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Friday, March 8, 1929.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack 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. 194, S. D. 107: An act to incorporate the Eastern Loan Company, incorporated.

S. P. 34, S. D. 312: An act to incorporate the "New England Public Finance Company."

S. P. 229, S. D. 93: An act to incorporate the Maine Pharmaceutical Association.

S. P. 539, S. D. 211: An act granting authority to the State Highway Commission in the reconstruction of interstate bridges.

S. P. 654, S. D. 313: An act to incorporate the Monroe Loan Society of Maine.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Maine Publicity on resolve for the general distribution of data concerning the resources of the State, S. P. 233, S. D. 97, reporting same in a new draft S. P. 651, S. D. 306 under same title and that it ought to pass.

Comes from the Senate report read and accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House:

Mrs. GAY of Waldoboro: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I move the acceptance of this report and will state that it is a unanimous ought to pass report from the committee and has the approval of the majority of the Appropriations Committee. The appropriation asked for is \$75,000 to be used by the Maine Development Commission for the collection, compilation and distribution of data relative to the State of Maine and advertising the State. This increase over the appropriation of two years ago has been asked for that advertising in out-of-State papers may go into new fields and

continue work along the splendid lines already conducted by the Commission.

Southern territory with its great promise has never been touched. Neither has the territory west of Chicago. We know that some of the most brilliant minds in the State have been mobilized for this work and have done it with a fine patriotic sense that asked no reward but that of future advancement along the lines of progress. These men who make up the Maine Development Commission must have sufficient sums to aid them in the work thus far so wonderfully advanced.

I feel that this publicity work in our State is something very well worth while, and in the hands of these men, who are giving freely of their time to the cause, it seems a very wise investment indeed, something that will return to us not only in dollars and cents but in the feeling that we have helped to bring our own State prominently before the eyes of the nation.

A year or two ago President Hoover said that New England was a reservoir of the most skilled labor, the most skilled direction and the highest intelligence in the United States. "If she has been lacking in anything," said Mr. Hoover, "It is in that collective sense of the community which has pushed other communities ahead." Mr. Hoover realized the fact that New Englanders needed more community spirit to keep their states at the front.

Maine has resources, products, scenery and climate unexcelled by any other State; but these resources, products and attractions are in direct competition with other sections and advertising and organization work are absolutely necessary to keep our State at the front. Property is valuable only as people come to that property. Maine must attract people within her borders and by so doing every interest cannot fail to be benefited. Tourists spending only one night in a place must buy food, lodging, merchandise, entertainment and supplies. Although the rural sections which depend so much on this summer trade perhaps notice more

directly the results of this advertising, the cities cannot fail to be benefited. New money is put into circulation and everyone in the State must be benefited by it. Summer visitors attracted to the State by our publicity program become prospective buyers in property, land and industries.

As I said before we have mobilized some of the most brilliant men in the State to promote this worth-while enterprise. We must foster community patriotism and stand behind those who are working for the betterment of our State, forgetting that we are individuals with ambitions and prejudices and remembering only that we are citizens trying to uphold the principles that have made the State of Maine what it is today.

I know that you are all anxious to expedite legislation and I assure you that any attempt to table this measure will be contested. We do hope to have open discussion on it at this time.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question is the acceptance in concurrence with the Senate of the ought to pass report of the committee on Maine Publicity on resolve for the general distribution of data concerning the resources of the State. Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the report in concurrence?

Thereupon the report was accepted in concurrence, the resolve had its first reading and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Senate Bills Continued

S. P. 652, S. D. 307: An act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes relative to State stipends to agricultural societies.

S. P. 653, S. D. 308: An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes by omitting the word "male" from the qualification of voters.

From the Senate: Majority report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting ought not to pass on bill an act providing for the appointment of clerks of courts. (S. P. 58) (S. D. 34)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington
—Of the Senate
Messrs. TAYLOR of Belfast
SARGENT of Brewer
JACK of Lisbon Falls
BELLEAU of Lewiston
BURKETT of Portland
—Of the House

Minority report of same Committee reporting ought to pass on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CROSBY of Penobscot
DWINAL of Knox
—Of the Senate
PEACOCK of Readfield
BLAISDELL of Franklin
—Of the House

