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**ERRATA:**

**The following errata are  
inserted because one or more pages  
in this session day have errors  
noticed and corrected here.**

## ERRATA

Page 154, column	1, line 17, for Chapter "199" read "198."
" 163, "	2, after order by Mr. Winter, read "Tabled on motion of Mr. Buzzell of Belfast."
" 174, "	1, line 8, for "Lewiston" read "Rockland."
" 194, "	1, " 24, for "Sewall" read "Newall."
" 197, "	2, " 50, for "insurance" read "issuance."
" 267, "	2, " second Act referred to Inland Fisheries and Game was referred to Judiciary Committee.
" 305, "	1, " 42, for "Boys" read "Girls."
" 305, "	1, " 45, "H. 169" should read "H. 165."
" 511, "	2, " 2, for "H. 106" read "H. 160."
" 586, "	1, " 13, for "St. Albans" read "St. Agatha."
" 591, "	2, " 23, for "1919" read "1909."
" 602, "	2, " 12, for "enacted" read "engrossed."
" 617, "	1, " 46, for "322" read "332."
" 650, "	2, " 31, for "H. 336" read "H. 366."
" 662, "	2, " 26, for "Barrington" read "Harrington."
" 692, "	2, " 35, for "H. 236" read "H. 336."
" 694, "	1, " 2, for "S. 154" read "S. 155."
" 716, "	2, " 3, for "Mr. Perham" read "Mr. Bragdon of Perham."
" 772, "	1, " 24, for "same" read "Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs."
" 869, "	1, " 50, insert "Finally passed."
" 902, "	1, " 24, for "Clark" read "Barton."
" 902, "	1, " 40, for "S. 185" read "S. 184."
" 928, "	1, " 51, for "343" read "243."
" 949, "	1, " 43, for "Merton's" read "Martin's."
" 954, "	1, " 44, insert "ought not to pass."
" 958, "	2, " 20, for "179" read "181."
" 958, "	2, " 28, for "178" read "179."
" 967, "	2, " 49, for "S. D. 198" read "S. D. 180."
" 981, "	2, " 10, for "\$300" read "\$300,000."
" 1000, "	2, " 47, for "Portland" read "Biddeford."
" 1005, "	2, " 42, for "salaries" read "selection."
" 1142, "	1, " 40, for "H. D. 465" read "H. D. 456."
" 1169, "	2, " 2, for "Fogg" read "Forbes."
" 1191, "	2, lines 3 and 11, for "engrossed" read "enacted."
" 1191, "	2, line 20, for "finally passed" read "passed to be enacted."
" 1191, "	2, lines 31, 40, 48, for "engrossed" read "finally passed."
" 1211, "	2, " 12 and 13, "National Guard" should read "Nash and Viles."
" 1280, "	1, line 14, for "bald" read "bomb."
" 1321, "	1, " 35, for "lighting Long and Big Lakes" read "Lewy, Long and Big Lakes."
" 1373, "	2, " 42, for "Arthur B. Forbes" read "Arthur E. Forbes."
" 1376, "	2, " 14, for "S. D. 161" read "S. D. 167."
" 1409, "	2, " 36, for "Chapter 178" read "Chapter 238."

## HOUSE

Tuesday, March 22, 1921.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Foxcroft of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, I move suspension of the rules in order that I may introduce a resolve out of order in favor of the Kittery-Portsmouth Bridge and to ratify the doings of the Governor and Council, and of the Piscataqua River Bridge Commission, relating to the same.

The motion prevailed and the gentleman was given permission to introduce the resolve out of order.

Mr. COLE: Mr. Speaker, this resolve was introduced at the request of the Governor in order that certain acts of the previous administration may be validated. By Chapter 44 of the Laws of 1919, the State appropriated \$500,000 for the erection of the Memorial Bridge from the State of Maine to the State of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire also appropriated a similar amount, and the Federal Government a similar amount. By the act authorizing the expenditure of this money the Governor and Council of the State of Maine were given authority, and by order of the Executive Council authority was put upon the Governor to act as the agent of the State of Maine. The Governors of the State of Maine and New Hampshire and the Secretary of the Navy of the Federal Government met and formed themselves into the Piscataqua River Bridge Commission, so-called, and under that title advertised for bids for the erection of the substructure and superstructure of this bridge. The matter dragged along, on account of certain red tape with the Federal Government, until the very closing days of Governor Milliken's administration. Almost in the last week it was arranged between various contractors, specific bids were received and the contracts were let.

These contracts were made to the Piscataqua Bridge Commission, a commission which had no existence in law whatever, and was signed by the governors of the two states and by the Secretary of the Navy. The contractors immediately came on the job and began work. The Attorney General of the State of Maine has had no opportunity to go over the contract, and when he did look the matter over he refused to approve the contract on the part of the State of Maine. The present administration feeling that it ought not to take the responsibility of the former administration—and there is no criticism of the former administration—action had to be taken in those closing days and hastily taken, and it is probable that the State of New Hampshire, having a new administration coming in, would have diverted its \$500,000 from this project, and Maine would not only have lost the benefit of the \$500,000 from New Hampshire, but the \$500,000 from the Federal government as well. Therefore Governor Milliken thought it best to put the thing through as speedily as possible in order to prevent any slip-up in program. The Governor of New Hampshire did the same thing. I think they all saw the difficulty they were laboring under but did not have time to rectify it. Consequently this resolve is introduced in order to ratify, confirm and validate all those doings up to date in order that the acts of the former officials of the State of Maine may have authority under the law, and in order also that there may be no trouble in the future for the present administration, and that there may be conferred upon the present Governor and Council all the powers intended to be given to any Governor and Council. I move that this resolve have its two several readings.

