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Friday, November 7, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Willis J. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Gannett of Kennebec offered the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, that when the Senate recess it be until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The order was given a passage.

Ordered, that the resolve amending Section 8 of Article 9 of the Constitution as amended by Article 36 of the Constitution, be recalled from the committee on engrossed bills and returned to the committee on taxation.

The order was given a passage.

The following committees submitted their

Final Reports

Claims.

Judiciary.

Education.

Legal Affairs.

Ways and Bridges.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Salaries and Fees.

Mr. Deering for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to regulate cold storage of certain articles of food, reported that same be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent of the Senate to present at this time a report of a committee from the floor.

The request was granted and the senator presented report of the committee on judiciary on An Act to prevent profiteering in the necessities of life and rent charges for the occu-

pancy of buildings for dwelling purposes, and providing penalties thereof and investigation thereof, that it ought to pass in new draft.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Dearth of Penobscot the rules were suspended and the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Parent for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on An Act to confirm and ratify the organization of the Durham Cemetery Association.

The report was accepted.

On motion by the same senator the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the committees attending; the hearings October 14 and 15.

This resolve was presented by the senator from Cumberland, Senator Grant, and upon his motion the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its two readings and passed to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate Resolve in favor of Edmund B. Mallet, for services as clerk and stenographer, and Mellen Tryon for stenographic work for committees.

Presented by Senator Grant and upon his motion the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WALKER of Somerset: Mr. President, I move to take from the table all matters now on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The Chair laid before the Senate the order introduced by the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Thornton; Ordered, the House concurring, that all committees of this legislature now in session report all matters before them to the legislature at 10 o'clock Friday morning, November 7th.

The order was given a passage.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to provide a bonus for heads of state depart-

ments, and recognizes the senator from Somerset, Senator Walker.

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, when I laid this matter on the table yesterday I did so at the request of certain members and was led to believe that an amendment would be offered this morning. I desire to ask through the Chair if any member has an amendment to offer to this bill at the present time?

The PRESIDENT: The Senate hears the inquiry of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Walker, as to whether any member has an amendment he desires to offer to this bill at this time.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair hears none, Senator.

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, I therefore renew the motion which I made yesterday, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

This is a bill, as I stated yesterday, that provides for bonuses for heads of different departments, for boards and for commissions, to be paid them for the years 1919 and 1920. As I stated yesterday, I am opposed to this because at this session of the Legislature I believe we do not have sufficient time to enter into the merits of increasing salaries. It is an important question. It is a question that should receive a great deal of attention, and if we increase the salary of one department, there is no reason why we should not go over the whole proposition of the employees of the State and give others who may not be included in this bill fair consideration.

Now, Mr. President, we have just passed a resolve compensating several committees for attending hearings in the month of October. At that time different measures were presented to those committees, and by the committee on reference referred to several committees of this Legislature—matters which they considered important. This surely had the merit of letting the people know what might be considered by this Legislature, as these measures were advertised in all of our State papers and many of our county weeklies.

This measure was not submitted to that committee at that time, at least I did not receive any copy of this bill, and I did receive copies of many bills which were submitted. It surely was not advertised in any of the newspapers of the State. Now I submit to you, Mr. President, that inasmuch as there were certain duties for us to perform which we were expected to perform at this special session of the Legislature, and as the raising of salaries was not one of those duties, that is one of the reasons why I object to its passage at this time.

Farther than that, it is class legislation. It considers certain men and leaves out others—cases which are just as meritorious. We may be asked when we go home why we considered this measure at this time? or, if we considered a measure for the increase of salaries, why we did not consider others which we might be told were just as meritorious as this? We might possibly be cited to the heads of some of our State institutions, like the State institution over the river, which requires a man with transcendent ability, an expert, and yet a man like Dr. Tyson is receiving, they might tell us, only \$2800 a year, a man who could step out and in private activities of life command far more.

They might cite us to some of the instances in their own home towns, public school teachers, perhaps the principal of the high school, that might be drawing from fifteen to eighteen hundred or two thousand dollars a year, or some of the public teachers in the grade schools, the common schools, getting perhaps eight or ten or twelve or fourteen dollars a week, and they would say that is hardly a fair proposition, that is hardly a fair thing for you fellows to do. You were expected to do certain things there and if you had been seriously considering raising salaries, you should have given us an opportunity to be heard. I submit to you, Mr. President and fellow senators, that we must answer many embarrassing questions when we go home. And for those fellows who want to come back, or who are candidates for

some more important office, they would have to answer those questions to the people, the common people of the State of Maine. We are their representatives and we should at the present time advocate those things for which they stand. And I submit to you, Mr. President, that those people have had a hard time during the last two years and are at the present time.

The granting of bonuses may become the settled policy of the State. I voted for one bill and was glad to vote for one which granted a bonus of \$100 to the soldiers. But that is submitted to the people for their consideration. If there is any class of people who should receive a bonus, it is those boys who fought for the universal liberty of the world at so small a consideration as did those soldiers, and if the United States government, whose duty it is to fairly compensate them, does not do it, then I admire the spirit of the Maine Legislature who will submit to the people of Maine that they shall receive some more compensation as a mark of respect and gratitude for what they did for us over there. And I voted for that measure. But if it is to be the settled policy of our State to grant bonuses, I submit to you that we should take into consideration many of these other things, as I have already said, and if there are not sufficient funds, and it is to be the policy of the State to issue bonds, as we already have, and that is undoubtedly the policy of the State for we have not the money and we think the people of the State will not stand for more State tax, then as we have in our roads and bridges, leave it to the people and if they are willing to issue bonds to an amount sufficient to pay, proceed along those lines and do it.

