebec county. I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we passed that bill, H. D. 511, to be engrossed.

The motion was agreed to and on further motion by the same senator the bill was tabled.

From the House: H. D. 521, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, to provide for additional assistance for the board of State Assessors.

(Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

From the House: H. D. 475, An Act for the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

In the House, House Amendments A, B and C were adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate the several amendments were read by the secretary, and on motion by Mr. Davies of

Cumberland, the bill and accompanying amendments were tabled.

From the House: Report of the committee on ways and bridges, ought not to pass, on resolves for the construction of highways in several counties of the State, came from the House with report accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Resolve relating to the erection of a bridge in Cumberland county to be known as the Maine Memorial Bridge, was taken from the other resolves in this report.

On further motion by the same senator the Resolve was then referred to the next Legislature.

The report was then accepted in concurrence.

Mr. LORD of York, Mr. President, I would like to ask if House Document 505, relating to the construction of fish ways, has been acted upon. I was absent from the room during the early part of the session.

The PRESIDENT: No, sir.

Mr. Grant of Cumberland, presented An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditures of government for the year 1920.

The bill was received and tabled for printing.

Bills in First Reading

(The following bills were read once and then under suspension of the rules were given a second reading and passed to be engrossed, and sent down for concurrence.)

S. D. 300: An Act to amend Section 87 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State auditor.

S. D. 301: An Act relating to the term of service of the city treasurer and collector of the city of Portland.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was tabled.

The following committees submitted their

Final Reports

Military affairs
Taxation.

Passed to Be Enacted

The PRESIDENT: With the permission of the Senate I would like to take up An Act amending Section 71 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the office of the forest commissioner, on account of the fact that the forest commissioner is very much interested in the bill and is about to leave the city. If there is no objection to the bill I will give it its readings at this time.

There being no objection the bill was passed to be enacted.

Finally Passed

Resolve, appointing a committee to revise, collate, arrange and consolidate the collateral inheritance tax and probate laws of the State of Maine.

(On motion by Mr. Deering of York, tabled.)

Resolve, to promote patriotism by displaying the American flag at polling places during election.

Resolve, providing for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of dependent persons in or by certain charitable and benevolent institutions and organizations now owned or controlled by the State, and for other purposes.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to repeal Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, Chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, Chapters 156 and 178 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, and Chapter 75 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, granting the county commissioners of the county of Cumberland the right to sell or lease certain property.

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of superintending school committees.

An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the formation of corporations having stock without par value.

An Act to amend Section 58 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the purposes for which cities and towns may raise money.

An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the name of state in title of a corporation.

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.

An Act to enlarge the powers of trust companies.

An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the sale of timber on Indian Township.

An Act to amend Paragraph 1 of Section 7 of Chapter 19 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to industrial banks.

An Act for the protection of clams within the limits of the Capitol Island Village Corporation in the county of Lincoln.

An Act relating to Martin's Point Bridge, so-called, in the county of Cumberland.

Finally Passed

Resolve, accepting the gift of the home of the late James G. Blaine from his daughter Harriet Blaine Beale in memory of and in the name of her son, Lieutenant Walker Blaine Beale.

Resolve, in favor of Esther M. Giles of Boothbay, for State aid.

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

Resolve, appropriating money to provide offices for the adjutant general's department and fireproof apartments for the records and documents thereof.

Resolve, to appropriate money for the erection and furnishing of buildings for the Reformatory for Women at Skowhegan.

Resolve, providing for aid in the payment of premiums awarded by the Eastern Maine State Fair.

Resolve, in favor of Frank Williams, administrator of the estate of Nicola DiNora, late of Boston, State of Massachusetts.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to provide for the removal of electric wires and poles when necessary for the repair of street or removal of buildings.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to causes determined by the public utilities commission.

An Act to amend Section 146 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 64 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the appropriation for the support of normal and training schools.

An Act to amend Section 137 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the maintaining of evening schools, and to provide for Americanization and the reducing of illiteracy.

An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the employing of clerks and agents by the State superintendent of public schools.