Comes from the Senate minority report accepted, Senate Amendment "A" adopted, Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" rejected and the bill indefinitely postponed.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Peacock of Readfield the bill and accompanying reports tabled until Tuesday, March 12, at which time they will be specially assigned for consideration.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges reporting ought to pass on bill an act to aid in the enforcement of Statutes governing the use of vehicles on closed or restricted ways and bridges. (S. P. 329) (S. D. 309)

Comes from the Senate report read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House: Senate Amendment A read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill received its two readings and tomorrow assigned.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting ought to pass on bill an act to change the name of Westbrook Seminary; to enlarge the Board of Trustees thereof and to authorize said trustees to accept and administer gifts to said institution. (S. P. 216) (S. D. 86)

Comes from the Senate report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House: Senate Amendment A read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill received its

two readings and tomorrow assigned.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reporting ought not to pass, legislation inexpedient, on resolve in favor of Caratunk Plantation (H. P. 623) which was accepted in the House February 22nd.

Comes from the Senate report and bill recommitment to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in non-concurrence.

In the House, it was voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the recommitment of this bill to the committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, March 12, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House this evening be accorded to the First Annual College Economic Conference for the purpose of its meeting.

Mr. Boynton of South Portland presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that bill an act to establish a Park Commission for the city of Portland, H. P. 321, H. D. 96, be recalled from the files of the Senate and returned to the House.

The order received passage, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Clark from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on remonstrance of J. L. Pinkerton and 23 others against any change in the Sunday law to permit the playing of games on Sunday (H. P. 1432) reported that same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. Milliken from the Committee on Interior Waters on bill an act relating to the pollution of the waters of Carleton Pond (H. P. 15) reported that legislation is inexpedient.

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to prevent the destruction of wild flowers and shrubs (H. P. 845) (H. D. 271) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Pensions reported ought not to pass on resolve in favor of Mervyn R. McKusik of Somerville for State aid (H. P. 370) (H. D. 288)

Mr. Merrill from the Committee on Public Health reported same on bill an act relating to barbers afflicted with communicable diseases. (H. P. 1082) (H. D. 345)

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in the county of Waldo. (H. P. 520)

Mr. Lombard from same Committee reported same on bill an act increasing the salary of the Clerk of Courts in Waldo County. (H. P. 892)

Mr. Jackson from the Committee on Taxation reported same on bill an act relating to the exemption of disabled veteran soldiers. (H. P. 624) (H. D. 184)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rounds from the Committee on Claims on resolve in favor of The Charles H. Cutter Coal Co., of Boston (H. P. 120) (H. D. 49) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1624) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from the Committee on County Estimates on communication from Secretary of State transmitting County Estimates reported the following Resolves:

Resolve, for the laying of the County Taxes for the Year 1929 (H. P. 1630) and

Resolve, for the laying of the County Taxes for the Year 1930 (H. P. 1628) and that they ought to pass.

The report and accompanying resolves tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland pending acceptance of report and 500 copies of each ordered printed.

Mr. Milliken from the Committee on Interior Waters on bill An act to regulate the flowage in North East Pond (H. P. 831) (H. D. 266) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1627) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. McCart from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act in relation to the Ellsworth Municipal Court (H. P. 844) (H. D. 270) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1626) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Holman from same Committee on bill an act relating to county jails (H. P. 1199) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1622) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Mansfield from the Committee on Military Affairs on resolve to assist in defraying expenses for National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic (H. P. 113) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1625) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Pensions on resolve providing for a State pension for Charles R. Fish of Belfast (H. P. 1476) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1623) under same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Pensions reported ought to pass on resolve providing for a State pension for Alice M. Whitten of Albion (H. P. 1475).

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on bill an act relative to the County Commissioners of Penobscot County (H. P. 61)

Mr. Lombard from same Committee reported same on bill an act to increase the compensation for clerk hire in the office of Waldo County Register of Deeds (H. P. 521).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the salary of the Sheriff in Penobscot County (H. P. 620).

Mr. Morse from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the salary of the Register of Probate of Washington County (H. P. 674).

Reports read and accepted and the bills and resolve ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Seavey from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported same on bill an act relating to collateral loans by mutual savings banks (H. P. 1241) (H. D. 418).

Same gentleman from same Com-

mittee reported same on bill an act relating to personal loans by mutual savings banks (H. P. 1242) (H. D. 419)

Mr. Blanchard from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the allowance of interest on certain deposits by mutual savings banks (H. P. 1243) (H. D. 420).