Now in view of all these facts, I believe that the time at the present is very inopportune for the consideration of this measure and I want to go on record as opposing it, and in making this motion, I believe, Mr. President, that I am voicing the sentiment of the common people of the State of Maine who, I believe, if they could be here and vote would, as they did

the other day on the daylight saving bill, express their disapproval in no uncertain terms, and say that if this measure was to be considered it should be considered fairly, it should be considered in regular session, it should be thoroughly advertised to the people of the State and give them an opportunity to be heard.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Senator desire to make a motion?

Mr. WALKER: Mr. President, I move it be indefinitely postponed. I think I made that motion.

Mr. FOLSOM of Somerset: Mr. President, I was not present last night at the session when this bill was reported, I was engaged in a hearing-committee work—and I do not know whether any explanation of the bill was made at that time. May I ask the Chair?

The PRESIDENT: Similar to the explanation already made and it was entered into by several of the other Senators—quite a thorough explanation of the bill.

Mr. FOLSOM: Mr. President, I think I would like to say this—I will not enter into any discussion as long as it has been explained—that perhaps the title of the bill might have been a little more happy had we said an act to provide for temporary increase of the salaries of certain State departments. It really is not a bonus, it is simply a temporary increase of salary to take care of the needs which people have to take care of under the present high cost of living. I do not know whether this point was also taken up, that at the last regular session of this Legislature the committee on salaries and fees gave a great deal of time to going over the salaries of practically all the county officers of the State and that we tried to regulate those salaries on the basis which would give a man a living wage so to speak, and that we took up very carefully at that time the question of salaries of heads of State departments and also clerks in State departments. We passed a bill, as you remember, which took care of the clerks below the heads of departments, and this bill is designed, as you will see by its reading to take care temporarily of the needs

of those heads of departments whose salaries were not increased last winter—for the years 1919 and 1920.

Mr. GRANT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I do not think we need to take any time in talking about the high cost of living. We all know about that. We considered in the committee on salaries and fees a number of propositions to give relief to the heads of departments, and as has already been stated we gave relief to those under the heads of departments last winter, and it only seems fair that something should be done at this time because the cost of living is much higher today than it was last winter when we were here. Different propositions were before us. One was to make a maximum amount that the Governor and Council could go to in increasing the salaries of the heads of departments. But the one which we have submitted seems to meet the approval of all the members of the committee, which gives the largest increase to the man receiving the smallest salary and goes down to the smallest percentage to the man receiving the largest salary. It seemed to us to be the only fair way, because we haven't the time to go into each department and investigate. If we were to do that we would be here three or four weeks at least. But this gives the Governor and Council a chance to keep many of the men who would probably resign from office if some relief of this kind were not given. We know this to be a fact. And it seems to be just as important to give some relief to the highest office holders receiving the highest salary as it does those receiving the smallest. I believe it is only just and fair that we should grant the amount called for in this bill, and I hope the motion of the Senator from Somerset will not prevail.

Mr. THORNTON of Aroostook: I was not present last evening when this bill was presented, but I think it is a fact that is plain to all of us that since the officers accepted these positions the value of a dollar has depreciated. I do not understand that the bonus is a gift in this sense, I understand that this is only tempor-

ary relief. If it were a raise in salaries I should vote against it, but I understand it is only temporary relief which we senators are paying as a court of equity for services justly rendered to take care of the depreciation of the dollar that has occurred since these men accepted these positions. With that understanding I am opposed to the motion.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of Senator Walker that the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote was taken and the motion was lost.

The bill was then read twice under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

The Chair laid before the Senate An Act to amend Chapter 84 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, entitled An Act to provide for building public wharves and establishing adequate port facilities for the advancement of commerce.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, at the time I made the motion yesterday I had made nothing but a superficial examination of the bill, and at that time I thought it was not best to strike from the provisions of the original bill what is known as paragraph 4. Since that time I have discussed the matter at some length with Senator Gurney, who has the bill in charge, and I am now convinced that the expenditure of such money as becomes necessary under its provisions have been properly protected.

I move that the rules be suspended and the bill receive its readings at this time.

The motion was agreed to, the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

From the House: An Act to make Tuesday the 11th day of November, A. D. 1919, a public holiday and authorizing the Governor to proclaim the same.

The PRESIDENT: In the Senate this bill was read twice without reference to a committee and was passed to be engrossed. In the House

it was indefinitely postponed.

The Chair would state that this was on account of a subsequent bill that is now on its passage.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, the Senate concurred with the action of the House and indefinitely postponed the bill.

From the House: Resolved, the Senate concurring, that whereas the present cost of living is oppressive to our people, and whereas the United States Government has on hand large quantities of staple foods and clothing which were purchased for war purposes and at pre-war prices, and whereas the United States Government now offers said necessities to the municipal officers of the several towns and cities of this State for distribution to our people at cost, either by parcel post or in car load lots.

Now, therefore be it resolved that this Legislature in special session assembled hereby urgently recommends that the municipal officers of the several towns and cities in the State avail themselves of this great opportunity to bring, at least temporary relief, from the high cost of living.