Thereupon the resolve received its two several readings under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the

committee on claims on resolve in favor of Freeman H. Penney of Wells, to reimburse for loss of horse. This report was read and accepted in the House March 18.

Comes from the Senate, resolve re-committed to the committee on claims in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Austin of So. Berwick, the rules were suspended, and the action of the House whereby this report was accepted was reconsidered; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was re-committed to the committee on claims in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on judiciary on bill, an act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, relating to malicious mischiefs and trespasses. This report was read and accepted in the House March 18.

Comes from the Senate, the bill re-committed to the committee on judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Moody of York, the rules were suspended, and the action of the House whereby the report was accepted was reconsidered; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was re-committed to the committee on judiciary in concurrence.

The following bill and remonstrances were received and upon recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

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

By Mr. Washburn of China: Remonstrance of Mrs. R. M. James and 33 others of China against open time for hunting in Kennebec County.

By Mr. Hunton of Oakland: Remonstrance of Rev. Weston P. Holman and 45 others of Oakland against same.

By Mr. Washburn of China: Remonstrance of Alexander Douglass of China and 45 others against same.

#### **Legal Affairs**

By Mr. Cole of Elliot: Bill, an act relating to the forfeiture of vehicles

used in the commission of crime. (500 copies ordered printed).

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the rules were suspended and that gentleman was given permission to introduce out of order the following resolution:

Whereas, Death has laid a heavy hand upon the community in the taking away of the HONORABLE FRED M. NEWCOMB, a Representative to the Seventy-Eighth Legislature of the State of Maine, whose son, the Honorable J. Harold Newcomb, is a member of the present House of Representatives of the Eightieth Legislature;

And whereas it is the desire of this House in session assembled to record its sorrow at the death of a man of unswerving rectitude of life, of high character and of noble aims; and it being also the desire to establish a memorial of our memory of Honorable Fred M. Newcomb: Therefore be it resolved:

That the House of Representatives, on the morning of March 22, 1921, by unanimous vote, extends its fullest sympathy to the family of the bereaved, and hereby adopts these resolutions and orders that a copy of the same be spread upon the records of the House, and a copy attested by the Clerk of the House be forwarded to the bereaved family.

The resolution was adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

#### **Reports of Committees**

Mr. Hammond from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported "ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, relating to the salary of County Attorney for Penobscot County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to increase the salary of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Washington County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill, "An Act to amend Section 40 and Section 45 of the Revised Statutes relating to

compensation of Clerks of Courts and Clerk Hire in County Officers.

(Tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland, pending acceptance of report.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes to increase the salary of Register of Deeds in Washington County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to increase the salary of the County Commissioners in Lincoln County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes to increase the salary of sheriff in Washington County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes increasing the salary of the Treasurer of Washington County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 211 of the Laws of 1895 as amended by Laws of 1909 as further amended by Chapter 146 of the Laws of 1915 in relation of salary of Judge of Bangor Municipal Court."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 103 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919 relating to the salary of the Clerk of the Lewiston Municipal Court."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to compensation of assistant County Attorney for Cumberland County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to allow clerk hire to the Sheriff of Penobscot County."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to salaries of the County Commissioners of the county of Cumberland."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the salary of the Recorder of the Municipal Court for the city of Portland."

Same gentleman from same committee reported the same on Bill "An Act relating to the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court for the city of Portland."

Same gentleman from same committee reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to Clerk Hire in county offices," as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919 by adjusting the Clerk Hire for the office of Register of Deeds at South Paris.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill An Act to Amend Chapter 117, Section 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to the salaries of the clerks of court.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill An Act to amend Chapter 117, Section 42 of the Revised Statutes, relating to salaries of county commissioners.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 9 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the salary of the stenographer of the Penobscot county superior court.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill An Act to amend Sections 40 and 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919 increasing the salary of the clerk of courts of Androscoggin county and the allowance for clerk hire in the office of the clerk of courts of Androscoggin county.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919 relating to the salary of the judge of probate of Penobscot county.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill An Act to increase the salary of the judge of the municipal court for the city of Lewiston.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Maher from the committee on judiciary on Bill An Act to enforce care of burial lots supported by trust fund reported same in a new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Report was read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the joint rules.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 124. An Act to incorporate the Telephone Workers' Credit Union of Maine.

Senate 126. An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to salaries of reporters of the supreme judicial court.

Senate 127. An Act additional to and amendatory to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 185 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to the licensing of public exhibitions and amusements.

Senate 128. An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the salary of the commissioner of agriculture.

House 326. An Act to establish the western Washington municipal court.

House 327. An Act relating to life insurance for minors and the surrender of such insurance.

House 328. An Act to protect the bee industry of the State of Maine.

House 329. An Act to repeal Chapter 18, of the Resolves of 1917, relating to animal industry.

House 333. An Act additional to Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to ice fishing in China Lake, including that portion of said lake known as Mud Pond, which lake is situated in the town of China and in the town of Vassalboro, in the county of Kennebec.

(Tabled by Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, pending passage to be engrossed).

House 334. An Act additional to Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to night fishing

in certain waters in Kennebec county.

House 335. An Act to amend Section 74 of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to night hunting of skunks and raccoons.

