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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1929

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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.**

ERRORS IN LEGISLATIVE RECORD 1929

Which Might Confuse One Consulting the Index

- Page 25 The name of the joint committee on School for Feeble Minded was changed in 1927 to Pownal State School. The old name appears on this page, but no other in 1929 Record.
- Page 114 Mr. Aldrich of Topsham introduced the last two acts in column two.
- Page 108 Mr. Littlefield of York introduced the resolve in first paragraph, column one, and Mr. Mitchell of Aroostook the last resolve in column one. In column two the words "Judiciary Committee" should be inserted before S. P. 143.
- Page 115 An act to incorporate the town of Rumford School District (H. P. 422) should appear as being referred to Committee on Legal Affairs instead of Pensions, column one.
- Page 128 Mr. Burkett of Union introduced last resolve in column one (H. P. 577).
- Page 133 Petitions in favor of Barber bill (S. Papers 218-226) should be referred to Judiciary instead of Legal Affairs, column two.
- Page 139 H. P. 709 by Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft is a resolve in favor of Dover-Foxcroft.
- Page 165 Remonstrance introduced by Mrs. Allen in first paragraph, column two, does not state against what bill remonstrance is made.
- Page 189 Remonstrance in column two against Basic Science Bill should be under Judiciary instead of Education.
- Page 568 Second column says Act to provide for inspection of gasoline was reported in new draft under same title. Title was changed (see page 586, S. P. 718).
- Page 667 Order that Senator Carlton's remarks before committee be printed in Record. They never were so printed.
- Page 756 Last paragraph, first column, Androscoggin should read Aroostook.
- Resolves in favor of following academies were introduced at various times, but do not appear in Record again. Senate Journal shows they were all reported ought not to pass:—Aroostook Central Institute, Higgins Classical Institute, Lee Academy, Monson Academy, Monmouth Academy, Oak Grove Academy, Patten Academy, Pennell Institute, Ricker Classical Institute, Washington Academy, Berwick Academy, Bridgewater Classical Academy, Wiscasset Academy, Cherryfield Academy, Robert W. Traip Academy.
- Resolve in favor of town of Stonington (H. P. 1601) introduced on page 322, column one, does not appear again. Senate Journal shows it was reported ought not to pass.
- Record does not show that report of Budget Committee was submitted to legislature, although corrections to it were.
- Act relative to close time on moose (H. P. 1279 and H. P. 1657) introduced page 244 does not make final appearance. This is not an error of Record, but of Committee on Revision of Statutes, which did not report it out.

HOUSE

Thursday, January 31, 1929.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Young of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the town of Naples, for completing road construction, S. P. 125.

Comes from the Senate, referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to provide for the exportation of surplus power, S. P. 81, S. D. 44.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committees on Interior Waters, Judiciary and Public Utilities jointly.

In the House:

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I believe I am correct in stating that the vote in the Senate placed the committees in different order than as read into the Journal. That was a point that was considered of some importance there, and it may be appropriate to suggest that the order in the House follow the order in the Senate.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Chase it was voted that Senate Paper 81, Senate Document 44, an act to provide for the exportation of surplus power be referred to the committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 5th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: Resolve in favor of the Winthrop Community Hospital at Winthrop (H. P. 375)

By Mr. Locke of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of the Buxton and Hollis Hospital (H. P. 376)

By Mr. Stone of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of Webber Hospital Association of Biddeford (H. P. 377)

By Mr. Thatcher of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Good Samaritan Home, Bangor (H. P. 378)

By Mr. Locke of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of Trull Hospital Aid Association of Biddeford (H. P. 379)

Claims

By Mr. King of Orono: Resolve in favor of Greenfield Maine Apple Growers of Greenfield, Penobscot County, Maine, compensating it for damages to apple trees by deer and for fencing against deer (H. P. 380)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Dr. A. J. Bradbury of Old Town, Maine, compensating him for damage to apple trees by deer (H. P. 381)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve of V. E. Cunningham of Milford, Maine, compensating him for damages to apple trees by deer (H. P. 382)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Orono to assist in the support of pauper (H. P. 383)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve in favor of Levi H. May of Island Falls for reimbursement to him for damage done his sheep by dogs or wild animals (H. P. 384)

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By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Levi H. May of Island Falls for reimbursement to

him for damages done his sheep by dogs or wild animals (H. P. 385)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Levi H. May of Island Falls for reimbursement to him for damage done his sheep by dogs or wild animals (H. P. 386)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jones of Corinna: Resolve to reimburse the town of Newport for support of the family of William J. McAfee, having no known settlement in the State (H. P. 387)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: Resolve in favor of H. H. Havey and estate of Bradbury Smith in reimbursement for loss on State highway contract (H. P. 388)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Small of Freedom: Resolve in favor of James E. Jackson, compensating him for the loss of poultry (H. P. 389)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Hubbard of Plymouth: Resolve in favor of Mary E. Rogers, compensating her for the loss of a horse (H. P. 390)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Education

By Mr. Rea of La Grange: Resolve in favor of Higgins Classical Institute, town of Charleston, county of Penobscot (H. P. 391)

By Mr. Fogg of Cornville: Resolve in favor of Maine Central Institute for maintenance, repairs and improvements (H. P. 392)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Jacobs of Auburn: An act to regulate fishing in the brooks and streams in Androscoggin County (H. P. 393)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: An act establishing Moosehead Lake Game Sanctuary in the county of Piscataquis (H. P. 394)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Stanley of Porter: An act to close to all fishing in Little River and its tributaries (H. P. 395)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to close to all fishing the tributaries of Colcord and Bickford Ponds (H. P. 396)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act to regulate fishing in Prescott Pond in Elliottsville Plantation (H. P. 398)

By Mr. Stetson of Sumner: An act to prohibit fishing in Podunk Pond, in the town of Carthage, and in Aunt Hannah Brook, in the towns of Carthage and Dixfield (H. P. 399.)