And be it further resolved that the Secretary of State cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the municipal officers of our towns and cities and inform them that complete information may be obtained by communicating with the United States Army Supply Base, Boston, Mass.

In the House this resolve was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, the Senate adopted the resolve in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair desires to call the attention of the Senate to the death of Hon. Nathan Clifford, in Portland, on November 6th, a former President of this Senate. And out of respect to his memory I declare this Senate recessed until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 3 o'clock.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Senate order recalling a resolve to amend section 8, article XXXVI of the Constitution, providing for an income tax and returning it to the committee on taxation.

In the House that body adopted House Amendment A, striking out the last seven words of said order.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President and senators, I regret exceedingly that the circumstances seem to require a brief explanation of this matter, and at the conclusion of my remarks I will move that we adopt the amendment.

To acquaint you fully with the situation, let me begin at the beginning. You remember at the regular session a recess commission was appointed to study the matter of taxation and report at the next session of the legislature. It fell to me as chairman of that committee to proceed in compliance with the order. Now this commission has made, during the interim between the regular session and the present session some investigation and arrived at some conclusions. We had arrived at the point where we felt that we could consistently and conscientiously recommend to this present session the theory of income tax legislation. Now I say theory of income tax legislation in contradistinction to practical income tax legislation because that may be a debatable question possibly; and in conferences with the Governor and in an effort to save some time we decided to present our conclusions at this special session, and those conclusions were embodied in the form of a resolve to amend the Constitution and allow, at least, the enactment of the income tax legislation. There was a considerable debate and various opinions as to whether a constitutional amendment was necessary, but we deemed it wise to adopt the safer course and ask that the matter be referred to the people thereby getting their opinion on the matter, and also to put us on the safe side by an amendment which would specifically allow of such legislation.

That matter was presented to the committee on taxation two or three weeks ago, and that committee then, every member being present, and taking the pains to come here, listened with a great deal of patience to an extended harangue from me and remarks from other members of the committee. And the matter was advertised as other matters have been and we have it before us now.

Now the matter was favorably reported by the committee and things were going along swimmingly until we were bothered a little today. In the hurry of the meeting two or three weeks ago a draft was asked from the attorney general's department, and I remember now distinctly that the attorney general said to me at the time that he would prepare a rough draft but that we must not expect him to make it complete in the limited time. So that was prepared in the limited time that he had at his command in order that it might be advertised with the other matters. Now then, it was taken up before the committee on taxation here the other day and a hearing was had and, as I say, they gave a favorable report. Now I was very much remiss in my duty in not presenting to the committee a new draft or at least calling the attention of the attorney general to the fact that I desired him to draw a new draft for such presentation; and the committee is not to blame for reporting the matter out in the form in which it came to them. This morning the Secretary of State called my attention to the fact that the matter in his opinion was somewhat crudely drawn and that immediately reminded me of the true situation.

Then the question arose as to how we could most expeditiously correct this palpable error, and it occurred to me that perhaps amendment might be the quicker and easier way. I found that the bill was in the hands of the engrossing clerk and I wrote an order asking that it be returned to the legislature. Now I wrote the order in longhand and like the exhibit of writing we had before us the

other day from my friend Senator Davies of Cumberland,—

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: That was the standard.

Mr. THOMBS: — Adopting the standard, mine did not come up to par, Senator, and in the office of the clerk they found it necessary to translate and transcribe it and inadvertently the words were added that it be returned and referred to the committee on taxation. I do not blame the secretary's office. It has been a matter of great wonder to me that the secretary can proceed in as orderly a manner as he does and with the dispatch he does when he is constantly interrupted by the members not only of this body, but of the House as well, and I do not blame him at all in the matter. We accepted the order in this body and it was sent over to the House, and members of the commission over there noticed the matter and had it laid on the table, and they communicated with me, and when they apprised me of the situation I said that somebody had added something to the order as I drew it, and they returned it to the House then, and a little controversy that perhaps you are all acquainted with arose there in consequence of some remarks that were made.

Now my desire in speaking of this matter is to exonerate every person that has been connected with this matter, and especially the committee on taxation who have been very, very patient with us. They have heard this matter twice and they spent a good deal of time on it and have been very courteous to the commission having the matter in charge. I desire to completely exonerate everybody that has had any connection with this except myself. It was my fault and mine alone. Now, with that explanation, Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby this order had a passage.

The motion was agreed to and on further motion by the same senator, House Amendment A was adopted, and the order as amended was given a passage.

Mr. THOMBS: Now, Mr. President, may I inquire if the original papers are now before the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: They are.

Mr. THOMBS: I desire to offer Senate Amendment A to this resolve and move its adoption, and let me say in just a word further that this simply provides the machinery for calling the election; that is, it simply puts the matter in fairly legal and proper form. It would be rather a reflection upon the attorney general's department to allow the matter to go through. He did not intend the first draft he made, as I have already told you, to be his final and complete work, and this simply completes it, and, Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, necessity compelled me to be away from the Chamber for the first few minutes after the Senate was in session, so I am not informed as to just what the amendment we adopted covers, but from the remark of the senator from Penobscot, Senator Thombs, I gather that the second amendment presented provides for writing into the resolution the machinery for a law to carry on the election. I cannot see that that is necessary to a constitutional amendment. It must be voted on in September--The senator from York, Senator Deering, wants to say something.

Mr. DEERING of York: I was simply desiring to say that perhaps if the amendment was read--

The PRESIDENT: The secretary will read the amendment as offered by the senator from Penobscot.