House 336. An Act to amend Section 86 of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 142 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the disposition of money collected under the provisions of the inland fish and game laws.

(Tabled by Mr. Brewster of Portland, pending third reading).

House 343. An Act relating to the Pennamaquan Power Company.

House 345. An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, requiring monthly settlements by tax collectors.

House 346. An Act relating to the licensing of maternity hospitals.

House 347. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 305 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the taking of alewives in the town of Surry.

House 348. An Act to amend Section 70 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to forest fire fighters in the Maine forestry district.

House 349. An Act to establish game preserves or sanctuaries in the State of Maine.

(Tabled by Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle, pending third reading).

House 350. An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, making same applicable to the Reformatory for Women, the Reformatory for Men, State School for Girls, and State School for Boys.

(Tabled by Mr. Brewster of Portland, pending third reading and specially assigned for Thursday, March 24.

House 351. An Act to amend Section 64 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the collection of poll taxes.

(Tabled by Mr. Hunton of Oakland, pending third reading.)



House 354. An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the protection of fish.

House 355. An Act to incorporate the South Portland High School District.

(Tabled by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland, pending third reading.)

Senate 80. Resolve providing for the purchase of reports of the Centennial celebration of the Maine State Bar Association.

(Tabled by Mr. Brewster of Portland, pending second reading and specially assigned for Thursday, March 24.)

House 320. Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison for maintenance and current expenses.

House 330. Resolve in favor of R. Lyle Hodgskins for damages sustained in building the State hospital at Bangor.

House 331. Resolve in favor of Dr. J. Willis J. Marion of Calais for medical services to Frank Frances, a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, now deceased.

House 332. Resolve in favor of C. H. Thompson of Calais for board and lodging of Mary Socktoma, a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, during her illness.

House 337. Resolve for lighting the Narrows between Lower and Upper Richardson Lakes.

(Tabled by Mr. Small of Brewer, pending second reading.)

House 338. Resolve in aid of navigation on the Lower Lakes.

(Tabled by Mr. Small of Brewer, pending second reading.)

House 339. Resolve in aid of navigation on Lewy, Long and Big Lakes.

(Tabled by Mr. Small of Brewer, pending second reading.)

House 340. Resolve in aid of navigation on Schoodic Grand Lake in Washington county.

(Tabled by Mr. Small of Brewer, pending second reading.)

House 341. Resolve repealing Re-

solve for the maintenance of the Blaine House.

House 342. Resolve to aid navigation on Mooshead Lake.

(Tabled by Mr. Small of Brewer, pending second reading.)

The SPEAKER: While the attention of the House is upon these matters, the Chair will repeat what it announced yesterday that each resolve should in its body show the appropriation from which it is to be paid, and that it is very much more economical to attach the amendment to the resolve before it is passed to be engrossed. The Chair leaves it to the proponents of a measure to guard against any disappointment arising from the enactment of a resolve without specification of an appropriation.

#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to amend Section 146 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes as amended, relating to the appropriation for maintenance of normal and training schools.

An Act to amend Sections 4 and 7 of Chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 192 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the foreclosure of mortgages.

An Act to amend Chapter 244 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913 entitled "An Act to provide a charter for the city of Gardiner," as amended.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 93 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to the Farmington municipal court.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to the town of Lisbon.

An Act to incorporate the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to authorize the American Realty Company to construct and maintain a dam across the Aroostook river in Washburn.

An Act to amend Chapter 497 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 295 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, and Chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, and Chapter

136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor.

An Act to amend Section 62 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to refunding indebtedness by cities and towns and temporary loans.

An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 60 and Section 11 of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of land for public uses.

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 245 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the age of commitment to the State School for Boys.

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

An Act to incorporate the Hallowell Water District.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1917, and to amend Section 3 of Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 304 of the Public Laws of 1917, and by Chapters 162 and 243 of the Public Laws of 1919, providing for the deposit of surety bonds or certified checks with bids for State Highway Work or for State and County aid bridge work.

An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of Dedimus Justices.

#### Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of the State purchasing the alphabetical index of Revolutionary Pensioners in Maine, and appropriating money for said purpose.

Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley for State pension.

Resolve in favor of Lena I. Sanborn, an employee of the Board of State Assessors in 1918.

Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell certain lots in the Public Lot in Dennistown Plantation in Somerset County.

#### Emergency Measures

An Act to legalize and make valid the doings of the town of Orono at a special meeting of the voters of said town held on August 14th, 1920.

This bill requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of this House in order to be passed to be enacted. All those in favor of its passage to be enacted will rise and stand until counted, and the monitors will return the count.

A division being had,

One hundred and twenty-six voting in the affirmative and none against, the bill was passed to be enacted.

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Resolve proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article 4, Part first of the Constitution, as amended by the 23rd amendment, relating to absent voting.

This Resolve requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of this House in order to be finally passed. All those in favor of its final passage will rise and stand until counted, and the monitors will return the count.

A division being had,

One hundred and sixteen voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the Resolve was finally passed.

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, I move suspension of the rules in order that I may introduce out of order Bill, An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the taxation of steam railroads. I would say in explanation that this is a bill prepared by the committee appointed by the Governor to take up that matter, and while they do not approve or disapprove the contents of the Bill, they desire something as the basis for an immediate hearing by the committee on Taxation, and their request is that the matter be received and sent to the Senate as soon as possible in order that it may reach the taxation committee this

afternoon for as early an assignment as possible.

