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**HOUSE**

Thursday, February 28, 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.

From the Senate

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE  
Office of the Governor  
Augusta

February 7, 1929

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of the 84th Legislature:

At my request the Auditor has prepared a comprehensive history of the various trust funds of the State together with a financial statement of those funds as of December 31, 1928. Attached is his report which contains much valuable information as well as a statement that should be borne in mind in connection with other matters of State finance. I commend to your consideration the question of such a policy as will permit the gradual restoration of these trust funds.

(Signed)

WM. TUDOR GARDINER

Comes from the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House, read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

**Senate Bills in First Reading**

S. P. 268, S. D. 218: An act to incorporate the Big Black River Dam Company.

S. P. 361, S. D. 146: An act providing for inspection, registration and safety of vessels engaged in inland navigation under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission.

S. P. 562, S. D. 226: An act making it unlawful to fish for smelts in certain parts of Washington and Hancock counties.

S. P. 563, S. D. 227: An act relating to the digging of clams in the town of Wells.

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:

**Agriculture and Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Petition in favor of a bounty on bears (H. P. 1448)

**Agriculture**

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: An act relating to weights and measures (H. P. 1449)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to sealers of weights and measures (H. P. 1450)

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Claims**

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Resolve in favor of B. E. Lurchin, compensating him for storage of dynamite and exploders in his building (H. P. 1451)

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Petition of C. H. Weston and 110 others in favor of the Sunday hunting law (H. P. 1452)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Remonstrance of Fred Parker and others against same (H. P. 1453)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of T. E. Joy and others against same (H. P. 1454)

By Mr. Jones of Waterville: Petition of Neil I. Leary and 65 others from Waterville and Winslow in favor of bill to regulate ice fishing in Belgrade Lakes (H. P. 1455)

By Mr. Picher of Waterville: Petition of Dave Campagnor and 22 others in favor of same (H. P. 1456)

By the same gentleman: Petition of I. Augustus Marshall and 74 others in favor of same (H. P. 1457)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Charles Pomerleau and 47 others in favor of same (H. P. 1458)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Joseph H. Simpson and 74 others in favor of same (H. P. 1459)

By the same gentleman: Peti-

tion of Emile Dairan and 40 others in favor of same (H. P. 1460)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Joseph Jones and 41 others in favor of same (H. P. 1461)

By Mr. Jones of Waterville: Petition of Percy Hanson and 42 others of Waterville, Winslow and Fairfield in favor of same (H. P. 1462)

By Mr. Angell of Saco: An act relating to hunting and fishing licenses. (H. P. 1463)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and Advisory Council. (H. P. 1464)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Roy of Lewiston: An act to close the Tacoma Chain of Lakes to ice fishing. (H. P. 1465)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: An act to close ice fishing in Cat-hance Lake. (H. P. 1466)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of the outlet of Long Pond, in West College Grant, in Piscataquis County, north of Elliottsville Plantation. (H. P. 1467)

### Judiciary

By Mr. Sturtevant of E. Livermore: An act relating to licensing operators of motor vehicles after their conviction of operating the same while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. (H. P. 1468)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Belleau of Lewiston: An act for the purchase of books and to provide for cataloging the Androscoggin County Law Library. (H. P. 1469)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Bove of Naples: An act relating to Workmen's Compensation. (H. P. 1470)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Angell of Saco: An act relating to finger prints and photographs of criminals. (H. P. 1471)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle:

An act relating to bowling alleys. (H. P. 1472)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to authorize the Governor and Council to purchase or acquire land for the State and to sell land in certain instances. (H. P. 1473)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. George Hamel of Lewiston: An act to authorize the city of Lewiston to issue its bonds to the amount of \$51,000, to refund its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year 1930. (H. P. 1474)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Perham of Paris: An act barring professional Sunday sports and allowing recreation that does not disturb and annoy the nearby public. (H. P. 1503)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Pensions

By Mr. Libby of Albion: Resolve providing for a State pension for Alice M. Whitten of Albion. (H. P. 1475)

By Mr. Taylor of Belfast: Resolve providing for a State pension for Charles R. Fish of Belfast. (H. P. 1476)

### Public Utilities

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: An act to extend the charter granted to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railway Company. (H. P. 1477)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Varnum of Westbrook: An act relating to eminent domain for ferries. (H. P. 1478)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters

By Mr. Ashley of Fort Fairfield: Petition of C. A. Powers and others in favor of act to incorporate Fish River Power & Storage Co. (H. P. 1479)

