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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, February 22, 1933.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Manning 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. 155, L. D. 165: An Act relating to registration of women voters.

S. P. 214, L. D. 278: An act relating to the taking of testimony.

S. P. 151, L. D. 212: An act revising sundry sections of the Revised Statutes.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting ought to pass on bill an act closing to all fishing for a period of four years Fish River Falls, H. P. 203, L. D. 111, which was accepted in the House on February 14th and the bill passed to be engrossed on February 15.

Comes from the Senate recommended to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in non-concurrence.

In the House that body voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed and the bill was then recommitted to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

**Communication from the Head of a Department**

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
STATE OF MAINE  
AUGUSTA

February 21, 1933.

Harvey R. Pease, Clerk,  
House of Representatives,  
State House,  
Augusta, Maine.  
Dear Sir:

In accordance with Order of the Senate under date of February 17, 1933, we hand you herewith a tabulation of bridges constructed since January 1, 1929, showing:

1. The cost of construction.
2. The type of construction.
3. Length of bridge.
4. The approximate height of bridge above water level.

5. The amounts contributed from sources outside of State Funds.

Respectfully submitted,  
State Highway Commission

By LUCIUS D. BARROWS  
Chief Engineer.

On motion by Mr. Carleton of Portland, it was voted that the communication be received, accepted and placed on file.

**Orders**

Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, that ten additional telephone calls be allowed each member of the House under the same conditions and limitations as provided by the order passed in the House on January fourth.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Augusta, the order was tabled pending passage.

Mr. Sterling of Caratunk presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the following bills be recalled to the House from the committee on Agriculture:

H. P. 691, L. D. 375, an act relative to closed season on bear.

H. P. 762, L. D. 376, an act relating to bounty on bears.

The order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

**Reports of Committees**

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve compensating George H. Thomas Fuel Company (H. P. No. 538).

Mr. White from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of E. M. Small of Lewiston for reimbursement (H. P. No. 370).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gallagher from the Committee on Education reported ought not to pass on Bill "An act relating to Superintendents of Schools" (H. P. No. 821) (L. D. No. 682).

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Dover-Foxcroft, tabled pending acceptance of the report).

Mr. Tompkins from the committee on Education reported ought not to pass on Bill "An Act relating to Supervisory Unions of Schools" (H. P. No. 593) (L. D. No. 239).

(On motion by Mr. Williams of

Dover-Foxcroft, tabled pending acceptance of the report).

Mr. Tompkins from the Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Land for Taxes" (H. P. No. 1036) (L. D. No. 443).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Foreign Divorce Decrees" (H. P. No. 1038) (L. D. No. 444).

Mr. Hill from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Traverse Jurors" (H. P. No. 1034) (L. D. No. 441).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Goudy from the Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on Bill "An Act providing for Removal of Paupers to Town of Settlement" (H. P. No. 849) (L. D. No. 261).

(On motion by Miss Laughlin of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of report).

Mr. Goudy from the committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on Bill "An Act relating to Civil Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts" (H. P. No. 619) (L. D. No. 244).

Mr. Farris from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Acknowledgment of Instruments before Recording" (H. P. No. 621) (L. D. No. 246).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Plans in Registers of Deeds" (H. P. No. 620) (L. D. No. 245).

Mr. Eldridge from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to extend the Provisions of the Absent Voting Law to Towns using the Australian Ballot" (H. P. No. 613) (L. D. No. 242).

Mr. Fernald from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to facilitate Motor Vehicle Traffic on Highways" (H. P. No. 1046) (L. D. No. 447).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Registration" (H. P. No. 853) (L. D. No. 263).

Mr. Cobb from the committee on Labor reported same on bill an act relating to disposition of fines collected for violations of labor laws (H. P. No. 257) (L. D. No. 130).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Allison from the committee on Labor reported ought not to pass

bill "an act relating to the forty hour law" (H. P. No. 1059) (L. D. No. 449).