(The secretary read the amendment.)

Mr. DEERING: Mr. President, I would like to have time to confer with Senator Thombs a few moments.

(The Chair declared a short recess.)

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is the adoption of Senate amendment A to this resolve, which amendment was offered by Senator Thombs.

Senate amendment A was adopted, and on motion by Mr. Thombs the

resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to prevent profiteering in the necessities of life and rents or charities for the occupancy of buildings for dwelling purposes, and to provide penalties therefor and investigation thereof.

In the Senate passed to be engrossed.

In the House it comes back with House Amendment A, inserting after the word "necessities" in the eighth line of section 1 of the new draft, "or unreasonably discriminates against any person in the sale of such necessities."

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same senator, House Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

From the House: Report of committee on military affairs, ought to pass, on an Act to amend Section 53, Chapter 259, Public Laws of 1917, relating to election and appointment of commissioned officers.

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

The report was accepted and on motion by Mr. Gannett of Kennebec the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

From the House: Report of the committee on military affairs, ought to pass, on a resolve in favor of the town of Bluehill, reimbursing said town for money paid to soldiers' dependents.

The report was accepted.

In the House this resolve was read three times under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Gannett of Kennebec, the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

House papers disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Report of the committee on salaries and fees on An Act to provide for clerk hire in the office of certain officials of the county of Aroostook, that it ought to pass in new draft.

In the House the original bill was substituted for the report.

Mr. TUTTLE of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that we concur with the House.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Will the Chair be kind enough to state what the bill is?

The PRESIDENT: It is An Act to provide clerk hire in the offices of certain county officials of Aroostook county.

(The secretary read the bill.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the Senate that the House passed the original bill. The committee reported a new draft.

Mr. DAVIES: And the motion was to substitute the original bill for the report?

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of Senator Tuttle that the Senate concur with the House.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. GOOGIN of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I have two amendments which I wish to offer to this bill.

The PRESIDENT: Will the senator allow the readings of the bill at this time?

On motion by Mr. Tuttle the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings.

Senator Googin then offered Senate Amendment A, which was read by the secretary:

Senate Amendment A to House Document entitled An Act to provide clerk hire in the offices of certain county officials of Aroostook county.

Said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section.

"Section 2. Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, is hereby amended so far as it relates to clerk hire in the office of the clerk of courts for Hancock county; and to

clerk hire in the office of register of deeds for Lincoln county, so as to read as follows:

"Hancock county, for clerks in the office of the clerk of courts, \$780. Lincoln county, for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$400. Androscoggin county, for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$1500. Sagadahoc county, for clerks in the office of register of deeds, \$1170."

Senate Amendment B to House Document entitled An Act to provide clerk hire in the office of certain county officials of Aroostook county.

The title to said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: "Hancock county, Lincoln county, Androscoggin county, and Sagadahoc county," so that said title shall read as follows: "An Act to provide clerk hire in the offices of certain county officials of Aroostook county, Hancock county, Lincoln county, Androscoggin county and Sagadahoc county."

Mr. GRANT of Cumberland: Mr. President, these are matters that did not come, I do not think any of them, before the committee on salaries and fees and we know nothing about it. I feel that they ought to be considered by a committee before being passed upon. I move that they be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of Senator Grant that the amendments as presented by the senator from Androscoggin, Senator Googin, be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, it seems to me that before we take that action it might be a good plan to have some member of the Senate explain the merits of these amendments. If there is a call in these various offices and in fact necessity for an increase in the salary for clerks here, of course it ought to be granted, and I assume that the Senate would grant it. I think Senator Grant is quite correct in saying that until there is some information before the Senate as to the necessity of this that we are not in position to vote upon it. If the senators from

the respective counties where the increase is asked for will be kind enough to explain to the Senate just what the demand is, it seems to me it would be of assistance to us.

Mr. PARENT of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I had this matter brought to my attention this noon on the question of the amendments and I am thoroughly convinced that this Senate is justified in passing these amendments. I do not think there is anything unreasonable been requested.

With the exception of one that applies to the clerical force in the register of deeds, to provide for taking care of the increased amount of business in the office, I doubt if there is a lawyer here present, a member of this Senate, but what appreciates the fact that the registries of deeds in most of the counties in the state, at least, are overrun with business on account of the large property transfers, and they have all they can do to take care of the business. I will illustrate. In Penobscot county there has been a bill passed increasing their allowance for clerk hire, and with the little experience I have had of late in sending deeds to be recorded in Penobscot county, I think it must be needed. I sent a bill down there and waited six weeks and three days before I could get it back. That is unreasonable, that matters filed in our offices should require that amount of time. I think it should be attended to more promptly. I do not think there is any member in either branch, regardless of party, who is coming here and ask for an increase of salaries in public offices, where public business must be despatched in a reasonable time, unless it is necessary.

As I understand these amendments I believe they apply to counties where there is a necessity for the increase. Sagadahoc is one of them and we all know there has been a large amount of transfers there of late, and from the best information we can get it takes five or six weeks to get a deed recorded. That is

something that the committee on salaries and fees at the regular session did not foresee. That is the situation and I believe the matter should be attended to in those particular offices. This does not apply so far as I am concerned, to county attorneys or registers of probate.