By Mr. Allen of Camden: An act to open Lily Pond, in Knox County, to fishing (H. P. 400.)

By Mr. Tucker of Sanford: An act to close ice fishing in Mousam Lake, Square Lake and Goose Pond, in the county of York. (H. P. 401.)

(Tabled by Mr. Allen of Sanford pending reference.)

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: Resolve in favor of establishing a feeding station or rearing pools for fish at, or near, Presque Isle, in the county of Aroostook. (H. P. 397.)

Judiciary

By Mr. King of Orono: Petition of E. J. Pretto, Orono, in favor of S. P. 1 an act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners. (H. P. 402.)

By Mr. Hunt of Brunswick: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 403.)

By the same gentleman: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 404.)

By Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 405.)

By the same gentleman: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 406.)

By Mr. McKnight of Poland: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 407.)

By Mr. Sturtevant of East Livermore: Petition in favor of same: (H. P. 408.)

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An act relating to the consolidation of corporations. (H. P. 409.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to classification of stock. (H. P. 410.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

An act relating to the trial terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in Sagadahoc County. (H. P. 411.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to declarations upon a contract in writing. (H. P. 412.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Jackson of Portland: An act relating to the property of extinct or disbanded Baptist or Free Baptist churches, Parishes or Societies. (H. P. 413.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Locke of Biddeford: An act relative to the terms of the Supreme Judicial court of York County. (H. P. 414.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relative to the regulations of fees and costs. (H. P. 415.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to marriage licenses. (H. P. 416.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Thatcher of Bangor: An act to validate the incorporation of Louis Kirstein and Sons and to amend its corporate purposes. (H. P. 417.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Roy of Lewiston: An act to combine the treasurer and tax collector of the city of Lewiston. (H. P. 418.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: An act relating to registration of nurses. (H. P. 419.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: An act relating to the time of sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes. (H. P. 429.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor: An act to establish a State Reservation at Fort William Henry, at Pemaquid, and for the appointment of Commissioners and a Custodian for said Reservation. (H. P. 421.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Pensions

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: An act to incorporate the town of Rumford School District. (H. P. 422.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Clark of Winslow: Resolve providing for a State pension for Eliza F. Withee of Vassalboro. (H. P. 423.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: Resolve in favor of Rosetha Shaver of Readfield. (H. P. 424.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holman of Farmington: Resolve providing for a State pension for Anna Lou Hobart of Farmington. (H. P. 425.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Public Health

By Mr. Bove of Naples: An act to regulate the practice of the system, method, or science of healing known as naturopathy and to create a Board of Examination and Registration for those desiring to practice the same and providing penalties for violation of this act. (H. P. 426.)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: Resolve in favor of the Acrostook Test Laboratory. (H. P. 427.)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: An act relating to the taking of additional land by railroad corporations; proceedings before Public Utilities Commission. (H. P. 428.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to increases in capital stock of railroad corporations. (H. P. 429.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Bove of Naples: An act increasing the salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Cumberland County. (H. P. 430.)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Small of East Machias: An act relating to the destruction of fish in East Machias waters. (H. P. 431.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Carroll H. Denison of East Machias, and 21 others in favor of same. (H. P. 432.)

By Mr. Rumill of Tremont: An act relating to closing Sunday to lobster fishing. (H. P. 433.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Alvah Curtis and 13 others in favor of same. (H. P. 434.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Frank Small and 61 others in favor of same. (H. P. 435.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Rodney Davis and 40 others in favor of same. (H. P. 436.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. L. Crowley and 47 others in favor of same. (H. P. 437.)

By the same gentleman: Petition

of J. W. Woodward and 21 others in favor of same. (H. P. 438)

By the same gentleman: Petition of L. B. Stimpson and 12 others in favor of same. (H. P. 439)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Arthur T. Black and 8 others in favor of same. (H. P. 440)

By the same gentleman: Petition of L. H. Trask and 52 others in favor of same. (H. P. 441)

By the same gentleman: Petition of P. J. Ackley and 12 others in favor of same. (H. P. 442)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Percy Sears and 51 others in favor of same. (H. P. 443)

By the same gentleman: Petition of C. H. Trundy and 21 others in favor of same. (H. P. 444)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Raymond Kelley and 55 others in favor of same. (H. P. 445)

By the same gentleman: Petition of John Pressley and 41 others in favor of same. (H. P. 446)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Edward Robinson and 17 others in favor of same. (H. P. 447)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Wilder H. Dolliver and 13 others against change of lobster law. (H. P. 448)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of H. A. Moore and 10 others against same. (H. P. 449)

State Lands and Forest Preservations

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve authorizing the Forest Commissioner as Land Agent to convey a certain lot of land to Asahel Darling. (H. P. 450)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act to authorize the Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue bonds for State Highway and Bridge construction, conditional on the adoption by the people of a Constitutional Amendment authorizing such bonds. (H. P. 451)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Folsom of Norridgewock: Resolve in favor of towns of Anson, Starks and Industry. (H. P. 452)

By the same member: Petition of citizens of the towns of Anson, Madison, Starks, Industry and Farmington in favor of same. (H. P. 453)

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: Resolve in favor of a highway between Long Pond and Greenville. (H. P. 454)

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: Resolve in favor of the town of Winthrop. (H. P. 455)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls for aid in the building of bridges. (H. P. 456)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Resolve in favor of the Moscow and Mayfield Plantations. (H. P. 457)

By Mr. Kane of Addison: Resolve in favor of the town of Addison. (H. P. 458)

By Mr. Small of Freedom: Resolve in favor of the town of Morrill. (H. P. 459)

By Mr. Hawkes of Standish: Resolve in favor of the town of Sebago. (H. P. 460)

By Mr. Blodgett of Bucksport: Resolve in favor of road in town of Penobscot. (H. P. 461)