The motion to suspend the rules prevailed, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the Bill was referred to the committee on taxation, and sent to the Senate for concurrent action.

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The Chair presents House Document No. 273, Bill, An Act relative to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, tabled on March 16 by Mr. Ricker of Poland, pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Ricker of Poland, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

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The Chair presents House Document No. 278, Bill, An Act to provide for jurisdiction of Public Utilities Commission over certain motor vehicles, tabled by Mr. Ricker of Poland on March 16, pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. RICKER of Poland: Mr. Speaker, I move its passage to be engrossed.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this bill, as I understand it, is a bill to help out the electric railroad. While I am in favor of helping the electric railroads, I am not in favor of the way they have used us in the city of Portland. The Grand Trunk railway is the only railroad in the State of Maine that has tried to help Maine. They have helped Maine ever since they started, away back in the days of the old Atlantic and St. Lawrence. A few years ago the Boston and Maine railroad—or years ago—acquired a controlling interest in the Maine Central Railroad. They have dominated it in the interests of Boston against the State of Maine. Now the Portland Railroad, while it is owned in Portland, is controlled in New York. It is a Maine corporation, controlled by people from out of the State. While the citizens of Portland own the preferred stock, they do not have the management of the railroad. The only connection between the Maine Central and the Grand Trunk has been taken

away. A passenger coming in from Boston, or a passenger coming in from the east, and wanting to reach the Grand Trunk, or the steamers, cannot get there without paying a double fare or else getting a transfer. That used to be one of the main lines, but now they have taken it away. Now the Maine Steamship Company! Twenty years ago they were running a car on the Maine Central and Boston and Maine that would not pay for the oil under the wheels, trying to do away with the Maine Steamship Company. They have succeeded in doing that and now they are trying to keep it out by having that same thing go along. Now I for one do not want to sit here and see a law passed that will stop somebody else who is trying to do some business, see them shut out. While this is an English corporation, though an American road from Portland to Island Pond, controlled by an English syndicate, it has helped Portland and is the only road that has done so. I was told only last Saturday that every steamer that arrived in Portland left \$15,000 there. Now if it were not for the Grand Trunk Railroad, we would have no steamers coming to Portland. The United States Government, at an expense of \$63,000, has put in a quarantine station, and the time will come in a few years when we will see an American line of steamers running from Portland, but it is down at the east end of the city, and, if we cannot get this Portland railroad to help us out and give us connections, passenger lines are out of the question. It was only a few years ago that they used to run trains right across the city, but that has been discontinued. It has been the policy to do everything to help the Grand Trunk Railroad, the only road that has helped Maine: Therefore, I would like to see this bill amended in some way—I do not know just how—so that they can be looked after and helped out. As every steamer coming into Portland will leave \$15,000, that goes all over the State of Maine. I think over two hundred steamers left there last year, so you see it is quite a proposi-

tion. Now it looks as though we should try and protect this road instead of trying to protect a road, the common stock of which is owned in New York and Philadelphia and the preferred stock owned in Maine. Therefore, I would like to table this, and see if we cannot make some amendment, so that we may protect, or see if the Portland railroad will protect, the Grand Trunk Railroad in some way.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, although dissenting with the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) in his reasoning, I concur with him in his conclusion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) will bear with the Chair in reminding him that the motion is not debatable.

Mr. HINCKLEY: I shall make a motion to indefinitely postpone, and I wish to argue the question.

Now Mr. Speaker, for many years bills along this line have been introduced in this Legislature, and this Legislature, I believe, has shown good judgment in indefinitely postponing similar bills; and I wish to call your attention to just a few things in connection with it.

The bill provides in Section one that "the Public Utilities Commission shall have jurisdiction over every person, firm or corporation operating any motor vehicle upon any public street or highway for the carrying of passengers for hire and in such manner as to afford a means of transportation similar to that offered by street railways, and commonly known as jitney or jitney bus, operating regularly over routes between points within this State."

"Sec. 2. Said commission is hereby authorized to make from time to time rules and regulations governing the operation of said motor vehicles, which shall include provisions concerning the route of operation, schedule to be operated and maintained, rates of fare to be charged for the carriage of passengers, the safeguarding of passengers and other persons using the streets and highways,

filing of bonds or insurance policies to pay judgments recovered, due to negligence, and such other reasonable regulations as may be deemed necessary for the safety or convenience of the public."

It seems to me all that is necessary to call the attention of this House to is this one thing, that this Legislature is asked to pass an act providing that a jitney bus, which operates as a common carrier, shall insure or file a bond, and that is a provision that is not required of any other transportation company in the State of Maine; and I see no reason, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, why, if a person owns a jitney and desires to operate that jitney between your town and my town, or any other towns in the State of Maine, they have not a right to do it. Under the law at the present time any town or city has a right to enact an ordinance to protect its people in every respect. The cities in the State of Maine, many of them, and probably some of the towns—I am not certain of this—have enacted such ordinances. The city of Portland has an ordinance which provides who shall operate and how they shall operate. It seems to me this is sufficient. But to give the Public Utilities Commission power and control to fix the routes, to fix the charge, to determine that they shall give bonds or that they shall insure with some company, is unfair, unjust, and unreasonable. It simply means, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, that this bill is aimed to accomplish one specific purpose and nothing else, and that is the end of the jitney. We do not know what the future may bring forth. It may be that the jitney will be needed for transportation purposes. It may be that it is now needed in some localities, and I believe it is; and I think it would be a great mistake to enact this law, which is similar as I suggested in the beginning to laws that have been opposed in past Legislatures and have been indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House having precedence is the motion to lay upon the table. That motion is not debatable. All those in

favor of the motion of the gentleman from Portland. Mr. Rounds, to lay upon the table —

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw that motion.