By Mr. Crawford of Houlton: Petition of Justin C. Rose and 69 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1480)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Albert G. Merritt and 60 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1481)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Ora Gilpatrick and 69 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1482)

### Revision of the Statutes

By Miss Laughlin of Portland:

An act relative to Director of Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. 1483)  
(500 copies ordered printed)

(Tabled by Mr. Boynton of South Portland and specially assigned for tomorrow morning)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act relative to lien on vehicles. (H. P. 1484)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Miss Laughlin of Portland: An act relative to Sea and Shore Fisheries Commission. (H. P. 1485)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Holman of Farmington: An act relative to the service of writs on corporations. (H. P. 1486)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act relative to jurisdiction of applications for Naturalization. (H. P. 1487)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Stone of Biddeford: An act relative to attachment of property mortgaged or pledged. (H. P. 1488)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Miss Laughlin of Portland: An act relative to interest and mortgages on loans on personal property. (H. P. 1489)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same member: An act relative to recording certificates of decree, barring husband or wife of rights in real property. (H. P. 1490)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### **Sea and Shore Fisheries**

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act relating to close time on lobsters west of Petit Manan Point (H. P. 1491)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### **Taxation**

By Mr. Jack of Lisbon: An act to raise an excise tax on corporations organized for making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying electricity or electric current for power, lighting, heating, manufacturing or mechanical purposes (H. P. 1492)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### **Ways and Bridges and Taxation**

By Mr. Rogers of Yarmouth: Remonstrance against increase in gasoline tax (H. P. 1493)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance against same (H. P. 1494)

By Mr. Hubbard of Plymouth:

Remonstrance against same (H. P. 1495)

By Mr. Libby of Albion: Remonstrance against same (H. P. 1496)

By Mr. Littlefield of Farmingdale: Remonstrance against same (H. P. 1497)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance against same (H. P. 1498)

#### **Ways and Bridges**

By Mr. Clifford of Garland: Resolve in favor of the town of Dexter (H. P. 1499)

By Mr. Hunt of Brunswick: Resolve to aid the town of Brunswick in the repair of a road (H. P. 1500)

#### **Orders**

On motion by Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that H. D. 289, H. P. 871, resolve in favor of Roxie A. Benner for Mother's Aid be recalled from the committee on Pensions.

#### **Reports of Committees**

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on bill an act regulating the supervision of public dances (H. P. 315) (H. D. 90)

Mr. Wing from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to marriage licenses (H. P. 416) (H. D. 127)

Miss Laughlin from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the foreclosure of mortgages of real estate (H. P. 604) (H. D. 176)

Mr. Wing from same Committee reported same on bill an act to make valid and enforceable written provisions or agreements for the arbitrations of disputes (H. P. 610) (H. D. 181)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mrs. Day from the Committee on Education on Resolve providing for a State pension for Charlotte Hill of Biddeford (H. P. 798) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1504) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Wing from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to validate the organization of Bangor Bridge District and continue its charter (H. P. 241) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1505) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Tucker from the Committee

on Public Utilities on bill an act to amend the certificates of organization of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Water Company (H. P. 880) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1506) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee on bill an act relating to the purposes of the Milo Water Company (H. P. 881) (H. D. 293) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1507) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Chase from same committee on bill an act to incorporate the Franklin Water Company (H. P. 614) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1508) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Rogers from the committee on State School for Girls, State School for Boys and State Reformatories on bill an act relating to Trustees of State Juvenile Institutions (H. P. 25) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1509) under title of "An act relating to State Juvenile Institutions" and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on Ways and Bridges on resolve in favor of the town of Peru (H. P. 221) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1510) under same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. McCart from the Committee on Revision of Statutes reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to Deputy Town Clerks (H. P. 884)

Mr. Burkett from same Committee reported same on resolve relative to compensation of Clarence W. Peabody, Commissioner of the revision and consolidation of the Public Laws (H. P. 632)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act to correct a clerical error in Sec. 1 of Chap. 222 of the Public Laws of 1923 (H. P. 977)

Mr. Bissett from the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories reported same on resolve in favor of Reformatory for Women for maintenance, etc.

Mr. Merrill from the Committee on Ways and Bridges reported same on bill an act relating to the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge.

Reports read and accepted and

the bills and resolve ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Williamson from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill an act to provide for the exoneration of bail in civil action after the entry of the action. (H. P. 849.) (H. D. 275.)