Mr. RICKER of Hancock: Mr. President, understanding as we did that matters of this sort would not be considered at this special session, no bill was prepared for these matters in Hancock county. In fact, we all understood or thought that nothing would be done, and we thought to expedite the business as much as we could by keeping matters of this sort from the legislature.

However, we have a clerk in Hancock county in the office of clerk of courts that this bill would give \$15 per week. And we think that is mighty reasonable for a clerk to take care of the business of this office, and far less than clerks are getting in other offices. For that reason this amendment was prepared and we feel that it is very necessary. This clerk is a very capable woman in every way, and I do not know where we could duplicate her services for anywhere near that amount.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Grant, that this amendment be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor—

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. Grant is out of the chamber at the present time, and if the President approves I will suggest it might be best to call him.

The PRESIDENT: With the permission of the Senate the Chair will defer action temporarily and take it up later on the return of Senator Grant.

From the House: Report of the committee on taxation relating to exemption from taxation of property of the posts of the American Legion, that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

In the House this bill was read three times and passed to be en-

grossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion by Mr. Ricker of Hancock, the rules were suspended, and the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Senate amendments A and B to An Act to provide clerk hire in the office of certain county officials of Aroostook county. The pending question before the Senate is on the motion of the senator from Cumberland, Senator Grant, that Senate amendments A and B be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote was taken and the motion was lost.

On motion by Mr. Googin of Androscoggin, Senate amendments A. and B were adopted and on further motion by the same Senator the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DEARTH of Penobscot: Mr. President, I wish to take up the matter of the House bill asking for an increase in the salary of the county treasurer of Penobscot county. I understand the clerk has the papers. I would like to make a statement.

The House bill—I do not remember the number—asked for an increase of the salary of the county treasurer of Penobscot, who is now receiving \$1300 and nothing for clerk hire. The bill asked that the salary be increased from \$1300 to \$1800 and no clerk hire. Now Penobscot is one of our largest counties and the treasurer is absolutely unable to live on that salary. It is necessary to have a girl in the office and he pays the girl \$700, leaving him \$600 out of the miserable salary of \$1300. The duties of the office are such that he should give the whole of his personal attention to the office, but he has been unable to do so. He has had to live about three days of the six of each week on his little farm in Etna to earn enough to live on. Now we in Penobscot county want him to give the whole of his attention to that of-

fice, and we ask you to raise the amount from \$1300 to \$1800, which is indeed modest under the conditions. Out of that he will have to pay his clerk hire. You understand this is paid out of the treasury of the County of Penobscot. The State of Maine does not have to contribute a red cent. We want this done. We are able to pay the bills, and I don't know of any reason why this body should object.

Now there was a bill introduced. The committee, by reason of trying to be consistent as they claim, reported ought not to pass, and it came before this body, no one giving it any attention, and the Senate concurred with the action of the House in adopting the report of the committee.

Now with this brief statement I desire to make the motion that we reconsider our vote in concurring with the House in their action in accepting the report of the committee, and if you see fit to pass that motion, I will follow that with another motion that we substitute the original bill for the report and let it go back to the House, where I am very confident they will concur with us. Now it is simply a question whether you want to keep this fellow on a salary of \$1300 or whether you want to give him \$1800 and Penobscot pay the bills. Now, Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we concurred with the House in their action in adopting the committee report.

Mr. GRANT of Cumberland: I suppose he voted on it—had he a right to ask for reconsideration of that vote?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would say that was a unanimous vote.

Mr. DEARTH: That includes me, I suppose.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was substituted for the report of the committee, and on further motion by the same senator the rules were suspended and the bill was giv-

en its two several readings and could be doubled it would mean a whole lot to him and bring a few more comforts in his last days, and with Mr. and Mrs. Cushman not a cent would be wasted, as all who know them would affirm. Any further information or assistance I can give please let me know.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, I wish to ask unanimous consent to introduce a resolve, and I will make a statement of facts. This is not my matter but it comes from my county from a representative named Arthur L. Roberts, and the statement of facts is in the shape of a letter written to Representative Roberts:

Statement of Facts

Kennebunk, Me., Nov. 3, 1919.

Arthur L. Roberts,

Member of the Maine House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Roberts: Zebedee M. Cushman, one of my townsmen, whom no doubt you well know, has requested me to write you asking if you will endeavor to have his State pension increased at the special session. It is a most deserving case. Mr. Cushman who is over eighty years old is totally blind and has been for fifteen years or more, and his general health is not good. In addition to this pitiable condition he fell last spring and broke his hip. Of course this resulted in hospital bills which he could ill afford to bear. His house rent has lately been increased which with all other increases in the cost of living, puts him in a bad financial condition.

He has a Civil War record to be proud of, having been actively engaged in many of the big battles. After the war he was for many years one of our most useful citizens taking active interest and part in our public affairs.

Mr. Cushman was always a hard working and prudent man, but his long disability has made such inroads in his savings that the future looks exceedingly dark to him. He is a Maine man from beginning to end, born in Oxford county, served in a Maine regiment, and has lived almost his whole life in his native state.

It would indeed be a pity for our state to let such a man come to want for the necessities of life, or come to be the object of charity. If his present State pension of \$8.00 a month

Knowing that you will do what you can in the matter, I beg to remain,

Most respectfully yours,

(Signed) ELMER M. ROBERTS.

