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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

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1929.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Magraw of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 41, S. D. 22: Resolve providing for a State pension for Fred F. Harris of Lewiston.

S. P. 363, S. D. 144: An act relating to the expenses of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Mr. BURKETT of Union: Mr. Speaker, I had a resolve presented to me last night for introduction. This resolve should have really gone along with House Document 204, and with the unanimous consent of the House I would like to present this resolve and refer it to the proper committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Union, Mr. Burkett, asks unanimous consent of the House to introduce a resolve. Is there any objection to the gentleman's request?

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that this is a private and special matter?

Mr. BURKETT: This is a town matter in relation to the construction of a bridge, and should have gone along, as I said, with House Document 204.

The SPEAKER: Is the resolve long? Would the gentleman read it?

Mr. VOSE of Cushing: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is not in order.

Mr. BURKETT: Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the gentleman from Cushing, Mr. Vose.

Mr. VOSE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to say in regard to this resolve that it refers to the same matter as House Document 204 which I introduced in relation to the proposed new bridge between the towns of Thomaston and Warren

across the Georges river. I meant to have shown it to Mr. Burkett but it slipped my mind. This is a matter which I feel I am somewhat to blame for—not intentionally—but I have been a little negligent in looking after the matter. For this reason it would be very pleasing to me if the gentleman (Mr. Burkett) were allowed to introduce this resolve out of order.

Mr. BURKETT (reading proposed resolve): "Resolved that upon completion of a bridge between the towns of Warren and Thomaston across the Georges river, in the county of Knox, above the present railroad bridge new location (or new bridge on present location) under authority of the State highway commission there be paid to the town of Warren the sum of five thousand dollars to aid said town in meeting its proportionate cost of construction of said bridge. That said sum be paid out of moneys heretofore raised whether by loan or otherwise for bridge purposes solely.

Mr. ALLEN of Sanford: Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolve lie on the table until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair believes that the motion is not in order because the resolve is not yet introduced, the question before the House being whether the House will receive the resolve by unanimous consent.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that, as you know, the time limit has gone by for the introduction of private and special matters. In other words we have attempted to put the lid on hard and fast. We have made wonderful progress so far in the matter of legislation, and of course, I know we all feel—I do—that we are anxious to retain that standing that we have made in progress. Therefore, I hope you will consider carefully the introduction of private and special bills. Once you take off the lid there will be no limit to the introduction of private and special matters, and you all know that it has been the wish of our Speaker to expedite matters here in the way of legislation and move along with all possible haste consistent with sound legislation. Therefore, I

sincerely hope that you will consider these matters carefully.

Mr. VOSE: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman here (Mr. Burkett) has made a motion that this lie on the table. I should like to see this tabled until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Cushing (Mr. Vose) is advised that the motion is not in order because the resolve has not yet been received and so may not be tabled. The motion of the gentleman from Union, Mr. Burkett, was for unanimous consent to introduce the resolve. Does the Chair understand that the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, objects to the introduction of the resolve?

Mr. KITCHEN: I do at this time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The motion for unanimous consent therefore fails of passage.

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

Agriculture and Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Comins of Eddington: Petition in favor of act placing a bounty on bear in towns and plantations where damage is being done to valuable domestic animals. (H. P. 1061)

By Mr. Small of East Machias: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1062)

By the same gentleman: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1063)

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1064)

By Mr. Stetson of Sumner: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1065)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1066)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1067)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1068)

By Mr. Wight of Newry: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1069)

By Mr. Adams of Linneus: Pe-

tion in favor of same: (H. P. 1070)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1071)

By Mr. Rogers of Yarmouth: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1072)

By Mr. Burr of Mattawamkeag: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1073)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1074)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1075)

Agriculture

By Mr. Sterling of Kittery: Resolve in favor of Poultry Husbandry. (H. P. 1076)

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Education

By Mr. Locke of Biddeford: Petition of Harry H. Burnham and others in favor of H. D. 40. (H. P. 1077)