Mr. Wing from the same Committee reported same on bill an act prohibiting interment or disinterment of bodies without permit. (H. P. 848) (H. D. 274.)

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Revision of the Statutes reported same on bill 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) (H. D. 351.)

Mr. McCart from same Committee reported same on bill an act relative to canning of short lobsters. (H. P. 1085) (H. D. 348.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relative to persons authorized to solemnize marriages. (H. P. 1086) (H. D. 349.)

Mr. Robie from the Committee on Towns reported same on bill an act to change the name of the town of Old Orchard to Old Orchard Beach. (H. P. 899) (H. D. 300.)

Mr. Rea from same Committee reported same on bill an act to change the name of the town of East Livermore to the town of Livermore Falls. (H. P. 898) (H. D. 299.)

Reports read and accepted and the bills having already been printed were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 62) (H. D. 472) An act relating to salaries of County Treasurers.

(H. P. 83) (H. D. 473) An act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county of Cumberland.

(H. P. 302) (H. D. 474) An act to open Virginia Lake in Stoneham to bass fishing.

(H. P. 373) (H. D. 475) An act relating to the salaries of the County Commissioners of Sagadahoc County.

(H. P. 374) (H. D. 476) An act relating to salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County.

(H. P. 398) (H. D. 477) An act to regulate fishing in Prescott Pond in Elliottsville Plantation.

(H. P. 400) (H. D. 478) An act to open Lily Pond, in Knox County, to fishing.

(H. P. 513) (H. D. 479) An act relating to fishing for smelts in Winnegance Creek.

(H. P. 740) (H. D. 481) An act relating to expenses and clerk hire of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

(H. P. 1395) (H. D. 484) An act providing for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Probate of Cumberland County.

(H. P. 1396) (H. D. 485) An act relating to the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox.

(H. P. 1397) (H. D. 486) An act relating to the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Lincoln.

(H. P. 1398) (H. D. 487) An act increasing the salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Cumberland County.

(H. P. 672) (H. D. 480) Resolve providing for a State pension for Rosie E Clark, of Etna.

(H. P. 872) (H. D. 482) Resolve providing for a State pension for Electus Oakes of Thorndike.

(H. P. 875) (H. D. 483) Resolve to provide a State pension for Mary W. Chamberlain of Portland.

(H. P. 1399) (H. D. 488) Resolve providing for a State pension for Jennie S. Sutton of Lewiston.

(H. P. 1400) (H. D. 489) Resolve providing for a State pension for Anna Lou Hobart of Farmington.

(H. P. 1491) (H. D. 490) Resolve in favor of Anna L. Gagan, providing a State pension.

H. P. 1402, H. D. 491: Resolve in favor of William S. Smith of Alna for State Pension.

H. P. 1447, H. D. 492: An act to incorporate the Sanford Water District.

#### Passed To Be Engrossed

S. P. 46, S. D. 26: An act relating to the appointment of trustees of Normal Schools

Mr. LOCKE of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the indulgence of this House and the

Speaker for a few minutes with reference to this bill. We have been legislating here for the last seven or eight weeks for the purpose of protecting fish, protecting bears, protecting muskrats and porcupines, but this bill, Mr. Speaker, and members of the House, is very misleading in its title. The title of this bill should be changed to "An Open Season on Democrats". (Laughter) I ask you to read the bill, please, and bear with me for a few moments. Senate Paper 46, Senate Document 26. I do not believe that it is a part of the Republican program of this Legislature to stoop so low as to attempt by legislative enactment to prevent the possibility of Democrats holding office as trustees of your normal schools. I do not believe the honorable Senator from Aroostook, when this bill was presented, gave any thought to that matter. I am charitable enough to say that she presented it unthinkingly, without any particular thought. Now I want you to read it, and if you will bear with me I will read it for you:

"Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Section 1. Section one hundred forty-four of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof, the words: 'and not more than two shall be of the same political party,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 144. Said schools shall be under the direction of a board of five trustees, four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, for terms of four years. The State Superintendent of Public Schools is, by virtue of his office, a member of the said board of normal school trustees. Said board shall have charge of the general interests of said schools.'" And the rest of it as the act is now.