By Mr. Campbell of North Leeds: Resolve in favor of the town of Durham. (H. P. 462)

By Mr. Wright of Bath: Resolve in favor of the town of Georgetown. (H. P. 463)

By Mr. Bachelder of St. George: Resolve in favor of the town of St. George for a road. (H. P. 464)

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: Resolve in favor of the town of Van Buren. (H. P. 465)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Van Buren. (H. P. 466)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of the Kossuth Plantation, Number 7. (H. P. 467)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield. (H. P. 468)

By Mr. Crawford of Houlton: Resolve in favor of the town of Houlton. (H. P. 469)

By Mr. McLean of Bar Harbor: Resolve in favor of the town of Bar Harbor. (H. P. 470)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of the Lambert Lake Plantation. (H. P. 471)

By Mr. Hill of Fairfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Smithfield, for the construction, maintenance and repair of the Varney Hill or Belgrade Hill Road, so-called, in said Smithfield. (H. P. 472)

By Mr. Briggs of Monticello: Resolve in favor of the town of Monticello. (H. P. 473)

By Mr. Rea of La Grange: Resolve in favor of the town of La Grange. (H. P. 474)

By the same gentleman: Resolve

in favor of the town of Bradford (H. P. 475)

By Mr. Pike of Lubec: Resolve in favor of the town of Tiescott (H. P. 476)

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Mt. Vernon (H. P. 477)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Wayne (H. P. 478)

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: Resolve in favor of the town of Kingman (H. P. 479)

By Mr. Hathaway of Milo: Resolve in favor of the town of Atkinson (H. P. 480)

By Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Fairfield (H. P. 481)

By Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor: Resolve in favor of the town of Bristol (H. P. 482)

By Mr. Jacobs of Wells: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair and construction of a road in the town of Lebanon, York County (H. P. 483)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of Codyville Plantation (H. P. 484)

By Mr. Small of Freedom: Resolve in favor of the town of Knox (H. P. 485)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Freedom (H. P. 486)

By Mr. Lenfest of Manchester: Resolve in favor of the town of West Gardiner (H. P. 487)

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By Mrs. Day of Gorham: Resolve in favor of the town of Gorham (H. P. 490)

By Mr. Bailey of Harmony: Resolve in favor of the town of Cambridge (H. P. 491)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Hartland (H. P. 492)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of St Albans (H. P. 493)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Harmony (H. P. 494)

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By Mr. Wight of Newry: Resolve in favor of Andover, Andover North Surplus and Township C in Oxford County (H. P. 496)

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. F. Coburn and others in favor of same (H. P. 497)

By Mr. Jack of Lisbon: Resolve regarding road in Lisbon, Maine (H. P. 498)

By Mr. Ford of Brooklin: Resolve in favor of the town of Brooklin (H. P. 499)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to provide for the completion of the raised road between Deer Isle and Little Deer Isle (H. P. 500)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Bath, it was

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives convey to Captain Henry W. Butler, a Representative of this House from the city of Bath, the friendly sympathy of the House and his fellow members, and the wish that his return to health be rapid and sure.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Jack from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to provide for the designation of the ballot to be printed on both sides when folded (H. P. 79) (H. D. 36) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 501) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Burkett from same Committee reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act relative to the bringing of actions for injuries causing immediate death (H. P. 36) (H. D. 16).

Report read and accepted, and the bill having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

(H. P. 8) (H. D. 4) An Act Amendatory of Chap. 98 of the Private and Special Laws of 1927 entitled "An act to incorporate the Casco Title Guaranty Company."

The following additional bills, resolves, and petitions were re-

ceived, out of order, and referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: Resolve in favor of Franklin Memorial Hospital. (H. P. 502.)

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: Resolve in favor of the Rumford Community Hospital Association at Rumford (H. P. 503)

By Mr. Rackliff of Old Town: Resolve in favor of the Penobscot General Hospital, at Old Town. (H. P. 504.)

Claims

By Mr. Holman of Farmington: Resolve in favor of Lewis Fitch. (H. P. 505.)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Resolve to reimburse the town of Eustis for support of Harold J. Bartlett and family, persons having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 506.)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money for payment of the expenses of Tancerede Morin, an employee of the State Highway Commission (H. P. 507)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Eustis for support of Thomas Serous and family, having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 508.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Eustis for support of the family of Albert J. Seavey, having no known settlement in the State (H. P. 509)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Education

By Mr. Blodgett of Bucksport: An act relating to the Bucksport Seminary. (H. P. 510)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Hawkes of Richmond: An act establishing a Game Preserve on Swan Island in Kennebec River, County of Sagadahoc. (H. P. 511)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: An act to establish a Game Sanctuary in the towns of Mapleton and Chapman in Aroostook County. (H. P. 512)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jackson of Bath: An act relating to fishing for smelts in Winnegance Creek. (H. P. 513)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Alton Wright and 68 others in favor of same (H. P. 514)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of the outlet of Lower Wilson Pond, in the town of Greenville, in the county of Piscataquis (H. P. 515)

Judiciary

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: Petition in favor of S. P. 1, An act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners (H. P. 516)

By Mr. Farrington of Jay: Petition in favor of same (H. P. 517)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Holman of Farmington: An act to increase the amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Franklin County (H. P. 518)

By the same gentleman: An act to increase the salary of Clerk of Courts of Franklin County (H. P. 519)

By Mr. Taylor of Belfast: An act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in the county of Waldo. (H. P. 520)

By the same gentleman: An act to increase the compensation for clerk hire in the office of Waldo County Register of Deeds (H. P. 521)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act relative to highways through towns of less than five thousand inhabitants (H. P. 522)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Wright of Bath: Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg (H. P. 523)

By Mr. McKnight of Poland: Resolve in favor of town of Greene (H. P. 524)

By Mr. Wright of Bath: Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg (H. P. 525)

By Mr. Leonard of Hampden: Resolve in favor of the town of Hampden (H. P. 526)

By Mr. McKnight of Poland: Resolve in favor of the town of Poland (H. P. 527)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: Re-

solve in favor of the town of Enfield (H. P. 528)

By Mr. Hatch of Lovell: Resolve in favor of the town of Lovell (H. P. 529)

By Mr. McLean of Bar Harbor: Resolve in favor of the town of Hancock (H. P. 530)

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Resolve in favor of the town of Brownville (H. P. 531)

By Mr. Perkins of Madison: Resolve in favor of the town of Athens (H. P. 532).