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to dividends; maintenance of reserve funds; declaration of dividends in mutual savings banks (H. P. 1244) (H. D. 421).

Mr. Sturtevant from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to deposits individually and in trust in savings banks (H. P. 1238) (H. D. 415).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the use as part of name the words "saving", "savings", "savings bank", and kindred words (H. P. 1239) (H. D. 416).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act legalizing guaranteed bonds of Canadian railroads as an investment for the savings banks of Maine (H. P. 1240) (H. D. 417).

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

Mr. Peacock from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act to provide the town manager form of government for the town of Fort Fairfield (H. P. 243) (H. D. 81).

Mr. BURKETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, in the printing of this bill, section 17, the last section of the bill, an error was made and a part of section 16 was inserted into 17, and some other words are misplaced; so that the printed bill does not agree with the bill as originally introduced by the gentleman from Fort Fairfield (Mr. Ashby) I understood from the Clerk's office that the original bill controlling there was no need to offer an amendment to correct an error in the printing. I simply mention it in order to call the attention of the House to that mistake and so that no confusion will exist. If there is any necessity of further motion I would be glad to make it.

Thereupon the report of the committee was accepted and the rules

were suspended and the bill having already been printed was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Taylor from the committee on Legal Affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to voters in unincorporated places and on islands. (H. P. 609) (H. D. 180)

Mr. Blaisdell from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the care of abandoned or neglected animals. (H. P. 1029) (H. D. 325)

Mr. Jack from same Committee reported same on bill an act to make valid copies of records of instruments affecting or conveying title to real estate in the county of Knox and recorded in other counties (H. P. 864) (H. D. 287).

Mr. Belleau from same Committee reported same on bill an act authorizing the city of Lewiston to issue bonds (H. P. 861) (H. D. 284).

Mr. Hughes from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on bill an act relating to the appropriation for the abolishment of grade crossings (H. P. 1278) (H. D. 435).

Mr. Boston from same Committee reported same on bill an act to incorporate the Mexico Water District (H. P. 332) (H. D. 104).

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

Majority report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting ought to pass on bill an act relating to pilots for the Port of Portland (H. P. 862) (H. D. 285).

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MURCHIE of Washington
CROSBY of Penobscot

—Of the Senate

JACK of Lisbon
BELLEAU of Lewiston
TAYLOR of Belfast
BURKETT of Portland

—Of the House

Minority report of same Committee reporting ought not to pass on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DWINAL of Knox
—Of the Senate

SARGENT of Brewer
PEACOCK of Readfield
BLAISDELL of Franklin
—Of the House

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Portland the bill and both reports were tabled pending acceptance of either report, and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 12th.

Majority report of the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to the relicensing and registration of undertakers (H. P. 316) (H. D. 91) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1629) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. OAKES of Cumberland
MARTIN of Kennebec
WEEKS of Somerset
—Of the Senate
ALDRICH of Topsham
FARRIS of Augusta
HOLMAN of Farmington
WILLIAMSON of Augusta
McCART of Eastport

—Of the House

Minority report of same Committee reporting ought not to pass on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. WING of Kingfield
Miss LAUGHLIN of Portland

—Of the House

On motion by Mr. Wing of Kingfield the bill and both reports were tabled pending acceptance of either report, and specially assigned for Thursday, March 14.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth the new draft was ordered printed.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 676) (H. D. 627) An act relating to the salary of the Register of Deeds in Piscataquis County.

(H. P. 979) (H. D. 628) An act relating to closing of ways in winter.

(H. P. 1617) (H. D. 629) An act relating to service of process on non-residents involved in automobile accidents.

(H. P. 1617) (H. D. 630) 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. 1618) (H. D. 631) An act relating to the charter of the city of Saco.

(H. P. 1619) (H. D. 632) An act relating to amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Deeds in Piscataquis County.

(H. P. 1620) (H. D. 633) An act to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Androscoggin County.

(H. P. 281) (H. D. 625) Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind for experimental work in home teaching.

(H. P. 282) (H. D. 626) Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind for repairs to buildings.

(H. P. 1621) (H. D. 634) Resolve to improve the road to Fort William Henry.

Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. 228) (S. D. 94) An act relating to the protection of children.

(S. P. 230) (S. D. 92) An act to amend the charter of Lee Academy.