By Mr. Hughes of Mapleton: Remonstrance of F. E. Tarr and 6 others against Basic Science Bill. (H. P. 1078)

Judiciary

By Mr. Webster of Auburn: Petition in favor of S. P. 1, an act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners. (H. P. 1079)

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An act relating to expenditures and returns in primary elections. (H. P. 1080)

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Legal Affairs

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: An act relating to taxes upon mortgaged real estate. (H. P. 1081)

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Public Health

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: An act relating to barbers afflicted with communicable diseases. (H. P. 1082)

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Public Buildings and Grounds

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An act amendatory of and additional to existing legislation relating to the State Park and to the Superintendent of Public Buildings. (H. P. 1083)

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Revision of Statutes

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta:

An act to repeal Sections 4 to 10 inclusive of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes relative to public warehouses and warehousemen. (H. P. 1084)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. McCart of Eastport: An act relative to canning of short lobsters. (H. P. 1085)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relative to persons authorized to perform marriages. (H. P. 1086)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to amend Section 117 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes relative to military parades on election days. (H. P. 1087)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the jurisdiction of courts over offenses under said chapter. (H. P. 1088)

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Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Rumill of Tremont: Petition of Robert Trask and 16 others in favor of H. P. 433, H. D. 141, relating to close time on Sunday lobster fishing. (H. P. 1089)

By Mr. Boynton of South Portland: An act to insure the quality of sardines packed in Maine. (H. P. 1090)

(On motion by Mr. McCart of Eastport, 500 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Petition of R. B. Dunning and others of Bangor and Brewer in favor of Jackman-Greenville Highway. (H. P. 1091)

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: Petition of Frank E. Bragg and others of Bangor in favor of same. (H. P. 1092)

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor: Petition of Haynes & Chalmers Co. and others of Bangor in favor of same. (H. P. 1093)

By Mr. Potter of Bangor: Petition of H. A. Chapman and others of Bangor in favor of same. (H. P. 1094)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: An act relating to Mill Tax Highway Fund. (H. P. 1095)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Paper from the Senate, out of order.

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, as a fact-finding committee, meet with the Committee on Publicity on Thursday, February 14th, at 3 o'clock, for the consideration of any acts or resolves that may come before the Maine Publicity Committee.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House read and passed in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Farris of Augusta, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the State Auditor present to the Eighty-fourth Legislature within one week a detailed statement of the amount paid in salaries by the State of Maine to the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captains, Lieutenants and Patrolmen of the State Highway Police, the amount paid for clerk hire, office supplies and equipment, the amount paid for badges, uniforms, motorcycles, small arms, automobiles and equipment under the provision of Section 3 of Chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1925; also the sums expended for the investigation of crime and the apprehension of criminals and the enforcement of law outside of the regular salaries paid the officers, the amount paid for finger print equipment, photographic machine, cameras and developing machines, from January 1st, 1927 to January 1st, 1929 and the amount received by the State in forfeitures, fines and costs under the provisions of Chapter 98 of the Public Laws of 1925, during the same period.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. McKnight of Poland: Mr. Speaker, I move that I be allowed to withdraw that order that I introduced yesterday in regard to holding the seats of the members of the House this afternoon; and I wish to state, if I am in order, Mr. Speaker, that in making this motion at this time, I do so by reason of the fact that perhaps the proponents of that bill, coming here would think that the members of the Legislature were doing some-

thing that ought not be done. While I realize that we have the privilege of holding our seats, and that it has been done in the past, I do not wish to place this Legislature in any false position that would prejudice anyone against us before they come here. Also I wish to say that, while I am opposed to the bill, I believe it an act of courtesy to extend to those people coming here this privilege and that they be allowed to take any seats they can get; and, Mr. Speaker, I move that I be allowed to withdraw that order.