By Mr. Boston of Gardiner: Resolve in favor of the towns of Gardiner and Randolph (H. P. 533).

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under orders of the day the Chair presents the first matter tabled and today assigned, Joint Order relative to water power investigation, H. D. No. 11, tabled yesterday by the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich, pending passage, and specially assigned for today; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion for the passage of this order, and move at this time that the order be referred to the Committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, once in a while I use a story which I think is applicable to a given situation, and I recently heard one which I think hits this water power situation fairly well. A father came down to a college to see his son who was being educated there, and he was told that he would find him in the chemical laboratory, so he made his way into the laboratory and there he found the boy. The place was full of smells that are natural to such a place,—burners were burning, students were gathered in groups around the class making experiments, and the boy came over to see his father. He was of that age when he thought the old man didn't know very much anyway, and he was a little patronizing with his father. After the first greetings were exchanged the father said "What are you boys trying to do here?" "Why father" he said "We are all experimenting trying to dis-

cover a universal solvent." His father said "What in heck is a universal solvent?" "Father," said the boy, "a universal solvent is a liquid that will dissolve anything." "Boy," said the old man "That's great, and when you get it, what are you going to keep it in?" (Laughter)

Now I think that a great many ideas and schemes which have been advanced for the solution of the so-called water power problems are similar to the experiments which were being conducted in that laboratory,—trying to discover something which will be impractical and entirely useless when discovered; and this particular experiment which is involved in this order is an expensive experiment which is likely to cost the State one hundred thousand dollars at least if this investigation should be thoroughly conducted. It does not make much difference to me whether this order should be sent to a committee, although it is unusual—though not improper—for an order to be committed. I think that an order ought not be committed which would require the usual hearings in the committee, and further complicate the issue with which the committee deals, unless the House feels that it is not prepared to deal with this order. It may be that this is as good a place as any to have it out. There is no reason, if we should eventually arrive at an impasse where no action one way or the other was likely to be had,—there is no reason under the rule why this same order could not be introduced on any other day of this session, or on the last day of the session. If it goes to committee, it is to be presumed that hearings will have to be held, and the committee will have to report. I doubt whether there is any member in this House who has not a definite opinion right now whether this order should pass or not. Yesterday, in the interest of courtesy and harmony, I would have said if the gentleman had wished his order to be committed, "I have no objection"; but I read in the paper this morning that a bill has been introduced into this Legislature to repeal the Pernald law, and that the gentleman who introduced that bill states

publicly that he is opposed to it. He says that he introduced the bill to clarify this issue. Now no one who was in the last Legislature can have any idea that any bill or order is going to clarify this issue. We all know that a bill to repeal the Fernald law is not going to pass. Nobody is going to submit a proposition like that to the people. Some of us may think that that bill would be all right because we feel that the economic law is stronger than the State law in every way and that the State might be protected; but, if we do feel so, we know better than to present that to the Legislature; we know better than to present that to the people. We know that, whatever we do, if we take positive action looking toward the exportation of hydro-electric power, the people's rights must be protected to the limit. Now if the idea is going to be as it was before, for everybody to throw in a bill to complicate this issue, to make it harder to solve, then I think that if we can at this time eliminate one of those measures, it will be helpful for us to do so.

The trouble in the last Legislature was that so many people thought that the water power issue was very complicated. The one thing that made them think so was because so many bills were introduced. There was a Smith bill, two Carter bills, a Maher bill, an Oakes bill, and there was even a Chase bill. (Laughter). Everybody thought that the bill in which he was particularly interested was the right bill. There were only two bills in the lot that proposed to do anything. Every other measure in the bunch was a sort of a drag-your-feet proposition, and each went into the common hopper; but there were only two positive proposals which in the end came down to one. This proposition, if it passes the Legislature, is going to be referred to the people anyway. Most of the people, I think, who are interested in the thing at all, would like to have the Legislature, regardless of the personal feelings of any member, work out the best measure that can be worked out to provide a means for the exportation of surplus hydro-electric energy, even though a member might himself be opposed to it, and thus give the peo-

ple a chance to vote on it. The people do not believe in all of this talk about somebody trying to sell the people's rights. Look through the returns of the votes which the various candidates received in the last primary and in this last election, and you will know that they do not believe that. This is simply a few men shouting loudly.

Now I would like, if I can, to get the idea across to those of you who have not made a study of this water power issue that it is just as simple as that two and two make four, or A-B-C, or the first problem in geometry. It rests on certain absolute premises, scientifically known, easily demonstrated. The complications come entirely from obsolete precedents and political buncombe. The problem is perfectly simple and goes right back to those original principles as it was in the old days when the mills used the power direct on the wheels, hydraulic power; obsolete since transmission of electric energy became known in large industries, but it is just the same. The reason our water power was an advantage then was because it was cheap. Science has changed that. We have no cheap power in Maine today which would attract industry. They can turn out power on tidewater at Boston today by coal, in my opinion, cheaper than that it is being produced at that most modern of hydro-electric plants at Gulf Island, which is three miles from Lewiston.