This is a letter from Elmer M. Roberts to Arthur L. Roberts. I personally know Elmer M. Roberts, who is one of the very substantial citizens of the town of Kennebunk. As I say, this matter was just brought to me for presentation at this special session. I know nothing more about it than the statement of facts here given. I have no doubt that the statement of facts is perfectly correct, and if the Senate would allow me to introduce the resolve by unanimous consent, why it would be introduced at this time.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate hears the request of the senator from York, Senator Deering, that he be given unanimous consent to introduce a resolve.

Mr. DEERING: Just a moment, I have been inquired of by Senator Thombs in regard to his being able to get a pension under the fund that provides for a pension for the blind. I cannot give you that exactly but there is a reason why he cannot get it. I cannot tell you what it is, but it has been told me. Mr. Roberts of the House of Representatives could present that information and I could get it in a few minutes.

Mr. WALKER of Somerset: Mr. President, I move the matter lie on the table. I would like to ask through the Chair whether or not the gentleman gets a United States pension?

Mr. DEERING: I will find out those things and if there are any other questions by any Senator, before unanimous consent is given, I would like to get them all so that I can inquire of Mr. Roberts.

The PRESIDENT: You hear the remarks of the Senator from York as to any questions in regard to the particular case.

The senator from York, Senator Deering, asks unanimous consent to introduce a resolve—

Mr. DEERING: I thought Senator Walker wished to have the matter lie on the table until I get some information additional.

The PRESIDENT: I beg your pardon, I didn't understand.

The Chair will declare a recess until quarter past four.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 4.30 P. M.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Resolve in favor of C. S. Buckley for services as clerk to the taxation committee of the special session of the legislature.

This resolve was introduced by Mr. Gannett of Kennebec, who moved that it be referred to the Governor and Council.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Resolve in favor of the officers of the House.

This resolve was introduced by Representative Holley and in the House was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, the Senate voted to refer the resolve to the Governor and Council.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, Resolve in favor of the House members. In the House this resolve was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

The Senate referred the resolve to the same committee in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate an emergency measure, An Act to correct a clerical error in Chapter 60 of the Private and

Special Laws of 1919, entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Old Town and validate the doings of Old Town and the acts of its street board.

This bill requires a two-thirds vote of the members elected to this body.

A rising vote was had and 24 senators voting for the passage of the bill it was passed to be enacted.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, a Constitutional amendment, Resolve proposing an amendment to Article 9 of the Constitution to provide for a bond issue for the purpose of paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.

This measure also requires a two-thirds vote of all members elected to this body.

A rising vote was had and 24 senators voting for the passage of the resolve it was finally passed.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to repeal chapter 14 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the acknowledgement of deeds.

An Act to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.

An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 202 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to election of assessors for the city of Portland, by providing for the filling of vacancies in case of death, resignation or otherwise.

An Act requiring mirrors or reflectors on certain motor vehicles and regulating the use of spot lights thereon.

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 58 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to commitment to the State School for Boys.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of the International Bridge between Madawaska, Maine, and Edmondson, N. B.

Mr. PARENT of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I move to take from

the table for the purpose of reconsideration of the vote whereby we voted to accept the report of the committee on salaries and fees, relating to the increase in the salary of the county treasurer, of the county of Androscoggin.

The PRESIDENT: The senator moves that we reconsider the vote whereby we accepted the report, ought not to pass, of the committee on salaries and fees increasing the salary of the treasurer of Androscoggin county.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. PARENT: I now move that we substitute the bill for the report of the committee.

A viva voce vote was taken and the same was doubted.

Mr. DEERING of York: I think there are some of us here who do not know what the bill is.

(The title of the bill was read by the secretary.)

The PRESIDENT: The report of the committee was ought not to pass.

Mr. PARENT: I will offer a word of explanation. I was about to follow with an amendment. There have been passed here under similar circumstances with this, a bill referring to the county treasurer of Penobscot county. The salary of the treasurer of Androscoggin county is \$1300 and it is my purpose to offer an amendment making the salary \$1500, a small increase of \$200 only, giving a man a reasonable compensation for his services at these abnormal times, and I move that this amendment be adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question before the Senate is shall we substitute the bill for the report?

A viva voce vote being taken the same was doubted.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, perhaps I didn't pay enough attention to the matter. May I ask Senator Parent through the Chair if the contemplated increase is \$200 only?

Mr. PARENT: My explanation was that I offer an amendment increasing the salary only \$200, making it

\$1500, and the other bill reconsidered by this body was an increase of \$500 in Penobscot county. We pay the bills in Androscoggin county, and that is my reason for it.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, it seems to me that it is a very safe thing on the part of the members of the Senate to permit the senator from Androscoggin to substitute the bill for the report. The bill is merely before the Senate and we can certainly trust ourselves to vote upon it when properly before it. We merely give the senator the right to lay the bill before the Senate as amended, without any prejudice. For one I want to do that.

A rising vote was had and 18 senators voting in favor of the motion and none opposed, the bill was substituted for the report.

Under suspension of the rules the bill was then read twice. Senator Parent then offered Senate Amendment A, which was read by the secretary "Strike out the words two thousand and insert in their place the words fifteen hundred."

Mr. GRANT: I move that we indefinitely postpone this bill. I will say that we investigated this quite thoroughly and we were told by the members of the Legislature that this man spent from one to two days a month during the four weeks in the summer, and during the rest of the year but little time, for this office, and we felt that \$1500 was pretty good pay. The committee voted first to increase it and then we reconsidered and voted ought not to pass.