(S. P. 384) (S. D. 163) An act for the better care of inmates of the Reformatory for Women.

(S. P. 445) (S. D. 177) An act relating to highway crossing of railroads.

(S. P. 495) (S. D. 202) An act to amend Section 2, Revised Statutes, Chapter 34, as amended, relative to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

(S. P. 525) (S. D. 206) An act to incorporate the Sabattus Water and Sewer District.

(S. P. 581) (S. D. 249) An act relating to the salary of the Register of Probate in Knox County.

(S. P. 582) (S. D. 250) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of the Register of Probate in Knox County.

(S. P. 583) (S. D. 251) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of Clerk of Courts for Knox County.

(S. P. 584) (S. D. 252) An act relating to the salary of Register of Deeds for the county of Knox.

(H. P. 9) (H. D. 5) An act to establish the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court.

(H. P. 319) (H. D. 94) An act to provide a Town Council and Manager form of government for the town of Freeport, in the county of Cumberland.

Temporarily tabled by Mr. Burckett of Portland to be taken up under Orders of the Day.

(H. P. 336) (H. D. 99) An act regulating the catching of smelts in the waters of Casco Bay and mouth

of the Presumpscot River in Cumberland County.

(H. P. 854) (H. D. 281) An act to create the Portland High School Athletic Field Commission.

Temporarily tabled by Mr. Burckett of Portland to be taken up under Orders of the Day.

(H. P. 886) (H. D. 619) An act relating to clerk hire in the Register of Probate's Office, Oxford County.

(H. P. 891) (H. D. 620) An act increasing the salary of the Judge of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court.

(H. P. 1028) (H. D. 324) An act relating to the incorporation of a Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

(H. P. 1381) (H. D. 448) An act to incorporate the Guilford and Sangerville Water District.

Mr. HEATH of Guilford: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment I desire to offer at this time and move its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1381, bill an act to incorporate the Guilford and Sangerville Water District.

Amend said bill by striking out the word "homestead" in the eleventh line of section 1, and inserting in place thereof the word "homesteads"; and by striking out the word "either" in the fifth line of section 3; and by striking out the word "pond" in the seventh line of said section 3, and inserting in place thereof the word "ponds"; and by striking out the word "motions" in the twenty-fifth line of Paragraph numbered "Sixth" of Section 5, and inserting in place thereof the word "actions."

Thereupon House Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended by House Amendment A had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

(H. P. 1514) (H. D. 618) An act to grant a charter to the town of Sanford.

(H. P. 1611) (H. D. 621) An act relating to salary of the Register of Probate for Oxford County.

(Tabled by Mr. Stanley of Porter pending third reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 13.)

(H. P. 1612) (H. D. 622) An act

to incorporate the Home Finance Corporation.

(H. P. 1613) (H. D. 623) An act relating to Building and Loan Associations.

(H. P. 1615) (H. D. 624) An act to establish a game sanctuary in the towns of Mapleton and Chapman in Aroostook County.

(S. P. 163) (S. D. 73) Resolve in favor of the Western Maine Sanatorium for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment.

(S. P. 164) (S. D. 74) Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment.

(Tabled temporarily by Mr. Littlefield of Farmingdale to be taken up under Orders of the Day.)

(S. P. 165) (S. D. 75) Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment.

(Temporarily tabled by Mr. Littlefield of Farmingdale to be taken up under Orders of the Day.)

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under tabled and today assigned the first matter is an act to establish a State Highway Commission with a full time chairman, H. P. 1598, H. D. 610, tabled on March 6 by the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich, who is not in his seat. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Aldrich, if he did not get back, he would like to have it tabled until next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, moves that this bill lie upon the table and be reassigned for Wednesday next. As many as are in favor of the motion will say aye; as many as are opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the second matter today assigned, House Paper 319, House Document 94, an act to provide a town council and manager form of government for the town of Freeport, in the County of Cumberland, tabled by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett, earlier this

morning, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. BURKETT: Mr. Speaker, the last section of this act providing a town manager for the town of Freeport, provided that it should go into effect after its ratification on the first day of January next. No machinery, however, was set up in the charter for the election of any officers until the second Monday of March following, leaving a period of about two months and a half that the town of Freeport would be without any government. I therefore offer House Amendment A to correct that error.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett, offers House Amendment A to House Paper 319, House Document 94, and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment A to House Paper 319, House Document 94.