An Act to amend Section 122 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the State superintendent of public schools and providing for the teaching of common school subjects in the English language.

An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 313 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company" as amended by Chapter 272 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and by Chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911.

An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 303 of the Public Laws of 1917, changing the conditions under which loans may be granted by the farm lands loan commissioner.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 304 of

the Public Laws of 1917, entitled "An Act to provide for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges."

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

An Act to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to employ an expert in animal husbandry.

An Act to re-enact Section 24 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, relating to when no succession tax shall be assessed on the stock, bonds and evidences of debt of Maine corporations.

An Act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to vacancies in the membership of superintending school committees.

An Act to provide for the payment of half salaries to judges of probate who retire at the age of 70 after having served as judge at least twenty consecutive years.

An Act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law court.

An Act additional to Section 2 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the definition of banking.

An Act to authorize Horace Cleland to erect and maintain a fish weir in tidewaters in front of his land in the town of Perry.

An Act to prohibit the use of trawls of more than 4000 hooks, or more than 10 nets, within certain waters.

An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the board of registration in Madison.

(On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, tabled.)

An Act to authorize the payment of additional sums for cooperative agriculture.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917 and Chapter 301 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the State department of health.

(On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, tabled.)

Orders of the Day

Mr. FOLSOM of Somerset: Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended so that I may make a motion out of order.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. FOLSOM: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we passed to be engrossed a bill relating to the salary of the clerk of courts of Lincoln county.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state for the information of the senator from Somerset, that that vote has been reconsidered and the bill is now on the table, H. D. 511.

Mr. FOLSOM: Mr. President, I think there is another bill that related to Lincoln county.

The PRESIDENT: This bill refers to the county of Lincoln, but House Amendment A has reference to the county of Kennebec.

Mr. FOLSOM: That is my mistake.

Mr. GRANT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move to take from the table An Act to appropriate money for the expenditures of government for the year 1920.

The motion was agreed to and upon further motion by the same senator the bill was read once and under suspension of the rules was given its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Today Assigned

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Joint order relative to amending joint rules of the Legislature, the pending question being passage of the order.

On motion by Mr. Lord of York, the order was passed and sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate S. D. 288, An Act to increase salaries of certain county officers and amount of money allowed for clerk hire in certain county offices, tabled by the senator from York, Senator Lord, pending passage to be engrossed.

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

Mr. GRANT: Mr. President, in order to correct a clerical error I offer Amendment A to S. D. 288, and move its passage.

The clerk read the amendment as follows:

Senate Amendment A to S. D. 288

Amend the paragraph relating to York county on page 14 of S. D. 288, in the fourth line of said paragraph by inserting after the word "thousand" the word "forty."

The motion was agreed to and the amendment was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland (out of order) it was

Ordered, that the Act amending the charter of the People's Ferry Company be and hereby is recalled from the Governor for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, may I ask the number of the bill, please?

The PRESIDENT: H. D. 459, Senator.

On motion by Mr. Gurney, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby this act was passed to be enacted, and on further motion by the same senator the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Gurney then offered Senate Amendment A to H. D. 459, and moved its passage.

Senate Amendment A to S. D. 459

Amend said Act by adding the following words at the end of Section 10, "but nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with or impair the existing vested rights of any other transportation company."

The motion was agreed to, Senate Amendment A was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, S. D. 166, 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, tabled by the senator from Han-

cock, Senator Ricker, pending adoption of House Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Ricker the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby this was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. RICKER: Mr. President, may I have the amendment read, please?

The secretary read the amendment.

Mr. RICKER: Mr. President, as I understand, this amendment reduces the age limit from 16 to 14 for the registration of drivers of automobiles or motor vehicles, and it does not permit any one under that age to drive a car under any circumstances.

Now it seems to me that the age of 16 is low enough for any one to secure a license, but it does not seem necessary to me that a person under 16 should be refused the right to drive a car when accompanied by a licensed driver, and for that reason I wish to move the indefinite postponement of that amendment, and after that I will offer an amendment.