Mr. PARENT: I will state in explanation that what Senator Grant has said is true. During the summer vacation time, there being no business that needs the treasurer there, court not being in session, during the summer months he was there one to two days each week to pay the bills, but during the terms of court—we have five terms of the superior and three terms of the supreme judicial, and he is compelled to be there, as every attorney knows.

I wish to say now that this man has been—and I think Senator Grant will bear me out in this, as evidence shows before the committee, one of the most efficient county treasurers there are in the state. And this is his only source of income. He has a wife and family, and it seems to me that \$1500, as long as we pay the bills in Androscoggin county, is only fair, in accordance with what has been passed relative to other matters.

Mr. THORNTON of Aroostook: I wish to ask through the Chair if this matter has been taken up with a delegation of the county?

Mr. PARENT: I think it is fair to say that the committee on salaries and fees all know that the Lewiston delegation appeared in behalf of this bill. Mr. Googin and myself favor it and Representative Garcelon introduced the bill in the House. I offered the amendment here in the Senate because the papers were here, and it has the approval of the Androscoggin delegation.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is on the motion of Senator Grant that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote was taken and the Chair being in doubt a rising vote was had and 13 senators voting in the negative and four in the affirmative, the motion was lost.

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

On motion by Mr. Lord of York, a recess was taken until 7.30 o'clock.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 7.30 P. M.

Passed to be Engrossed

(Under suspension of the rules.)

Resolve in favor of the House of Representatives.

Resolve on the pay-roll of the Senate. (Introduced by Mr. Grant, and under suspension of the rules

read twice and passed to be engrossed.)

From the House: Report of the committee on military affairs, on Resolve to reimburse certain members of the First Maine Heavy Field Artillery for expenses incurred by direction of their superior officers, that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

In the House the resolve was substituted for the report.

On motion by Mr. Lewis of Lincoln the Senate concurred with the House in substituting the resolve for the report, and on further motion by the same senator the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

The following committee submitted their

Final Reports

Committee on Military Affairs.
Committee on Taxation.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will declare a recess until 8.30.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 8.30.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate An Act to incorporate the Portland State Pier Site District.

In the Senate this bill was passed to be engrossed, and comes back from the House that body having adopted House Amendment A.

(The secretary read House Amendment A.)

The PRESIDENT: In view of the fact that two of the Portland senators are out of the Chamber, I will lay this matter on the table temporarily.

Mr. Grant of Cumberland, presented Resolve on the payroll of the officers, chaplains and certain employees of the Senate. The same Senator moved that the resolve be

referred to the Governor and Council, and it was so referred.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the following order: Ordered, the House concurring, that bill, An Act amending Section 44 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the salary of the treasurer of Penobscot county, be recalled from the committee on engrossed bills.

The order was given a passage.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to amend chapter 272 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled An Act requiring certain vehicles to carry lights at night and to control the glare of headlights.

An Act to amend paragraph 7 of section 45 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to clerk hire in the office of register of deeds for Kennebec County.

An Act to amend chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 17 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, relating to the salary of the chief of police, the police captains and patrolmen of the city of Lewiston.

An Act to amend paragraph 2 of section 6 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to additional exemption from taxation of sewerage district bonds.

An Act to amend section 12 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to county commissioners.

An Act to amend section 43 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the expenses of county commissioner.

An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Public Laws of 1919, chapter 222, relating to the fees of sheriffs.

An Act to increase the number of clerks in the registry of deeds in the

county of Cumberland in the State of Maine

An Act to confirm and ratify the organization of the Durham Cemetery Association.

An Act to repeal Chapter 135 of the Public Laws of 1919 of the State of Maine, entitled An Act to provide for the licensing of sardine packers, to improve the quality of fish used for sardines and to establish standards of measures for sardine her-
ring.

An Act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to state and county aid in the construction of highway bridges.

An Act to amend paragraph 3 of section 11 of chapter 197 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, entitled An Act to incorporate the Bath Water District.

Finally Passed

Resolve amending chapter 113 of the Resolves of 1919 providing for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of dependent persons in or by certain charitable and benevolent institutions not owned or controlled by the state and for other purposes.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will take from the table An Act incorporating the Portland State Pier Site District.

This bill was passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules in the Senate, and now comes from the House with House Amendment A adopted.

On motion by Senator Gurney of Cumberland, the vote was reconsidered whereby this act was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same senator House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Chair declared a recess until 9.30.

After Recess

Senate called to order at 9.30 P. M. by the President.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to amend section 44, of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the salary of the treasurer of Penobscot county, recalled to the Senate at the request of Senator Thombs.

On motion by Mr. Thombs, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, if the bill is now in an amendable stage I desire to offer Senate Amendment A, with this explanation; this afternoon we voted to raise the salary of the treasurer of Penobscot county to \$1800, an increase of \$500. The Penobscot delegation has reconsidered the matter and desires to recommend for your consideration an increase of \$200, only making the salary \$1500 instead of as proposed, \$1800.

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

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to amend chapter 220 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled An Act to amend section 36 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes as enacted and set forth in chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 88 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to the creation and expenditure of the mill tax highway fund.

An Act to increase the amount of money allowed for clerk hire in the office of the registry of deeds for Penobscot county.

An Act to amend chapter 15 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to celebrating centennial week.

An Act to amend section 51 of chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, and by chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, re-

lating to trapping foxes in Lincoln county.