Mr. HUNTON of Oakland: Mr. Speaker and gentleman of the House: This bill, like every other measure presented for the consideration of this Legislature, was referred to its proper committee. Hearing was advertised and hearing held,—in fact two hearings were held upon this measure; and, after due consideration of the merits in this bill, a unanimous report comes to this House from the Public Utilities Committee. I trust, gentlemen, that unanimous reports of committees of this Legislature will be treated with the consideration they deserve. My information is that there are but two jitney bus services in the State of Maine that would come under the operation of this bill. The first bill presented did present a matter that did not meet with the approval of this committee, and in order to obviate the objections, an amendment was made providing for it to apply only to those regularly operating over routes between points within this State. I do not understand that there is in the city of Portland a single jitney bus operating as contemplated under the provisions of this bill. It is not a measure in behalf of the electric railroad; it is not a measure to eliminate the competition of jitney busses; but it is a measure to safeguard the traveling public of the State of Maine when it commits itself to these jitney busses, that they may have the same protection that the electric railroad has through the supervision of the Public Utilities Commission; and, gentlemen we have a Public Utilities Commission established for the purpose of regulating public utilities in order to protect those who patronize those different utilities, and if any person or persons or corporation engage in the business of a public utility, I submit to you is there any reason why that person or persons or corporation should not be subject to the same rules and regulations as other public utilities conducting a similar line of

business. I cannot see a single clause in this enactment that will jeopardize the interests of the State of Maine, but otherwise it will protect and safeguard the people of the State of Maine.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the gentleman from Oakland, (Mr. Hunton), who was on this committee, through the Chair, whether or not any other public service corporation is required to furnish insurance or a bond as is required in this bill of jitneys.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Oakland, Mr. Hunton, may answer the inquiry through the Chair, or not, as he chooses.

Mr. HUNTON: There may be no other public service corporation requiring these provisions, and there may be no other public service corporation doing business in the State of Maine which has the hazard that the operation of a jitney bus has to the public.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The motion of the gentleman from So. Portland (Mr. Hinckley) is that the bill be now indefinitely postponed. All in favor of the indefinite postponement of this measure will say aye, contrary minded, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents for consideration, Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking, on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Union Mutual Exchange of Lewiston, tabled pending the acceptance of the report, on motion by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Gagne.

On motion by Mr. Gagne, the report of the committee, reporting "ought not to pass," was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The next matter on the calendar assigned for today is Report of the Portland delegation on Bill, An Act relating to the Portland Fire Department. In the absence of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Dodge, the Chair will lay this upon the table unless otherwise ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents for consideration, Resolve for laying the county taxes for 1921, tabled pending its passage to be engrossed on motion by the gentleman from Swanville, Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Nickerson then offered House Amendment "A," to amend the Resolve by striking out after the word "Waldo" the words "Seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars" and substituting in place thereof the words "Fifty thousand five hundred and twelve dollars."

The amendment was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents for consideration, Resolve for laying the county taxes for 1922, tabled pending its passage to be engrossed, on motion by the gentleman from Swanville, Mr. Nickerson.

Mr. Nickerson then offered House Amendment "A," to amend the resolve by striking out after the word "Waldo" the words "seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars" and substituting in place thereof the words "fifty thousand five hundred and twelve dollars."

The amendment was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Larrabee of Lewiston, Senate Doc. No. 118, Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled, An Act to provide a police commission for the City of Lewiston and to promote the efficiency of the police department therein, as amended, was taken from the table.

The report of the committee being "ought to pass,"

On further motion by the same gentleman, the report of the committee was accepted.

The bill then received its first and second readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Larrabee of Lewiston, Senate Doc. No. 55, Report of the Committee on Judiciary, An Act relating to the city clerk of the city of Lewiston, was taken from the table.

Mr. LARRABEE: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, this is a bill, the purpose of which is to appoint the city clerk by the mayor. Under the present system the clerk is elected by the city government. In nearly all the departments of the State, whether city, municipal or State departments, these officers are elected, and they perform their duty, as far as I have observed, without criticism, and to a great many people with whom I have talked it seems to be the most feasible way to elect the city clerk by the city government; and I therefore move the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The report of the Committee on Judiciary on this bill was that it ought to pass. The motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Larrabee, is that the bill be now indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote being taken, The motion was agreed to, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that there is a long list of matters tabled and unassigned, and it seems that this list might be pruned very considerably.

On motion by Mr. Holley of North Anson, Report of Committee on Agriculture on Resolve providing for aid in paying premiums awarded by the Eastern Maine State Fair, was taken from the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the report of the Committee on Agriculture on this resolve was that it ought to pass.

Mr. HOLLEY: Relative to the suggested amendments which the Chair read yesterday and today, I want to say that there is no appropriation to my knowledge from which this sum could be taken, because the regular appropriation for aid to the agricultural societies is already taken care of by statute. This is in addition to the regular appropriation. The

proponents of the measure may have some suggestion to offer; I have none beyond that, and I move that the resolve now take its regular course.

The SPEAKER: The House will note the wording of the resolve, which is "Resolved, that there be annually appropriated the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars." Clearer language could hardly be conceived by any member of the House. The question is on the acceptance of the report of the committee.