The situation, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Assembly, is just this: I had occasion this morning to trace these amendments down and from 1905 up to the present time, a period of twenty-four years, this law has not been necessary. In 1905 it was changed from a board of seven members to a board of five—four members and the State Superintendent of Public Schools, which this bill provides for, but the legislators, in their

wisdom, thought that some time there might be some political subterfuge that would create havoc with our normal school system and they very wisely provided that not more than two members shall be appointed from any one political party and that is the way it is now. I do not know whether they are Democrats or Republicans on the board, but I do know, Members of the House, that if you pass this act, it will not be possible for a member of the minority party to become a member of that board. It does not say so in the act, but that is probably the intent of the act. I assure you I do not think that the Senator from Aroostook unthinkingly put this in and is turning the grindstone unknowingly for somebody. No, as I said, I do not believe it is the principle of this Republican organization here to allow anything like that to go through this House, and I think you fair minded men and women.

Although we are in a minority, we have worked happily here since the convening of this legislature, and I hope that this happy concord may continue until such time as the legislature may adjourn. Let us keep the normal schools where they are. I do not think they are going to put four Republicans on or four Democrats. If it were a Democratic organization in control of this House and this thing presented itself, I would raise my voice against it because I do not believe in that principle of organization. I fully realize that as a majority party you have the power to pass any legislation that you see fit; but this, members of the House, is not worthy, to my mind, of the smallest ward-heeler in any particular ward in the State of Maine or in the city of Chicago. I ask you now, then, to allow the minority party to at least have some representation upon your board of trustees of your normal schools, which if this act is passed to be enacted, it will not have. I do not ask you as Republicans nor as Democrats. I have not asked one man in this House to support this measure. I am going to leave it to you to your fair minds, and, Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I move that Senate Paper 46, Senate Document 26, lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman name a date for assignment?

Mr. KITCHEN: Next Wednesday, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, moves that Senate Paper 46, Senate Document 26, relating to the appointment of trustees of normal schools lie upon the table and be specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6th. As many as are in favor will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

#### Passed to be Engrossed—Continued

(S. P. 210) (S. D. 217) An act to change the name of Birch Island in Sebago Lake to Grey Boulder Island.

(S. P. 322) (S. D. 117) An act relating to the location of ways crossing railroad tracks and station grounds.

(S. P. 543) (S. D. 216) An Act relating to appropriations for public and private hospitals.

(H. P. 394) (H. D. 117) An act establishing Moosehead Lake Game Preserve in the county of Piscataquis.

(H. P. 841) (H. D. 267) An act to increase the jurisdiction of the Auburn Municipal Court.

(H. P. 842) (H. D. 268) An act relating to the establishment of the Lewiston Municipal Court.

(On motion by Mr. Belleau of Lewiston recommended to the committee on Judiciary).

(H. P. 847) (H. D. 273) An act providing for the attesting of records of city and town clerks by volume

(H. P. 949) (H. D. 310) An act relating to the quarantine of cattle.

(H. P. 950) (H. D. 309) An act increasing the amount paid by the State for condemned cattle.

(S. P. 544) (S. D. 215) Resolve providing for an honorarium for Otis O. Roberts of Dexter.

#### Passed to be Enacted

An act to provide for the support of the University of Maine.

An act relative to the salary of the Forest Commissioner.

An act to repeal Section 94 of Chapter 98 of the Public Laws of 1921.

An act relating to inventory of exempt live stock and fowl.

An act to extend the charter of the Patten Water and Power Company.

An act relating to the manner of signing certificates of shares.

An act to amend the charter of Farmington Falls Electric Company.

An act to extend the charter grant-



ed to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railway Company.

An act to authorize the Forest Commissioner to sell a part of the Public Lot in Lakeville Plantation in Penobscot county.

An Act to incorporate the Eastport Water District.

An Act authorizing the city of Portland to provide by ordinance for the retirement, pension and annuity to dependents of members of the Police and Fire Departments.

An act to increase the salary of the County Treasurer of Franklin county.

#### Finally Passed

Resolve to modify the conditions of the gift from B. C. Jordan to the State for the purpose of encouraging cultivation of forests. (H. P. 734) (H. D. 384)

(Tabled by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle pending final passage).

Resolve for aid to typhoid carriers to be expended under the State Department of Health.

Resolve providing for a State pension for Angie N. Willard of West Gardiner.

Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Mrs. Alfred Polk of Lewiston.

Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a State pension for Ivanilla Nute of Lewiston.

Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Frank A. Choate of Montville.

Resolve in favor of John S. Nelson, representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Abbie A. Norton of Industry for State pension.