Thereupon the gentleman from Poland, Mr. McKnight was given unanimous consent to move reconsideration of the order passed yesterday, and the passage of that order was reconsidered; and upon further motion by the same gentleman the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be given to the Joint Committees on Agriculture and Inland Fisheries and Game for hearings on Tuesday afternoon, February 19, 1929 at 2 P. M.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Rounds from the committee on Claims reported ought not to pass on resolve in favor of Amos W. Buck compensating him for damages to apple trees by deer, (H. P. 652, H. D. 193) as it is being cared for in another manner.

Report read.

Mr. COMINS of Eddington: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire, through the Chair, whether all of these bills for claims are going to be transferred to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. I understand that this claim is to be handed over to that Department, and I would like to know if all the other claims are to be treated in the same manner.

The SPEAKER: Is there any gentleman who cares to answer the inquiry of the gentleman from Eddington (Mr. Comins)?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, there is a fund of some \$5,000 to take care of just such claims which the people back

home did not know about; so they put in a resolve and it has come to the committee on claims. Whenever these claims can be settled by the Department, it saves the State of Maine some twenty-five dollars each, and they know what the conditions are in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game; so we leave what we can to that Department, thereby saving the State so much money and so much of our time.

Thereupon the report, ought not to pass, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rounds from the committee on Claims reported ought not to pass on resolve in favor of Myron F. Rich for reimbursement for damage done by skunks and coons (H. P. 588, H. D. 168), as it is being cared for in another manner.

Mr. Hawkes from the committee on Ways and Bridges reported ought not to pass on resolve in favor of the town of Troy to aid in repair of a road. (H. P. 213)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Littlefield from the committee on Claims on resolve in favor of Silas L. Barrows of Waterville (H. P. 31) (H. D. 20) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1096) under title of "Resolve in favor of Silas L. Barrows of Waterville, to compensate him for personal injuries and property damage, occasioned by his being shot by Hollis Spear, a State ward" (H. P. 1096) and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. 42, S. D. 25): An act to create York Water District.

(S. P. 53, S. D. 33): An act to amend Section thirty nine of Chapter sixty seven of the Revised Statutes relating to the fees to be paid by executor or administrator.

(H. P. 107, H. D. 316): An act to extend the open time for smelt fishing in the tide waters of the towns of Stonington and Deer Isle, in the county of Hancock.

(H. P. 177) (H. D. 317) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of Registry of Deeds for Lincoln County.

(H. P. 235) (H. D. 76) An act to protect muskrats in the town of

Orrington in the county of Penobscot.

(H. P. 327) (H. D. 319) An act relating to the Home for Aged Men in Bangor.

(H. P. 427) (H. D. 318) Resolve in favor of the Aroostook Test Laboratory.

(H. P. 246) (H. D. 320) Resolve providing for a State pension for Harrison M. Crocker of Whitefield.

Passed to be Enacted

An act relative to the bringing of actions for injuries causing immediate death.

An act relating to the annual payments to the Kennebec Law Library.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under tabled and today assigned the Chair presents House report, ought to pass, from the committee on Judiciary on bill an act providing for retirement of court stenographers and their compensation, H. P. 59, H. D. 28, tabled on February 6th by the gentleman from Lewiston Mr. Roy, the pending question being the acceptance of the ought to pass report; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Roy.

On motion by Mr. Roy, the report of the committee was accepted; and on further motion by the same gentleman, this being a printed bill, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the second matter today assigned, bill an act additional to Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of South Portland" S. P. 304, S. D. 112, tabled on February 7 by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Anderson, the pending question being the reference to the committee on Judiciary in concurrence with the Senate; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Anderson.

On motion by Mr. Anderson of South Portland this bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the third matter today assigned, bill an act to provide for the appointment of an Assistant County Attorney for the county of Penobscot, S. P. 231, S. D. 96, tabled on February 7 by the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Sargent, the pending question being reference to the committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Sargent.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the fourth matter today assigned, bill an act relating to fusible plugs in steam boilers, H. P. 1023, H. D. 314, presented by the gentleman from Naples, Mr. Bove, and tabled February 8th by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton, the pending question being reference to a committee; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton.