Section 19 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"This act shall not become operative until it is ratified by said town of Freeport, at an annual town meeting or at a special town meeting, called for that purpose, by an appropriate article inserted in the call for said meeting, within two years from the passage of this act; and when so ratified shall take effect on the second Monday of March following said ratification."

Thereupon, House Amendment A was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill as amended by House Amendment A was given its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the third matter today assigned, resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment, S. P. 164, S. D. 74, tabled earlier this morning by the gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, there having been a clerical error in Senate Paper 164, I have an amendment to offer and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, offers House Amendment A to Senate Paper 164 and moves its adop-

tion. The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment A to Senate Paper 164, Senate Document 74.

Amend said resolve by striking out of line nine the word "ninety" and inserting in place thereof the word 'one hundred and ten'.

Thereupon, House Amendment A was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve as amended by House Amendment A received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the fourth matter today assigned, Senate Paper 165, Senate Document 75, resolve in favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment, tabled by the gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, earlier this morning, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. Mr. Speaker, there having been also a clerical error in this Senate Paper 165, I offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, offers House Amendment A to Senate Paper 165, Senate Document 75, and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment A to Senate Paper 165, Senate Document 75.

Amend said resolve by striking out of line twelve the word "sixty" and inserting in place thereof the words 'sixty-eight'.

Thereupon, House Amendment A was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve as amended by House Amendment A received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. LENFEST of Manchester: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take from the table the first unassigned matter, H. P. 522, H. D. 151, an act relative to highways through towns of less than five thousand inhabitants tabled by me March 5, the pending question being third reading.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Manchester, Mr. Lenfest, moves to take from the table House Paper 522, House Document

151, an act relative to highways through towns of less than five thousand inhabitants, tabled by him on March 5th.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. LENFEST: Mr. Speaker, I tabled that to make an amendment. The gentleman who presented the bill was favorable to the amendment but since tabling it an error has been discovered, and I move that it be recommitted for a redraft.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Lenfest, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table the fifth unassigned matter, resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea, H. P. 1605, tabled by me on March 5th, pending reference to a committee and I now yield to the gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Kitchen, yields to the gentleman from Farmingdale Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, this House Paper 1605 was a claim for an assessment by the State against the town of Chelsea for building of a bridge at Togus, and having convinced that part of my constituents who were proponents for this measure, I now ask for unanimous consent to withdraw this paper 1605.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, asks consent of the House to withdraw House Paper 1605, resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea, which was by him introduced. Is there any objection to the gentleman withdrawing the resolve? The Chair hears no objection, and the resolve is withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, it was voted to take from the table the seventh unassigned matter, an act to validate the organization of Bangor Bridge District and continue its Charter, H. P. 1505, H. D. 535, tabled by that gentleman March 6, the pending question being third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of inquiry only. I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we passed to be engrossed Senate Document 74, and I would like to inquire through the Chair of the gentleman from Farmingdale, (Mr. Littlefield) in regard to the amendment which was adopted.

The motion for reconsideration prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The same gentleman (Mr. Chase) now presents an inquiry of the gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield.

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, as I understood the amendment as read, it was to change a figure in the bill, and the printed bill which I have before me includes another figure which is an addition of several figures, and it would seem to me from the evidence before me that if you change one, change sixty to sixty-eight, that you would also have to change the figure which represents the total. If I am correct in that, I will further move the reconsideration of Senate Document 75, and will then yield to the gentleman from Farmingdale (Mr. Littlefield) and restore to him the control of the measure.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, this Amendment was given me by the clerk of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, and I move it be retabled until we get it straightened out.

On motion by the gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, the resolve was tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it passed to be engrossed Senate Paper 165. Senate Document 75, resolve in favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment; and on motion by Mr. Littlefield of Farmingdale, the resolve was tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Document 281, an act to create the Portland High School Athletic Field Commission, tabled by him earlier this

morning, and the same gentleman offered House Amendment A.

House Amendment A to H. P. 854, H. D. 281.