The only proposition before us now is what can we do to make electric power cheap in Maine. It is recommended to us that one means to make it cheap is exportation to secure complete utilization of all the surplus. That is about the only feature with which the Legislature can deal, tending to make power cheaper. Electricity differs from water power in that anybody can make it; it is a highly competitive art. The proposition to be solved is to do what is possible to make power cheap. It is just as simple as that. The only other problem is the question of Federal control, brought up the last time, and considered to be the legal point which is involved in the measure. No one knows anything about it. We all know that Herbert Hoover will probably be President for eight years, and that he is an outstand-

ing opponent of Federal control, either through the Interstate Commerce Commission or in any way, and I think you all know that there is no power anywhere in government that can make a man, having power in Maine, sell power in Boston when he wants to sell it in Maine.

As I say, it may not make much difference whether this order is committed, but in doing so you are further complicating the issue and are making it just so much harder to deal with by sending this order to a committee if you are prepared to vote upon it now; and, if you are prepared to vote upon it now I think we should do so.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I should like at this time, after having listened for ten minutes or more to certain ebullitions of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth relative to the power issue generally, to call your attention to the fact that the only matter before us now is whether or not this order, which I have introduced, calling for an investigation, shall be referred to a committee. I have been very much interested in the story which the gentleman has told about his inability to hold the solvent, but let me say right here that we have ample authority in this state to hold the solvent hydro-electric power here if we want to, and the only thing that will prevent us from doing it will be the passage of the act which apparently the gentleman today favors, and which today is the only one he would like to have submitted to the committee. Now if that is your idea, if your idea is that you want to confine this matter to a consideration only of what the power people bring in here, do not refer this order to a committee; but if you want that committee to consider every question involved in this power proposition, which, may I say with all due deference to the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) is one of the most difficult problems that has been presented to this state in the last fifteen years. I am glad he understands it. I am thankful that he can tell you that it is just as easy as two and two make four; but I will say to you that he is the first man—and I was on a committee of thirty two years ago which con-

sidered this matter, and I can state that he is the first gentleman who has had the temerity to say to me that this matter is so simple that you can sit in your seats here and find it as easy as two and two to decide.

All I desire in this order of mine is that we have what I know today we have not,—and everyone of you in your consciences knows it too—information bearing on this all important subject. The interests of the State of Maine from a legal standpoint must be protected, and if they are not, then I say to you that the matter fails right there; and the second proposition is shall we change the policy of this State, to which we have adhered for nineteen years, and allow export without the State of Maine receiving a nickel for it?

Now I say to you that in my judgment this power question is the most important matter which you will consider at this session, and, likewise, in my opinion,—if you will pardon me for saying so,—the order which I have introduced or offered here is the only constructive action that I know of that has been undertaken in this Legislature for years, to have determined once and for all whether or not it is wise to export power. I have directed here the means of doing it by having ten men appointed in the State whom we can trust and who have ability to make such investigation. But that is beside the point. I do not wish to get into a discussion of that now. Two years ago there was no objection from any source that I heard that any matter referring to this power question, whether it was a bill like my friend's from Cape Elizabeth to create a corporation, of which I think he was to be a member, or whether it was a bill of Senator Carter's to amend all of the charters of the public utility companies, or whether it was the Smith bill to allow export,—I never heard a voice raised in opposition to the proposition that all of these matters were of sufficient importance to warrant their submission to a committee, and I am astounded that the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) with his astuteness and the knowledge which he has, and which we have not, of the

intricacies of this problem, should suggest that we do not refer this matter to a committee when he says that it does not make any difference whether we do or do not, and what is the use of wasting time on it. If he says it makes no difference, he practically says he has no objection. Then why not refer it? He says it will take time. You know my friends what will be done. We will discuss this matter in this three-headed committee as we did two years ago, and there will be a power hearing in this House which probably will be very largely attended, and at that power hearing every aspect of this power question which has been raised in this Legislature will be threshed out, and you will get something upon it, and I hope we may be able to reach a determination. I think it would be unfortunate if we were to establish the precedent here now that because same measure is offered which does not meet with the approval of the power interests, or of those who are in favor of it, to refuse it a committee reference. I have no interest nor any quarrel with gentlemen who do not agree with me on this proposition, not the slightest. You are entitled to your views; but I think it would be a most unfortunate precedent to establish to pick out or single out some particular piece of legislation which is offered and say as to that, "we will put the taboo on it, and we will not permit it to be considered". But if it is your wish that the precedent established two years ago by which that Legislature welcomed all matters which were offered here for the solution of this power problem, and welcomed the submitting of them to the proper committees for consideration in order that we might be benefited thereby, why then refer this matter to those committees. It is certainly a matter of very considerable importance whether you know all you need to know about this matter. You voted today on the reference of the Carlton bill. If you knew what the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) knows, but I know that you don't know, and I don't know, and all I am seeking for is light. Therefore any measure that is proposed and

which has for its object the purpose of giving you light, in my judgment should go along with all other measures of like character and be considered by the committees to which they are referred.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman exaggerates a little in some things which he says I may have said, and I am sorry he has drawn so strong a conclusion in regard to his recollection of the Legislature two years ago. I think he must have forgotten that an order exactly similar to his, although without so long a preamble and so many whereases to preface it, was introduced in this House, and stayed in this House on the table most of the time for several weeks of the session and was never referred to a committee nor was the question ever raised.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to take another moment of your time, but with reference to the matter which the gentleman has just referred my recollection is that he said that that matter stayed upon the table, while so far as I recall no suggestion was ever made that anything be done with it.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. JACK of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker and members of the Eighty-fourth Legislature: It is possible to acquire wisdom anywhere, they say, and I was much surprised and interested in the assertion of the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth (Mr. Chase) that on the face of it any man should be denied the right and opportunity to present a bill. Therefore while the gentleman who presented the bill in the Senate is not of the House, yet, nevertheless, he has my sympathy and my acquiescence in his right to present a bill if he sees fit to do so. I was much interested in the gentleman's proposition that there was some six bills presented at the last Legislature, only two of any effect. He presented one of the six, so I assume one of the two that had real importance was his bill. I was not here but I assume that probably that is the fact. Now in his story relative to the laboratory he brought out the point of an experiment. If it is any experiment for a man to put in an order or resolution and ask to have it referred to a joint committee, why I think we should have more light on the proposition of what

constitutes an experiment and what does not.