The Chair declared a recess until 10.15 P. M.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 11.00 o'clock P. M.

On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin, it was Ordered, the House concurring, that bill an act to amend chapter 37 of the acts and Resolves of 1917, as amended by chapter 17 of the Acts and Resolves of 1919, relating to the salaries of the chief of police, police captains and patrolmen of the city of Lewiston, be recalled from the Governor.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Emergency Measures

An Act to amend section 53 of chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the election and appointment of commissioned officers.

An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 177 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to the powers of the Portland Water District and to amend chapter 257 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the powers of Peak's Island Corporation.

These bills required a two-thirds vote of the members elected to the Senate. A rising vote was had and twenty-one voting in the affirmative the bills were declared enacted.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act authorizing the town of Turner to purchase and operate or purchase and hold stock in the electric railroad between East Auburn and the village of Turner.

An Act to provide bonuses for the heads of state departments.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to amend

the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company. This bill comes from the House referred to the next Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, the Senate concurred with the House in referring the bill to the next Legislature.

The committee on appropriations and financial affairs submitted its final report which was accepted.

The Chair declared a recess until 11.45 P. M.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 11.45 P. M.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the Soldiers' bonus bill, which comes back from the House with House Amendment A adopted.

The secretary read the amendment and on motion by Mr. Deering of York, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed. On further motion by the same senator, House Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Finally Passed

Resolve amending section 8 of Article IX of the Constitution, as amended by Article 36 of the Constitution providing for an income tax.

This resolve required a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Senate. A rising vote was had and twenty-two voting for the passage of the bill it was finally passed.

Resolve reimbursing certain members of the Maine heavy field artillery for expenses incurred by direction of their superior officers.

Resolve in favor of the town of Bluehill reimbursing said town for money paid soldiers' dependents.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind.

Resolve in favor of the committees

attending hearings October fourteen and fifteen.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act amending paragraph 3, section 6, chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of the property of the Posts of American Legion.

An Act to incorporate the Portland Pier Site District.

An Act preventing profiteering in the necessities of life, rents and charges for buildings used for dwelling purposes and investigation thereof.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate An Act to increase the amount of money allowed for clerk hire in the office of the registry of deeds for Penobscot country.

This bill comes back from the House with House Amendment A adopted.

The secretary read the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same senator House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate, An Act to amend chapter 220 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled An Act to amend section 36, chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted and set forth in chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1917, amended by chapter 88 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to the creation and expenditure of the mill tax highway fund.

This bill came from the House with House Amendment A adopted which was read by the secretary.

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

House Amendment A was then

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

The Chair declared a recess until 12.45 A. M.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 12.45 A. M.

The Chair laid before the Senate An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Private and Special Laws, increasing the salaries of the chief of police, police captains and patrolmen of the city of Lewiston.

On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted, and on further motion by the same senator the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed. The same senator then offered Senate Amendment A, to the bill, which was adopted.

Senate Amendment "A"

Amend an act to amend chapter 37 of the Acts and Resolves of 1917, as amended by chapter 17 of the Acts and Resolves of 1919, relating to the salaries of the chief of police, police captains and patrolmen of the city of Lewiston as follows: Amend section 1, line 1, by striking out the word "fifteen" in line 1, and inserting in place thereof the word "five." Amend section 2, line 1, by striking out the word "sixteen" and inserting in place thereof the word "two". Amend section 4, line 1, by striking out the word "ten" and substituting in place thereof the word "two". Amend section 4, line 1, by striking out the words "section seventeen" and inserting in place thereof the words "section seven."

The bill as amended was then passed to be engrossed.

The Chair declared a recess until 1.30 A. M.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 1.30 A. M.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the salary of the treasurer of Androscoggin county.

An Act to amend chapter 84 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919 entitled An Act to provide for the building of public wharves and establishing port facilities for the advancement of commerce.

An Act to provide clerk hire in the office of certain officials in Aroostook county, Hancock county, Lincoln county, Androscoggin county and Sagadahoc county.

An Act to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany.

The Chair declared a recess until two o'clock.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 2.35 A. M.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the salary of the treasurer of Penobscot county.

An Act to amend chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 17 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, relating to the salaries of the chief of police, the police captains, and the patrolmen of the city of Lewiston.

An Act to amend chapter 220 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled An Act to amend section 36, chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes, as enacted and set forth in chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by chapter 88 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to the creation and expenditure of the mill tax highway fund.

The Chair declared a recess.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President at 2.48 A. M.

Message from the House

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had performed all its duties and was ready to adjourn without day.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate hears the message.

Finally Passed

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the members of the House of Representatives.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to increase the amount of money allowed for clerk hire in the office of the register of deeds of Penobscot county.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerseset, it was Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate has transacted all business before it, and is ready to adjourn without day.

Senator Walker conveyed the message and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, it was ordered, the House concurring, that a committee of three on

the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted upon all matters before them, and are ready to receive any communication he may wish to make.

The Chair appointed on such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Deering, Emerson, and Gurney.

The committee retired and subsequently reported that they had delivered the message with which they were charged, and the Governor informed them that he would communicate with the Senate immediately.

Communication from the Executive Department:

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

A list of the Acts and Resolves passed during the special session of the 79th Legislature, numbering 34 Acts and 9 Resolves, is hereby transmitted.

I have no further communication to make.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,
Governor.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerseset, the Senate adjourned without day.