The motion was agreed to and House amendment A was indefinitely postponed, and the same senator then offered Senate Amendment A, which the secretary read as follows:

Senate Amendment A to Senate Document 166

Section 8 of Senate Document 166 is hereby amended by striking out all after the word two of line three, so that said section shall read:

Section 33 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby renumbered Section 32.

Also further amended by striking out all of Section 32 after the word driving in line 9, so that said section shall read:

Whoever violates any provisions of the nine preceding sections shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50 or by imprisonment not exceeding 10 days. The preceding sections shall not be construed to prevent the operation of motor vehicles by unlicensed persons, if riding with or accompanied by a licensed operator for the purpose of becoming familiar with the use and handling of a motor vehicle, preparatory to taking out license for driving.

On motion by Mr. Ricker, Senate Amendment A was adopted.

Mr. GURNEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I have another amendment, Senate Amendment B, which I offer and move its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment B, as follows:

Senate Amendment B to Senate Bill 166

In Section 22, in the 56th, 67th and 68th lines strike out the following words: "The annual registration fee for side cars used in connection with motor cycles shall be \$2.00."

Also by striking out in line four, page 14 of said bill the word "motor cycle."

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, may I ask the senator from Cumberland, Senator Gurney, if that maintains the same license for motor cycles with side cars as it does when they do not have side cars?

Mr. GURNEY: I understand that it does. The side car is merely an apparatus used in connection with it and there seems to be a lot of opposition from the people who use these that they should be allowed to run these occasionally without an extra license. The second amendment merely allows the owner of a motor cycle to register for half fee from October 1st to January 1st, as the man may who owns an automobile.

The motion was agreed to and Amendment B was adopted.

Mr. LORD of York: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment C and move its adoption.

The secretary read Senate Amendment C as follows:

Senate Amendment C to Senate Document 166

Amend Section 15 of said Senate Document No. 166 by striking out in the 16th, 17th and 18th lines of said section the words "the secretary of State shall sit in judgment at said hearing, which shall be public, and from his decision there shall be no appeal," and inserting in place thereof "the secretary of State shall have authority to make such decree as he deems wise. Any person aggrieved by any regulation, requirement, order or decree made by the secretary of the State, under the authority of this chapter may appeal to the Public Utilities Commission, who, after

notice to the parties and hearing shall have authority to make such order as the rights of the parties and the public welfare may require."

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: It seems to me, Mr. President, that we are getting a good deal of machinery into that law. I move that the act and the amendments lie on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, majority report ought to pass, and minority report, ought not to pass, from committee on public health on bill, An Act to amend Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to medical inspection of school children, tabled by the senator from Aroostook, Senator Thornton, the pending question being, adoption of Senate Amendment A to majority report ought to pass.

Mr. THORNTON: Mr. President, I understand that this bill was indefinitely postponed in the House, and that an amendment is under consideration, which I have not before me at the present time. I therefore move that it be tabled until tomorrow.

Mr. RICKER of Hancock: Mr. President, unless there is some objection on the part of the senator from Aroostook, I have an amendment which I will say strikes out all of that bill after the enacting clause and substitutes four sections in its place, and you will find the amendment printed as S. D. 299.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, do I understand there has been no hearing on this new bill? It seems to me if it strikes out the whole bill and puts in something else it is a question if it can be properly adopted in the House and the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is that the bill lie on the table until tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate An Act to authorize the attorney general to appoint a tax attorney and to prescribe his powers and duties, tabled by the senator from Penobscot, Senator Thombs, pending printing under joint rules.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, other legislation embracing this subject matter is so far on its way that I feel at liberty to make a motion that this matter be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, this bill was reported by the committee on judiciary, ought to pass, and the hearing before the committee disclosed the fact that a tax attorney was needed in the attorney general's office for the purpose of collecting inheritance taxes. The assistant attorney general appeared and stated to the committee that if such a position of tax attorney were created by the Legislature, that he would be able to collect large sums of money from inheritance taxes. I have not seen any reason so far why this bill should be indefinitely postponed. In fact, I have seen all the reasons which were presented by the representative of the attorney general's office why it should become a law, and I would like to inquire of Senator Thombs, if I may, just why the bill should be indefinitely postponed?