Mr. HOLLEY: Mr. Speaker, the references to this matter may be somewhat misleading. This resolve increases the appropriation seven hundred fifty dollars. There is already appropriated, I think, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, so that it does not include the total suggested in the resolve, but it is an increase of seven hundred fifty dollars.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Holley, understand the resolve any differently from the Chair? The resolve reads: "Resolved that there be annually appropriated the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars for the Eastern Maine State Fair." It is an appropriation to be taken care of in the tax bill.

Mr. CHALMERS of Bangor: As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, that repeals an appropriation of seventeen hundred and fifty dollars.

The SPEAKER: It so reads.

Mr. CHALMERS: And under the provisions of this resolve the appropriation would be twenty-five hundred dollars, making the appropriation the same as that allowed to the Lewiston Fair, and the same as that allowed to the Central Maine Fair, in the way of aiding premiums.

The question being on the acceptance of the report of the committee. The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Larrabee of Lewiston, Senate Doc. No. 117, Report of Committee on Judiciary on Bill relating to city auditor of Lewiston, was taken from the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest to the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Larrabee, that the report of the committee was "ought to pass."

On motion by Mr. Larrabee, the report was accepted.

The bill then received its first reading.

The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A", to amend by striking out Section 14, and adding in place thereof the following sections:

"Sec. 14. This act shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of Lewiston at the regular municipal election to be held on the first Monday in March nineteen hundred and twenty-two. The question proposed on the ballot for the approval or rejection shall be substantially in the following form: "Shall an act passed by the Legislature in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, approved (insert date) entitled 'An Act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston and to provide for a city auditor' be accepted?" If a majority of the ballots deposited as aforesaid shall reject, this act shall not go into effect, but if a majority of the electors voting on said question at said election shall approve, then this act shall take effect as herein provided.

"Sec. 15. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the acceptance of this act to the electors of the city of Lewiston shall take effect as provided in the Constitution of the State, but it shall not take further effect unless accepted by the electors of the city of Lewiston as hereinbefore provided. If accepted by the electors of the city, then this act shall take effect on the first day of April nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

"Sec. 16. In case this act is approved in the manner hereinbefore provided, all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed."

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland, the Bill, pending the

adoption of the amendment, was tabled and specially assigned for Thursday of this week.

On motion by Mr. Larrabee of Lewiston, Senate Doc. No. 116, Report of Committee on Judiciary, on Bill, An Act relating to Lewiston Fire Department, reporting same in a new draft and that it "ought to pass," was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the report of the committee was accepted.

The bill then received its first reading.

Mr. Larrabee then offered House Amendment "A."

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that this amendment is similar in form and substance to the amendment offered to the preceding bill.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland, the Bill, pending the adoption of House Amendment "A," was tabled and specially assigned for consideration on Thursday of this week.

On motion by Mr. Larrabee of Lewiston, Senate Doc. No. 115, Report of committee on Judiciary, on Bill, An Act relating to Board of Public Works of Lewiston, reporting same in a new draft and "ought to pass," was taken from the table.

Mr. Larrabee then offered House Amendment "A," being an amendment similar in form and substance to the amendment offered to Senate Doc. No. 117.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland, the bill, pending the adoption of House Amendment "A," was tabled and specially assigned for consideration on Thursday of this week.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, Report of committee on Education on Bill, An Act relating to teachers' pensions, House Doc. No. 304, was taken from the table.

The report of the committee on Education being that the bill be referred to the next Legislature,

On further motion by Mr. Rounds, the report of the committee was accepted.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, on motion by the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Larrabee, Senate Doc. No. 55, being report of the committee on Judiciary, on Bill, An Act relating to the Lewiston city clerk, was indefinitely postponed. I would like to state to the members of the House that this is a matter similar to those that have been acted upon and assigned specially for consideration on Thursday of this week. This is a matter which was presented by Senator Parent of Androscoggin, and was unanimously reported by the committee on judiciary as "ought to pass;" and for the purpose of making an amendment later, I now move that the vote be reconsidered whereby this bill was indefinitely postponed, in order that I may then make a motion to lay this matter upon the table and have it specially assigned for consideration of Thursday of this week.

Mr. McILHERON: I would like to inquire, Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, has the right to make that motion, voting in the affirmative as he did.

The SPEAKER: Any member voting with the prevailing side will have his motion entertained if he wishes to make a motion to reconsider.

The question being on the motion to reconsider the vote whereby this bill was indefinitely postponed, and a viva voce vote being taken,

The Speaker declared the motion lost.

Mr. Hinckley then doubted the vote and called for a division.

A division being had, 23 voted in the affirmative and 41 against.

So the motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham, House Doc. No. 303, Bill, An Act to provide for Temperance Day in schools, was taken from the table.



This bill having been tabled pending its assignment for third reading.

Mr. Bragdon then moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais, for the purpose of offering an amendment, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House this morning passed to be engrossed Bill, An Act to establish the Western Washington Municipal court, House Doc. No. 326.

Mr. Murchie then offered House Amendment "A" to amend by inserting after the word "fine" in the seventh line of the second section of said Act the words "not exceeding fifty dollars and by imprisonment."

The question being on the adoption of House Amendment "A."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House this morning passed to be engrossed House Doc. No. 331, Resolve in favor of Dr. J. Willis J. Marion.

Mr. Murchie then offered House Amendment "A," to amend by adding the words "and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment.