Relative to his proposition of a similar resolution which was put in at the last session of the Legislature, I would call the members' attention to the fact that since that time the Republican party in convention assembled put into its platform this plank: "We believe that the Legislature to assemble in 1929, itself or through some properly constituted agency, shall be entrusted with full power to obtain the facts in regard to Maine water power and promptly legislate in accordance with the facts thus obtained."

Now that went into the Republican party's platform. It was a pledge of the Republicans of Maine to the citizenship of Maine of some action along those lines. Therefore the necessity and reason probably for the so-called Aldrich resolution. Now this proposition may be a light, frothy matter as viewed by some members who look at it from angles different than some of the rest of us; but we should carefully consider the fact that because of the action of the people of the State of Maine, recently one institution at least, a corporation, by legislative action has got out from under what was estimated on competent authority to be some three to five hundred thousand dollars in taxes that must be borne by the farmers and business interests of the State of Maine. Therefore, I believe it important that this proposition should be carefully considered, and it might develop that we should figure out some ways or means to place that tax on an exportation of power and thereby relieve the farming interests and other interests that are already suffering from too much taxes.

Mr. CARLETON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think we are interested in the cost of this investigation—I am personally—and I wonder if I could ask Mr. Aldrich, through the Chair, the probable cost of this investigation. We have had investigations before now of one thing or another, and when you come to employ experts and lawyers, I find the State of Maine has a pretty big bill to pay. I would like to know somewhere near, if possible, what this investigation would cost.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Carleton, inquires through the Chair of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Al-

drich, as to the probable cost of the investigation contemplated by the gentleman from Topsham's order, and the gentleman from Topsham may answer the inquiry of the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Carleton) if he desires.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, in answering the inquiry I should like to impress on the members that the question asked has not been involved in the motion which is before this House. I should not at this time attempt to estimate what the cost of such an investigation might be; but permit me to say, if I may speak of it in view of the fact that the question of cost has been raised, if, as a result of such an investigation nothing more transpired than that this State secured the offer which the president of the Central Maine Power Company made in this room two years ago, by which there would have been secured for rural electrification for this State, if power were permitted to be exported, the sum of \$250,000 a year for 10 years. I say that if such an amount were obtained, it would seem to me that the investigation might prove, even though a costly one in money, exceedingly helpful in value.

Miss LAUGHLIN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the only question before us at the present time is whether we will refer this order to a committee or not. It seems to me that the right to have a measure of any importance whatsoever referred to a committee is only a courtesy and a right which is due every member of this House who introduces a measure. I saw this morning that our House papers had reached No. 500, all of which went without question to a committee, and it seems extraordinary to me that any one measure should be singled out and refused that courtesy extended to 500 others already. It seems to me the question that the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Carleton) brought out is still another point in favor of the necessity of referring this to a committee, who could thresh out all the questions that might be asked and brought up.

It is not my purpose to discuss the power question at this time, and does not seem to me in any way to have any part in this motion. The only question before us is whether we will refer this order on a very important question to a committee here, as we have already referred 500 others at this session. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I have sat here here a number of sessions and heard water power discussed and at the present time I don't know what to do; and any light that I can have on the water power question, no matter whether it comes from friends of water power or the friends of anti-export, I would like to know it, and therefore I hope the order will have a passage.

Mr. STURGIS of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I am astounded at the audacity of anyone in this House trying to thwart the interests of this assembly by putting up the small plea of cost, when I look back on the pork barrel—the pens and all those things that go through in a hurry to blind our eyes. It is beyond my imagination for a man to stand here and make that little plea as to the cost. We all want information. We want to know where we stand. We want to vote intelligently, and I for one believe that it is our duty as members of this House to let this order go to the committee.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

The question was called for.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich, that his joint order relative to water power investigation be referred to the committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly. As many as are in favor of the gentleman's motion—

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, might I ask that you explain to the members what a vote "yes" means and what a vote "no" means?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will explain. The Chair will say that a vote of aye in favor of the motion will have the effect of referring this order—and the Chair will state that it is an order and not a bill—will have the effect of referring this order to the joint committees. The effect of a vote of no would withhold the joint order from the committees and cause it ultimately, presumably, to be acted on by the House without a reference. Is the House ready for the question? As many as are in favor of the gentleman's motion will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to refer the order to the joint committees on Public Utilities, Judi-

ciary and Interior Waters prevailed, and the order was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bove of Naples the House voted to reconsider its action whereby earlier this morning there was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence, Resolve, Senate Paper 125, in favor of the town of Naples for completing road construction; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was tabled pending reference in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin the House voted to reconsider its action whereby earlier this morning there was referred to the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, House Paper 433, bill an act relating to closing Sunday to lobster fishing; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Comins of Eddington, the House recessed until 4 P. M.

After Recess

On motion by Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro, the rules were suspended, and the men allowed to smoke. (Applause)

Papers from the Senate, out of order, disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Chester Dutch, compensating him for the loss of a cow, (S. P. 132)

Resolve in favor of Kelleher & Son of Bangor for burial expenses of a State pauper (S. P. 133)

Resolve in favor of Bessie Nickerson for compensation (S. P. 180)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Shirley for support of the family of Angus A. Green, (S. P. 181)

Come from the Senate, referred to the committee on Claims.

In the House referred to the committee on Claims in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, 500 copies of each ordered printed.

Mr. WILLIAMSON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I desire to inform the House of the death this morning in Augusta of the Honorable Albert M.

Spear, an Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and a former member of this body. I present this resolution and move its adoption.