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, in reply to the senator from Cumberland, I am authorized to state by the attorney general's office that other legislation is now on its way through these branches to accomplish the same purpose as outlined by the senator, that it is unnecessary to have the two acts, and that it is with the consent and by the advice of the attorney general's office that I make this motion.

Mr. DAVIES: May I ask a question, Mr. President, because the senator from Penobscot, Senator Thombs, did not indicate the act which was to accomplish the purpose, but he evidently has satisfied himself beyond question of doubt, that there is such an act somewhere—could you give us the number of the act?

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, I couldn't give that offhand.

Mr. DAVIES: He probably would have no objection to having the matter go over until tomorrow?

Mr. THOMBS: Oh, no, indeed,—not at all.

On motion by Mr. Davies, tabled.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 482, An Act

to amend Section 3 and Section 12 of Chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes, relating to marking packages of agricultural seeds, tabled by the senator from Cumberland, Senator Gurney, pending assignment of time for second reading.

Mr. GURNEY: Mr. President, at the request of Senator Babb, who is interested in the bill, I desire to have it tabled. Amendments are now being worked out.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 451, An Act to exempt certain public bonds from taxation, tabled by the senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Baxter, pending assignment of time for second reading.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President I am requested by Senator Baxter, who states to me that Senator Dearth has an amendment to offer to this matter, and owing to the illness of Senator Dearth this morning making it impossible for him to be in attendance, to move that this matter lie on the table until tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 323, An Act to amend Section 21, Chapter 82, Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1917, relative to temporary loans by the county commissioners, tabled by the senator from Somerset, Senator Walker, pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, I move we non concur with the House in indefinite postponement of this bill.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is passage to be enacted.

Mr. WALKER: I move, then, that it be passed to be enacted.

The PRESIDENT: This bill having received its three several readings in the House, having received—

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, do I understand that this bill has been indefinitely postponed in the House?

The PRESIDENT: Indefinitely postponed in the House.

Mr. DEERING: I think there must be a misprint somewhere.

The Secretary read as follows: In the House, March 22, taken from the table on motion by Mr. Allen of Portland; the bill with the accompanying amendments was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence. In the Senate next day laid on the table by Mr. Walker, pending passage to be enacted; tabled by Mr. Folsom pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. DEERING: It seems to me, Mr. President, that cannot very well be, that the pending question is the passage to be enacted. It seems to me the question would be to recede and concur with the House in indefinite postponement, or else non-concur with the House.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Either insist or adhere.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

Mr. Walker: Mr. President, I move we non-concur with the House.

Mr. DAVIES: From the record of this bill as read by the Secretary from the desk may I inquire of Senator Walker if it would not perhaps be a little more proper for him to move that we either insist or adhere, and ask for his committee of conference if he wants one, that the matter may be taken up in the House and see if an agreement can be arrived at.

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, I have no interest in the bill. I didn't know I had it on the table. I think it was put on the table by some one else, and I simply want to make the proper motion that will conform to the wishes of the Senate, if anybody knows what that motion is.

The PRESIDENT: It has been stated by the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies. Either one is in order.

Mr. WALKER: I move to insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The motion was agreed to and the President appointed as members of

the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Walker, Davies and Deering.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, joint order to appoint a special committee in relation to the establishment of the State University of Maine, tabled by the senator from York, Senator Deering, pending passage of order.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, I move that the order have a passage.

Mr. WALKER of Somerset: Mr. President in order to make a correction in the report of the committee on education on An Act to establish the State University of Maine and provide for its maintenance, the wording of which report is a little ambiguous—to make it clearer, I move that we reconsider our vote whereby we accepted the report of the committee, in order that I may offer an amendment.

The motion was agreed to and the same Senator then offered Senate Amendment A, and moved its adoption.

The secretary read the amendment, as follows:

Senate Amendment A to report of committee on education to establish the State University of Maine and providing for its maintenance, that same be referred to the next Legislature.