The motion was adopted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House this morning passed to be engrossed House Doc. No. 322, Resolve in favor of C. H. Thompson of Calais.

Mr. Murchie then offered House Amendment "A," to amend by adding the words "and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, this seems to be a good day to clean the calendar, and I will move that we take from the table House Doc. No. 305.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HINCKLEY: This being a very short resolve and comprised within one paragraph, I will read it. The resolve reads:

"RESOLVED: That a committee of five, consisting of the Governor and four others, to be appointed by the governor, investigate and report to the next Legislature plans, estimates and specifications for a State library building. The committee may employ such assistance and incur such expenses as it deems necessary, not exceeding five thousand dollars. The committee shall serve without pay but shall receive actual expenses."

Inasmuch as I believe that there is a very general sentiment, even though it may be deemed wise to expand the provisions for the library, and to give more room, and that instead of a new building disconnected with the State House, when the time comes it should in some way be connected with the State House; and I think that is the very unanimous and general sentiment of the members of this Legislature and of those who have to do with the library. I think we can all appreciate as members of the Legislature how inconvenient it would be to have a building at some other place in the city of Augusta with the State Library located therein, and I do not believe, having that in mind, that this is the time to authorize a commission to expend any such sum as five thousand dollars for the purpose of getting plans and specifications for a new building to be erected somewhere in the city of Augusta for the purposes of the State Library; and therefore I move that this resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I regret very much being obliged to differ with the gentleman from South Portland, but there is such a

thing as being "penny wise and pound foolish." Any gentleman who has had occasion to use this wonderful collection directly beneath this House will know that it is a marvelous collection of books, and any gentleman who has used it will know that its availability is greatly impaired by the crowded condition which exists there; and if any gentleman will take the pains to inform themselves, they will discover that the activities of the State Library are not confined to this room directly beneath this House, but they are State-wide, extending into every hamlet and into every town and city in this State. Now I do not want to see intelligence bound hand and foot, when I can look with my eyes where I can stand and see a building that cost \$185,000, built without a word from this Legislature, and then to say that this State cannot properly house the intelligence of our citizens in the books that we own; and I sincerely hope that the motion of the gentleman from South Portland will not prevail, and that we may at least have the privilege of ascertaining our wants in so far as the wants of the State Library are concerned.

Mr. WOODRUFF of Brunswick: Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that I agree with the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wing. I should like, however, to make a motion that this resolve be recommitted to the Committee on Library for further consideration.

The SPEAKER: The motion to recommit has precedence over the motion to indefinitely postpone. The question is therefore on the motion to recommit this resolve to the Committee on Library.

A viva voce vote being taken,  
The motion was lost.

The SPEAKER: The question now recurs on the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, that this resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. DOWNES of Rome: Mr. Speaker, with all due deference to the remarks of my esteemed colleague from Auburn, Mr. Wing, it seems only fitting that we pause here for just a

moment to consider the importance of this action. While we all well realize that the library conditions here are particularly unsatisfactory, it does seem that there is a marked movement along the line of retrenchment. For instance, I note with extreme interest that the proponents of the agricultural appropriations have been asked to retrench to the amount of nearly \$60,000. It seems to me that we have no more important industry in the State of Maine, than the agricultural industry, and while the work of this specially appointed committee might be at some time advisable, it seems to me that at just this present time it might be deferred, and that we might get along somehow under existing conditions without causing the expenditure of and additional amount of \$5000 at the present time; and for this reason I hope that the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, will prevail.

Mr. WADSWORTH of Winthrop: Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, perhaps may be misinformed in regard to the meaning of this bill. I do not think it was the intention of the proponents of this measure to either build a building or to consider building a building that would be located in some other part of the city of Augusta. I think the intention was that it should be connected in some way with the State House. It is not proposed, as I understand it, under the provisions of this resolve to start upon the building of a new library, even though we may need it at this time. I am informed that he have now in the library something like 130,000 volumes, and of that number there are only about 30,000 volumes in the library, and there are a large number of volumes stored up in the cupola of this building, and there are a large number also stored down in the basement, and there are a great many valuable records which at the present time are packed away.

Now, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, we will not build a library building this year, and we will not vote any money for it, but another Legislature will be coming here in two years and

they may have an idea that they may want it, and they may not have the facts and figures and plans; and the purpose of this resolve is simply to get preliminary plans at a small expense. I would like to say that if the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, does not prevail, I would like to offer an amendment to the effect that the money for the purposes of this resolve should be taken from any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Mr. WOODRUFF: Mr. Speaker, I feel that many members of the House may not be intimately acquainted with the real problem which confronts the library here. I have been through all of its departments under the guidance of the librarian, and I have seen it for myself, I have seen the difficulties under which the work is done at the present time, and I wish the members of the House might take the time to do this, and to see for themselves the great difficulties which confront this department. Of course it requires a great deal of room to accommodate the acquisition of at least 5000 volumes a year, and a great many of these are still in the packing boxes and there is no shelf room for the mand for that reason they are not available for use. The object of the resolve was not to proceed immediately with the construction of a library building, but to get estimates for a thorough study and investigation and find out the best solution for this problem, and make a report to the next Legislature giving a detailed statement of all the facts ascertained so that proper action at that time might be taken to relieve this great conjection and make the library in future still more useful than it has been in the past, for the highest degree of efficiency cannot possibly be reached if this condition is allowed to continue.