RESOLVED, that this House hereby attests its sense of the loss to the State sustained by the death of Albert M. Spear of Augusta, Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. A former member of this House and of the Senate, for more than twenty-five years a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, and throughout his long and distinguished career a public servant of great ability and steadfast loyalty, his life was devoted to the service of the State and won from its citizens the respect, confidence and appreciation which such a life richly deserves; that this House extends to his widow and the members of his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and that as an expression thereof a copy of this resolution be sent to them.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following petitions, bills and resolves were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Agriculture

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: An act relating to the apportionment of State aid to Agricultural Societies (H. P. 578)
(500 copies ordered printed)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Holman of Farmington: Resolve in favor of the Nordica Memorial Association (H. P. 579)

By Mr. Butler of Bath: Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum (H. P. 580)

Claims

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for burial of persons having no known settlement in the State (H. P. 581)
(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support and burial expenses of John Pomeroy, a Civil War veteran (H. P. 582)
(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of

Smyrna for support of the family of Albert Arbour, a State pauper (H. P. 583)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support of James F. Blake, a State pauper (H. P. 584)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support of Ellen Rigby, a person having no known settlement in the State (H. P. 585)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of Charles W. Huff, compensating him for damages (H. P. 586)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lenfest of Manchester: Resolve in favor of Fred E. Peacock, compensating him for labor (H. P. 587)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Fogg of Cornville: Resolve in favor of Myron F. Rich, for reimbursement for damage done by skunks and coons (H. P. 588)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Hathaway of Milo: Resolve to reimburse the town of Milo for support of a State pauper (H. P. 589)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Morse of Oakland: Resolve in favor of the town of Oakland (H. P. 590)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Education

By Mr. Quint of Limerick: Resolve in favor of Limington Academy of Limington (H. P. 591)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Parsonfield Seminary (H. P. 592)

By Mr. Carleton of Portland: Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary, Portland, for maintenance (H. P. 593)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Jacobs of Auburn: Remonstrance of James A. Pulsifer of Auburn and others against changing the law with respect to the registration of hunters and fishermen (H. P. 595)

By Mr. Towne of Kennebunkport: An act relating to ice fishing in Alewife Pond. (H. P. 595.)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: An act to protect muskrats in the towns of Dennysville,

Charlotte, Meddybemps, Alexander, Cooper, Marion and the Plantation No. 14, in the county of Washington. (H. P. 596.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Hatch of Lovell: Petition in favor of S. P. No. 1, an act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners. (H. P. 597.)

By Mr. Quint of Limerick: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 598.)

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: An act to change the name of Cumberland Agricultural and Horticultural Society; to enlarge the Board of Directors and to increase the amount of property the society may hold. (H. P. 599.)

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An act relating to the manner of signing certificates of shares. (H. P. 600.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Buzzell of Acton: An act relating to the time and place of holding the Commissioners' Court in York County. (H. P. 601.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An act to amend Paragraph XVII of Section 6 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, relating to rules of construction; corporate seals. (H. P. 602.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to rules of construction; signatures. (H. P. 603.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield: An act relating to the foreclosure of mortgages of real estate. (H. P. 604.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act relating to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College. (H. P. 605.)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: An act to incorporate the town of Lincoln School District. (H. P. 606.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to create a Board of Registration of Master Plumbers. (H. P. 607.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: An act relating to a system of uniform accounting in cities, towns and

village corporations. (H. P. 608.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: An act relating to voters in unincorporated places on islands. (H. P. 609.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: An act to make valid and enforceable written provisions or agreements for the arbitration of disputes. (H. P. 610.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Pensions

By Mr. George Hamel of Lewiston: Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a State pension for Ivanilla Nute, of Lewiston. (H. P. 611.)

By Mr. Small of Freedom: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Frank A. Choate of Montville. (H. P. 612.)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Holman of Farmington: An act to amend the charter of Farmington Falls Electric Company. (H. P. 613.)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act to incorporate the Franklin Water Company. (H. P. 614.)

By Mr. Blanchard of Phillips: An act to extend the charter granted to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railway Company. (H. P. 615.)

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act granting the right of eminent domain to electric power companies doing a public utility business. (H. P. 616.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to extend the charter granted to the Union Terminal Company. (H. P. 617.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Revision of the Statutes

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: Resolve relative to compensation of Clarence W. Peabody, Commissioner of the revision and consolidation of the Public Laws. (H. P. 632.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: An act relating to the salary of the Judge of Probate in the Aroostook County. (H. P. 618.)

By Mr. Stanley of Porter: An act relating to the salary of the County

Commissioner in Oxford County. (H. P. 619.)

By Mr. Rackliff of Old Town: An act relating to the salary of the Sheriff in Penobscot County. (H. P. 620.)

By Mr. Jacobs of Auburn; An act to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Androscoggin County. (H. P. 621.)

(Tabled by Mr. Sturgis of Auburn pending reference.)

By Mr. Hatch of Lovell: An act relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Oxford County. (H. P. 622.)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Resolve in favor of Caratunk Plantation. (H. P. 623.)

Taxation

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: An act relating to the exemption of disabled veteran soldiers. (H. P. 624.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Petition of Azriel Roach, and others in favor of the town of Merrill. (H. P. 625.)

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Petition of Freddie Pongemil and 19 others in favor of help on the Agatha and Frenchville Road. (H. P. 626.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Vital L. Cyr and 16 others in favor of aid to build or repair a road in Madawaska. (H. P. 627.)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to exempt certain non-resident motor vehicles from registration while in the State exclusively for display or demonstration purposes; also non-resident passenger busses chartered and used exclusively for private conveyance of non-residents. (H. P. 628.)