Amend by striking out all after the word "Legislature" and substituting the following words "and ask leave to report the accompanying order with the recommendation that said order be given a passage.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I do not know but the other members of the Senate understand exactly what the amendment aims to accomplish, but it is by no means clear in my mind, and as it occurs to me that the investigation of the State University might be very far reaching in its ramification, I want to be sure I understand the purport of the amendment and the order before I vote on it. Therefore I am asking Senator Walker, through you, Mr.

President, to give us a little explanation in relation to it.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Somerset hears the inquiry of the Senator from Cumberland.

Mr. WALKER: I would say that the amendment in no way changes the wording of the order, simply the wording of the report of the committee, making that report clearer, so that there may be no misunderstanding as to what the committee mean in signing that report.

Mr. DAVIES: May I ask if Senator Walker means the committee that is to report on the result of the investigation?

Mr. WALKER: Not at all; the committee of education making up their report—the wording was a little mite ambiguous.

Mr. DAVIES: Thank you. May I ask further, Mr. President, if the order includes the investigation of any other educational institution in the State except the State University of Maine?

Mr. WALKER: The present order contemplates nothing further.

Mr. RICKER: I do not just understand that that is the report that I signed and I would like to look it over, and I therefore move that the amendment and the accompanying order and report lie on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate H. D. 465, Majority report, ought not to pass, and minority report, ought to pass in new draft, from the committee on judiciary, on An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Waterville.

Tabled by the senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies, the pending question being acceptance of either report.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, I think that Senator Dearth is on the minority report with me.

The SECRETARY: The minority report is signed by Senators Dearth and Davies.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, Senator Dearth wished to be heard on this matter, and as he is not present this morning I move that the matter lie on the table until tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. EMERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby S. D. 284, An Act to authorize the director of sea and shore fisheries to employ necessary clerks.

The motion was agreed to.

The same senator then offered

Senate Amendment A to S. D. 284

Amend S. D. 284 by striking out on the second page the words "two dollars and fifty cents" in the eighth line, and inserting in place thereof the words "three dollars," so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"Fish wardens shall receive three dollars a day and their expenses when actually employed."

The amendment was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to inform the Senate of his desire to appoint each senator a chairman to see that all bills possible now in the hands of committees come out at the earliest possible moment.

It is the purpose of the Chair to hold three sessions tomorrow, Wednesday, forenoon, afternoon and evening, in order that we may expedite the work and adjourn this week. (Applause.)

I trust the senators will bear this in mind and give the Chair their hearty cooperation. And may the Chair further add that he trusts that the table tomorrow morning, so far as matters thereon are concerned, will be practically cleared. Thank you.

Mr. AMES of Washington: Mr. President, I want to call the attention of the senators to S. D. 167, relating to tabulations to show relative amounts apportionable from State school funds for the support of common schools by various methods involving aggregate attendance in common schools. This matter is coming up this week and I want the senators to read over the document in order to save argument.

On motion by Mr. Cobb of Kennebec, a recess was taken until 3.15 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of meeting in joint convention.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 3.15 o'clock P. M.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Franklin, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House for the purpose of listening to an address by Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, former commander of the 26th Division.

The Secretary conveyed the message and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Mr. FOLSOM of Somerset: Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended that I may make a motion out of order.

The rules were suspended and the same senator then moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed S. D. 288, An Act to increase salaries of certain county officers and an amount of money allowed for clerk hire in certain county offices.

The motion was agreed to.

The same senator then offered Senate Amendment B to S. D. 288, and moved its adoption.

Amend Section 1 of S. D. 288 by inserting after the word them in line 5 of Page 5 of the printed bill, the following words: and the sum provided for the clerk in Lincoln county shall be in full for all such services, and also in full for services as clerk of the Lincoln Municipal court.

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments A and B.

Message from The House

A message was received from the House, conveyed by its clerk, informing the Senate that the House concurred in the proposition of the Senate for a joint convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of listening to an address by the distinguished general, Clarence R. Edwards, former commander of the 26th Division.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate hears the message.

The Senate thereupon retired to the Hall of the House.

(For proceedings in joint convention, see House report.)

Upon the return of the Senate to its Chamber,

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.