My object in making the motion that I did, to recommit this to the committee on Library, was to remove altogether from the resolve the appropriation of \$5000, and provide simply for a committee or a commission to study and investigate this question thoroughly and make its report to the next Legislature.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, I do not know just what the gentleman who prepared this resolve or the parties who are interested have in mind in regard to it. I can only go by the provisions of the resolve itself. This resolve says: "Investigate and report to the next Legislature." Investigate and report what? It says "plans, estimates and specifications." What for? Not a building connected with the State House in any way, not an addition to the State House, not some provision within the State House, but specifications for a State Library building. Now that can mean only one thing, a separate building, just the same as the garage that we have heard so much about, the same as the adjutant general's department which in my judgment never should have been built where it was but should have been connected with the State House. And then in regard to the money, it may be a small amount, only the sum of \$5000 provided for getting these plans and specifications. That is all the resolve says and that is all we can act upon here.

Mr. HUNTON of Oakland: Mr. Speaker, I realize the necessity for additional room in the library. I believe the need is urgent and I believe that some solution of this problem can be obtained, and in order that it may be so obtained I move that this matter be laid upon the table and be specially assigned for consideration on Thursday of this week.

The SPEAKER: The motion to indefinitely postpone made by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, is superceded by the motion to lay upon the table made by the gentleman from Oakland, Mr. Hunton. The motion of the gentleman from Oakland, Mr. Hunton, is that this resolve be laid upon the table and be specially assigned for hearing on Thursday of this week.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion was lost.

Mr. Hunton then called for a division.

A division being had, 65 voted in the affirmative and 34 against.

So the motion prevailed and the resolve was tabled and specially assigned for consideration on Thursday of this week.

On motion by Mr. Kimball of Hampden, the vote was reconsidered whereby House Doc. No. 330, Resolve in favor of R. Lyle Hodgkins for damages sustained in building State hospital at Bangor, was this morning passed to be engrossed in the House.

Mr. Kimball then offered House Amendment "A," to amend by adding the words "said sum to be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The amendment was adopted, and on further motion by Mr. Kimball, the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Luques of Kennebunk, Senate Doc. No. 63, majority and minority reports of the committee on sea and shore fisheries on Bill, An Act relating to legal size of lobsters, was taken from the table.

Mr. LUQUES of Kennebunk: Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat in doubt what to do in regard to these reports for the reason which I will state in a moment. This bill originally in regard to the legal size of lobsters, was State-wide in its application. Upon this matter there has been a majority and minority report which reports came in here yesterday and were tabled by me. There was introduced in the Senate a day or two ago a new draft of a bill making it applicable only to York county. That was recommitted to the committee and that matter was advertised for a hearing to be held tomorrow. There will probably be a majority and minority report made on that bill, which reports will come up here in the House and action upon which would make any action upon these reports unnecessary; they would be superceded by those subsequent reports and I therefore move that these reports be recommitted to the committee until action has been taken on the bill which is coming up before the committee tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: In the Senate on March 17th, on the question of the acceptance of the majority report "ought not to pass" or the minority report "ought to pass," in new draft, the Senate voted to accept the minority report. The gentleman from Kennebunk, Mr. Luques, now moves that the bill, pending the acceptance of either report, be recommitted to the committee on sea and shore fisheries in non-concurrence.

A viva voce vote being taken.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan, Senate Doc. No. 106, Bill, An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Public Laws 1917, relating to the recording of deeds, was taken from the table.

The question being the third reading of the bill,

On further motion by Mr. Smith, the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Eliot, House Doc. No. 244, Bill, An Act to authorize the proprietors of Portsmouth bridge to discontinue the public use of its bridges and to sell its property and franchises to and merge the same with the Boston & Maine railroad, was taken from the table.

The pending question being the second reading of the bill,

Mr. Cole then offered House Amendment "A."

Mr. COLE of Eliot: Mr. Speaker, if I may be allowed to explain this amendment briefly it will save the reading of the amendment. This is simply a substitution of a new act for the original bill, and simply changes the time of closing, subject to hearing before the Public Utilities Commission, rather than at the will of the proprietors of the bridge.

The question being on the acceptance of House Amendment "A,"

The amendment was adopted.

The bill then received its second

reading, as amended, and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

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Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I notice on the calendar that Senate Doc. No. 102, report of the committee on Interior Waters on Bill, An Act authorizing the Orono Pulp & Paper Company to maintain piers, is tabled pending the acceptance of the report, by me, but I do not know anything about it.

The bill was then taken from the table, and the pending question being the acceptance of the report that the bill "ought to pass" in new draft,

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Orono, the report was accepted.

The bill then received its first and second readings, on motion by Mr. Perkins, and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

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The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House for its consideration, Bill, An Act to fix the salary of the justices of the superior court, amending Section 6 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, Section 9 of Chapter 260 of the Public Laws of 1917, and Section 9 of Chapter 10 of the Public Laws of 1919. In the

House, this matter has not yet been considered; in the Senate recommitted to the committee on Salaries and Fees.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell, under a suspension of the rules, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Salaries and Fees, in concurrence with the Senate.

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The SPEAKER: On March 17th, last, in this body, Bill, An Act relative to salaries of justices of superior courts, on report of the committee on Salaries and Fees that it "ought not to pass," was accepted. In the Senate, in non-concurrence with the House, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Salaries and Fees.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, the vote was reconsidered whereby the report of the committee, reporting "ought not to pass" was accepted, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence with the Senate.

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On motion by Mr. Boothby of Saco, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.