Mr. BOYNTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to move that that document be referred to the proper committee.

The SPEAKER: The committee on reference of bills suggested reference to the committee on Manufactures, and the gentleman moves that the bill be so referred. The motion prevailed.

Mr. BOVE of Naples: Mr. Speaker, just one word of explanation, if I may, please. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry wished me to present the bill relating to fusible plugs in steam boilers, and I was informed by him that this was an absolutely necessary measure. He suggested that when this bill should come before the committee, he would appear; and at his suggestion I move that the bill be referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The House has already referred the bill to the committee on Manufactures. Does the gentleman wish to move reconsideration of the vote?

Mr. BOVE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider the vote whereby it referred this

bill to the committee on Manufactures.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to reconsider failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents to the House the fifth matter today assigned, bill an act relating to control of pollution of sources of water supply and other inland waters, H. P. 1026, H. D. 315, presented by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. St. Clair, and tabled on February 8 by the gentleman from Old Orchard, Mr. Milliken, the pending question being reference to a committee; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Old Orchard, Mr. Milliken.

On motion by Mr. Milliken of Old Orchard the bill was referred to the committee on Public Health, this being the recommendation of the committee on reference of bills.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the sixth matter today assigned, bill an act relating to payment of damages by dogs and wild animals to domestic animals H. P. 1052, presented by the gentleman from Garland, Mr. Clifford, and tabled on February 12th by the same gentleman, the pending question being reference to a committee; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Garland, Mr. Clifford.

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. Speaker, this being simply a matter giving the Department of Agriculture authority and placing upon it the responsibility of investigating claims for damage to domestic animals by dogs and wild animals, it simply being of interest to agricultural interests, I move that it be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now presents to the House the several matters tabled and unassigned which are to be taken from the table today automatically, the first matter being bill an act to incorporate the Fish River Power and Storage Company, S. P. 178, S. D. 78, tabled on February 5th by the gentleman from Mapleton,

Mr. Hughes, pending reference in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. HUGHES: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be referred to the joint committee of Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters.

Mr. INGRAHAM of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I wish to re-table this bill. We do not want any quarrel with Aroostook county, but this relates to timberlands in which Penobscot county has an interest.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman move that the bill lie on the table?

Mr. INGRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The motion is not debatable. Is it the pleasure of the House that the bill lie on the table?

A viva voce vote being doubted, A division of the House was had, Sixty-six voting in the affirmative and 32 in the negative the motion to re-table prevailed.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if the gentleman (Mr. Ingraham) will assign a day certain for taking it off the table?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, inquires of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ingraham, if the latter gentleman will assign a day certain for the consideration of the measure.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I think it had better come on a Wednesday so that information may be had relative to Bangor's interests.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman assigns no date certain.

Mr. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, this is quite an important matter—one of the power bills coming before the House—and it is quite necessary, I think, that it be referred to a committee as soon as possible. I should like very much to have the gentleman name a day certain for taking it from the table.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Wednesday of next week.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ingraham, assigns Wednesday next for the consideration of the measure.

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, is this question debatable?

The SPEAKER: The question of assignment is debatable.

Mr. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, what would be the natural course of this bill providing the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ingraham, did not assign a day certain for its consideration.

The SPEAKER: The House may vote to assign the bill on any day, and the question of assignment is debatable.

Mr. FOSTER: I feel a great deal as the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, does about this particular bill.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Ellsworth (Mr. Foster) wish to move to reconsider the vote to assign on Wednesday next?

Mr. FOSTER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Foster, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it assigned this measure for Wednesday next. As many as are in favor of the gentleman's motion for reconsideration will say aye; those opposed no.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, is this debatable?

The SPEAKER: The motion for reconsideration is debatable.