Further papers from the Senate, out of order, disposed of in concurrence.

At this point Honorable Frank H. Holley, ex-Speaker of the House, took a seat at the side of the Speaker, the members rising and applauding.

#### Orders of the Day

THE SPEAKER: Under orders of the day the Chair presents the first matter tabled and today assigned, bill an act relating to a tax upon gasoline, H. P. 63, H. D. 30, tabled on February 27th by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton, the pending question being third reading.

At this point Justice Farrington

took a seat at the Speaker's left, amid applause, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is now well equipped to proceed with the business of the day.

Mr. BISSETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think that this House, in honor of our new Judge, ought to give him three cheers, and I move that we give Judge Farrington three cheers.

Thereupon the House gave Mr. Justice Farrington three rousing cheers.

The SPEAKER: It is apparent that the gentleman's motion is carried.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes on the first matter today assigned the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton.

Mr. BOYNTON: I wish to present House Amendment A to House Paper 63.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read.

House Amendment A to bill an act relating to a tax upon gasoline.

Amend said bill by striking out of the last paragraph thereof the words "it being the intention of the Legislature to make this appropriation available for the fiscal year of 1928."

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this amendment be adopted? As many as are in favor of its adoption—

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill and amendment lie on the table.

A viva voce vote being taken the bill and amendment were tabled, pending adoption of the amendment, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 6th.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the second matter tabled and today assigned, being House Report, ought to pass of the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on bill an act regulating the catching of smelts in the waters of Casco Bay and mouth of the Presumpscot River in Cumberland county, H. P. 336, H. D. 99, tabled on February 27th by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman:

Mr. Boynton: Mr. Speaker, I wish to present House Amendment A to H. P. 336.

The SPEAKER: The attention of the Chair is called to the fact that the pending question is the acceptance of the report. Does the gentleman move that the report be accepted so that the bill may be brought into an amendable stage?

Mr. BOYNTON: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Boynton of South Portland the report was accepted, and on further motion by the same gentleman, it being a printed bill, the rules were suspended and the bill given its first two readings.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Boynton) now offers House Amendment A to H. P. 336, which the Clerk will read.

House Amendment A to H. P. 336, entitled an act regulating the catching of smelts in the waters of Casco Bay and mouth of the Presumpscot River in Cumberland County.

Amend said bill by striking out in the second, third and fourth lines thereof the words "and the mouth of the Presumpscot River adjacent to the city of Portland and the town of Falmouth in Cumberland county."

A viva voce vote being taken the amendment was adopted and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business under orders of the day?

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Farmingdale the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it specially assigned for Tuesday March 5th S. P. 48, S. D. 28, resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for maintenance; and on further motion by the same gentleman this bill was taken from the table.

On motion by the same gentleman the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Varnum of Westbrook the House voted to reconsider its action whereby S. P. 304, S. D. 112, an act additional to Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the city of

South Portland was tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, March 7th.

Mr. VARNUM: Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the member from Portland, Miss Laughlin.

Miss LAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be now given its third reading. I think that is the pending motion.

The SPEAKER: The member from Portland, Miss Laughlin, now moves that the bill be taken from the table and further moves that the bill be given its third reading. Thereupon the bill was taken from the table and had its third reading.

Mr. STURGIS of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be retabled.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion failed of passage, and the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BISSETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the House to reconsider its vote on House Paper 336 which was assigned for its third reading tomorrow morning, and have the bill and amendment lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: Can the gentleman inform the Chair to what the bill relates.

Mr. BISSETT: Smelts in the Presumpscot River. I move that the bill and amendment lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: The present status of the measure is that it was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning, at which time the gentleman may, if he desires, offer an amendment. Does the gentleman still desire the bill to lie upon the table?

Mr. BISSETT: Yes sir.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it assigned for third reading tomorrow morning H. P. 336, H. D. 99; and on further motion by the same gentleman, a viva voce vote being taken, the bill was tabled pending assignment for third reading.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business under orders of the day?

Mr. FARRIS of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, referring to H. P. 1470, bill an act relating to Workmen's Compensation, I move that we recon-

sider the vote whereby we ordered five hundred copies printed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman refers to H. P. 1470 presented by the gentleman from Naples, Mr. Bove, appearing on page five of the printed calendar; and the gentleman moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it voted to print five hundred copies of this bill.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, and on further motion by the same gentleman one thousand copies were ordered printed.

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On motion by Mr. Briggs of Monticello,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.