By Mr. Butler of Bath: Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg. (H. P. 629.)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg. (H. P. 630.)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Resolve in favor of the town of Alexander. (H. P. 635)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Charlotte. (H. P. 636)

By the same gentleman: Resolve

in favor of Plantation 14, Washington County. (H. P. 537)

By Mr. Hughes of Mapleton: Resolve in favor of the town of Chapman. (H. P. 538)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Easton. (H. P. 539)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Mapleton. (H. P. 540)

By Mr. Quint of Limerick: Resolve in favor of the town of North Berwick. (H. P. 541)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Cornish. (H. P. 542)

By Mr. Bove of Naples: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Naples. (H. P. 543)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Harpswell. (H. P. 544)

By Mr. Blodgett of Bucksport: Resolve in favor of the town of Dedham. (H. P. 545)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Verona. (H. P. 546)

By Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Whitefield. (H. P. 547)

By the same member: Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoboro. (H. P. 548)

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By Mr. Stanley of Porter: Resolve in favor of the town of Hiram. (H. P. 550)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Porter. (H. P. 551)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve in favor of the town of Crystal for aid in the building of a road. (H. P. 552)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Seth T. Campbell and others of Island Falls in favor of same. (H. P. 553)

By the same gentleman: Petition of A. H. White and others of the towns of Crystal and Island Falls in favor of same. (H. P. 555)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman for repairing a road. (H. P. 554)

By Mr. Towne of Kennebunkport: Resolve in favor of the town of Kennebunkport. (H. P. 556)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve in favor of the town of Bremen for repair of a road. (H. P. 557)

By Mr. Vose of Cushing: Resolve

in favor of the town of Cushing. (H. P. 558)

By Mr. King of Orono: Resolve in favor of the town of Milford. (H. P. 559)

By Mr. Small of Freedom: Resolve in favor of the town of Unity. (H. P. 560)

By Mr. Fogg of Cornville: Resolve in favor of the town of Detroit. (H. P. 561)

By Mr. Dudley of Castle Hill: Resolve in favor of the town of Castle Hill. (H. P. 562)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Salem for a new bridge. (H. P. 563)

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Resolve in favor of the Townships of T. I. R. 9, T. 2. R. 9, and T. 3. R. 9. (H. P. 564)

By Mr. Ford of Brooklin: Resolve in favor of the town of Brooksville. (H. P. 565)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Resolve in favor of Highland Plantation. (H. P. 566)

By Mr. Rumill of Tremont: Resolve in favor of the town of Tremont. (H. P. 567)

By Mr. Small of Freedom: Resolve in favor of the town of Knox. (H. P. 568)

By Mr. Adams of Linneus: Resolve in favor of the Reed Plantation. (H. P. 569)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Weston. (H. P. 570)

By Mr. Hawkes of Standish: Resolve in favor of the towns of Standish and Limington. (H. P. 571)

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: Resolve in favor of the town of Patten. (H. P. 572)

By Mr. Blanchard of Phillips: Resolve in favor of the town of Strong. (H. P. 573)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of New Vineyard. (H. P. 574)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve in favor of the town of Merrill. (H. P. 575)

By Mr. Burkett of Union: Resolve in favor of the town of Washington. (H. P. 576)

Resolve in favor of the town of Warren. (H. P. 577.)

Reports of Committees

The following reports of Committees were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Pensions on Resolve for a

State pension for Charles E. Debeck of Portland, Maine. (H. P. 21.) reported that legislation thereon is **inexpedient**.

Mr. Hammond from the Committee on Taxation reported same on bill an act relating to the taxation of Title Guaranty Companies. (H. P. 10.) (H. D. 6.)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act providing for retirement of court stenographers and their compensation. (H. P. 59.) (H. D. 28.)

(Tabled by Mr. Roy of Lewiston pending acceptance.)

Mr. Williamson from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the annual payments to the Kennebec Law Library. (H. P. 58.) (H. D. 27.)

Report read and accepted and the bill having already been printed, read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Pensions on resolve in favor of Miss Isabelle Willett. (H. P. 22.) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 534) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Reports read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Burkett from same Committee reported "Ought to pass" on resolve to provide for a pension for John W. Fish of Union. (H. P. 81.)

Mr. Bailey from same Committee reported same on resolve for teacher's pension for Etta M. Patten. (H. P. 82.)

Reports read and accepted and the resolves ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate the Paris Village Corporation and two petitions on the same, being House Paper 16, H. D. 7, reports that the bill ought to pass in new draft. (H. P. 63.)

Report accepted, and the new draft under same title ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under orders of the day.

On motion by Mr. Robt of Westbrook, the House voted to recon-

sider its action whereby it referred to the committee on Legal Affairs, H. P. 610, an act to make valid and enforceable written provisions or agreements for the arbitration of disputes; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair deems it appropriate to acquaint the members with the situation of legislative business up to the present time.

Today, being the 31st day of January, there have been introduced into the Senate 188 measures as opposed to 56 measures on the 31st day of January of the last session. There have been introduced into the House up to today 630 measures as opposed to 158 measures on the same date last session. This comparison is not entirely fair by reason of the fact that the Legislature convened this year on the second day of January and in 1927 on the sixth or seventh. If we make a comparison on the basis of legislative days, this being the close of the fourteenth legislative day, there have been 188 matters introduced into the Senate this year as against 102 in 1927, and 630 matters into the House as against 320 matters of 1927.

This indicates that there is a considerable advance this year in legislation introduced even when allowance is made for a large number of petitions such as those in reference to the barber bill which do not require independent action. If the increase of legislation can be maintained for the next two weeks, it will have an extremely salutary influence on the whole business of the Legislature and while it would be impossible and probably improper now to predict or to attempt to fix, even in our minds, any date for adjournment, it is clear that the action of the Legislature may be expedited by the prompt action on measures which are now before the Legislature without any prejudice to the fair and thorough consideration of all measures, and that if such additional measures as are to be introduced may be introduced in the course of the next fortnight, or, better still, next week, the work of the Legislature may be still further accelerated, and the Chair believes that this is the disposition and desire of the House.

On motion by Mr. Lenfest of Manchester,

Adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon, February 5, at 4 P. M.