Section 7 of House Document 281 is hereby amended by adding to the said section the following: "Any trustee or trustees now holding any moneys or funds of the Portland High School Athletic Association shall pay over such moneys or funds so held by him or them to the Commission herein created and the receipt by said Commission shall be a discharge of the trust for all such moneys or funds so paid. Any member of the Commission having custody of any money or funds shall give a surety company bond running to the Commission in an amount determined by the Commission and in form satisfactory to the Corporation counsel of the City of Portland, to well and truly account for any and all money or funds coming into his custody and control."

Thereupon, House Amendment A was adopted; and on motion by the same gentleman the bill as amended by House Amendment A received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle it was voted to take from the table the tenth unassigned matter, House report ought not to pass—committee on Legal Affairs—on bill an act to grant a new charter to the city of Old Town, H. P. 859, H. D. 303, tabled by him March 6, the pending question being motion by Mr. Locke of Biddeford, to reconsider acceptance of report.

Mr. KITCHEN: I now yield to the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Belleau.

Mr. BELLEAU: Mr. Speaker, at the request of the gentleman from Biddeford, I withdraw the motion which he made on the sixth day of March to reconsider the acceptance of that report.

The SPEAKER: At the request of the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Locke, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Belleau, asks leave to withdraw the motion of the gentleman from Biddeford to reconsider the acceptance of the report. Is it the pleasure of the House that consent be accorded?

The consent of the House was given.

On motion by Mr. Taylor of Belfast, 500 copies of H. P. 1558, an act regulating public dances, were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Augusta, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it voted to accept the report of the committee on Interior Waters, H. P. 15, an act relating to pollution of the waters of Carleton Pond; and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted that the bill and report lie upon the table pending acceptance of report and be specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday, March 13.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, it was voted to take from the table the thirteenth unassigned matter, resolve in favor of the town of Orono to assist in the support of pauper, H. P. 1203, H. D. 396, tabled by him March 6; and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Orono, Mr. King.

Mr. KING: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment A to H. P. 1203, H. D. 396, resolve in favor of the town of Orono to assist in the support of pauper.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. King, offer House Amendment A to H. P. 1203, H. D. 396, and moves its adoption. The Clerk will read.

House Amendment A to H. P. 1203, entitled, "Resolve in favor of the town of Orono to assist in the support of pauper."

Amend by adding at the end thereof the following: "from funds of support of paupers and other dependent persons."

Thereupon, House Amendment A was adopted, and the resolve as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Old Orchard: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action whereby House Paper 899, House Document 300, an act to change the name of the town of Old Orchard to Old Orchard Beach, was passed to be engrossed.

The motion for reconsideration prevailed.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. Speaker, I now present House Amendment A to H. P. 899, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment A. to H. P. 899, bill an act to change the name of the town of Old Orchard to Old Orchard Beach.

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"The name of the town of Old Orchard is hereby changed to Old Orchard Beach".

Thereupon, House Amendment A was adopted, and the bill as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business under Orders of the Day? There being no further business, the Chair will make the following statement regarding the status of legislative business at the close of this the tenth legislative week.

On Tuesday, March 5, there were pending in committees 920 bills as against 967 bills the week before; 953 bills two weeks before and 929 bills three weeks before. In other words, the volume of legislation in committee has begun slightly to decline. Eighty-five reports have been received by the House since Tuesday, leaving approximately 835 bills in committee today.

On Tuesday last 681 bills had been heard and not reported, whereof approximately 275 will require to be reported separately. About 240 bills await both hearing and report, or did await both hearing and report on Tuesday last. After deducting the reports received since Tuesday, it will be seen that the legislative routine still requires consideration of about 415 committee reports.

It is certainly desirable that these reports be returned to the House or Senate as soon as possible. Now that the burden on the legislative committees of holding public hearings is somewhat lessened, committees should be able to get time for executive sessions, and some executive sessions on evenings next week might prove very helpful in reducing the bills now awaiting report.

It now seems possible and not inappropriate to allude to the date of final adjournment. This rests almost entirely with the members and it is to be borne in mind at all times that the duty to legislate wisely transcends every other duty. An early adjournment at the expense of fair consideration of all pending measures would be manifestly improper. Without overlooking this fact, however, it appears that adjournment on March 30th is not altogether impossible if the members desire to concentrate

their activities with this in view.

There will be no session on Monday, March 11, on account of town meetings on that date, but there will be a session in all probability at four o'clock on Monday, March 18th, and on succeeding Monday afternoons.

On motion by Mr. Picher of Waterville,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 12, at 10 A. M.