Mr. INGRAHAM: In the two sessions of the Legislature, Mr. Speaker, of which I have been a member I have tabled a very few bills as the record will show. I simply table this bill to get in touch with the land owners at home who own the most of the timberland in that section. We will adjourn undoubtedly on Friday of this week and convene again on Tuesday. It seems to me stretching a point to say that it makes considerable difference whether it was taken off the table next Tuesday or next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Foster, to reconsider the vote whereby this matter was assigned for consideration on Wednesday next. As many as are in favor of the gentleman's motion for reconsideration will say aye; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had, Sixty-five voting in the affirmative and 58 in the negative, the motion to reconsider the date of assignment prevailed.

Mr. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be specially assigned for consideration tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Calls of "No."

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. PATTERSON of Freeport: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that on a question where our people at home have not had a chance to hear this matter discussed, that in fairness to the man who wishes it re-tabled, in fairness to the whole State, it should lay over until the first of next week so that this man can get in touch with his people. Tomorrow morning does not allow him to get in touch with them. Any of us here could not get in touch with our people by tomorrow, and I should think it would be only fair to put it over until next week whether it is Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of vital importance to Aroostook county. We are anxious that this bill should be referred as quickly as possible and go to the committee. This bill has been before this House and tabled for nine days as I figure it out. I feel that the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Ingraham) has had time to get what information he needed, and I sincerely hope that the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Foster, will prevail.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I would like to add to what the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, has said the fact that this Fish River proposition was before the last Legislature, and that for the last two years anybody with the slightest interest in this matter has had a wonderful opportunity to find out all about it; so that for two years in a general way and for nine days while the matter has been before the Legislature, they have had a better opportunity than most of us usually have to find out what is going on.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, two years ago Penobscot county was willing to let Aroostook county

settle her own problems. They simply was in a wrangle among themselves and could not agree on anything. They did not know whether they wanted this bill or what they wanted. Now last week was a very busy week for some of us, and I did not get a chance to go home over the week end. I am now going home and take up this matter at the adjournment of the session this week. The hearing on the power bill is set for when, may I ask?

The SPEAKER: The hearing has not yet been assigned.

Mr. INGRAHAM: I do not see any immediate necessity of rushing this matter. If the gentleman wants it assigned for next Tuesday, I will not object, but I do object to railroading this proposition until I get a chance to consult with the principal owners of that whole section involved in Aroostook county.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Foster, that the bill be assigned for consideration tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Is the House ready for the question.

The question being called for, and a viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had, Sixty-five voting in the affirmative and 64 in the negative, the motion prevailed and the matter was specially for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the second unassigned matter, resolve in favor of the State Reformatory for Men, S. P. 198, H. D. 216, tabled on February 6th by the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Bishop, the pending question being reference to the committee on Claims in concurrence with the Senate; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Bishop.

On motion by Mr. Bishop the resolve was referred to the committee on Claims in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the third unassigned matter, bill an act to grant a new charter to the city of Portland, H. P. 851, presented by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, and tabled on February 6th by the same gentleman, the pending question being reference to a committee; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

On motion by Mr. Rounds the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the fourth unassigned matter joint order relative to printing address of Col. Paul V. McNutt, tabled on February 6th by the gentleman from Jonesport, Mr. Mansfield; the pending question being passage in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jonesport, Mr. Mansfield.

Mr. MANSFIELD: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

House Amendment A to Joint Order relative to printing address of Col. Paul V. McNutt.

"Amend said order by striking out in the first line thereof the words 'one thousand' and inserting in place thereof the words 'twenty five hundred.'"

Thereupon House amendment A was adopted, and the order as amended by House Amendment A received passage, and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ROBIE: of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I should like to inquire if there has been any order made for printing House Paper 851, an act to grant a new charter to the city of Portland.

The SPEAKER: No order for printing has as yet been made.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland 2500 copies were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Hunt of Brunswick,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.