(Tabled by Mr. Allison of Biddeford, pending acceptance of report).

Mr. Tompkins from the committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on resolve to permit moving pictures on Sunday (H. P. No. 632) (L. D. No. 185).

Mr. Sargent from same committee reported same on resolve establishing a State Athletic Commission (H. P. No. 631) (L. D. No. 202).

Miss Martin from same committee reported same on bill "an act relating to complaints in cases of neglected children and commitment of such children into suitable custody" (H. P. No. 1011) (L. D. No. 427).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Miss Martin from the committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on bill "an act relating to Greenwood Cemetery Association, Inc." (H. P. No. 642) (L. D. No. 298).

(On motion by Mr. Hills of Northport, tabled pending acceptance of the report).

Mr. Chase from committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on resolve to provide for the care of insane paupers (H. P. No. 627) (L. D. No. 293).

Mr. Stern from the committee on Pensions reported same on resolve in favor of James W. Kendall (H. P. No. 222).

Mr. Richardson from same committee reported same on resolve providing for an increase in state pension for George H. Pottle of Pittston (H. P. No. 390).

Mr. Clement from same committee reported same on resolve providing for a pension for Jennie Lane (H. P. No. 224).

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on resolve providing for a State pension for Fred E. Hilton of Pittston (H. P. No. 387).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Blanchard from the committee on Taxation reported ought not to pass on bill "an act relating to the gasoline tax" (H. P. No. 1015) (L. D. No. 429).

(Tabled by Mr. Lewis of Boothbay Harbor, pending acceptance of the report).

Mr. Blanchard from the committee on Taxation reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to

polls and estates of soldiers, sailors, marines and others (H. P. No. 930) (L. D. No. 321).

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act exempting horses and dairy cows from taxation, H. P. 1014, L. D. 426.

Mr. LEBEL of Brunswick: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words on this bill before we kill it. (Laughter) I have been here only a few weeks and I am getting pretty well fed up on committee reports. The other day I had a bill and they told me that because nobody appeared for it there was no demand for it. Now this bill seven or eight appeared for it and still they kill it. I think there is a great demand for this bill and if the farmers had known about it there would have been about a half million of them at the hearing. This bill was cut down at the committee hearing with the hope of getting at least a divided report on it. I move, Mr. Speaker, that the bill be substituted for the adverse report and that the yeas and nays be taken.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, moves that the bill be substituted for the adverse report of the committee and he has asked for the yeas and nays. All those in favor of taking a vote on this motion—

Miss LAUGHLIN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill with the accompanying report, lie on the table, pending the acceptance of the report

The SPEAKER: Is this the pleasure of the House?

Calls of "No, no."

The SPEAKER: The members from Portland, Miss Laughlin, moves that the bill, the accompanying report and the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, to substitute the bill for the report, lie on the table, pending acceptance of the report. All those in favor of that motion will say aye; contrary minded no.

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

The SPEAKER: The question now is on the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, to substitute the bill for the report. He has requested the yeas and nays. All those in favor of taking the vote on this question, when it is taken, by the yeas and nays, which requires the affirmative action of one-fifth of the members present, will rise and stand in their places until

counted and the monitors will make and return the count.

Mr. LINDSEY of East Machias: Mr. Speaker, will you please state the question again?

The SPEAKER: The bill came before the House this morning with a report from the committee on Taxation that the bill ought not to pass. The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, whose bill it is, has moved to substitute the bill for the report. A motion to table was made and defeated. The question now is on the motion of the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, not to accept the report of the committee, which was ought not to pass, but to substitute the bill for the report. He has asked for the yeas and nays. That matter must be voted on before any other question is before the House. In order to have the yeas and nays on any motion one-fifth of the members present must vote in favor of taking the vote by the yeas and nays. Is the matter now clear? As many as are in favor of taking the vote on this motion, when it is taken, by the yeas and nays, or a roll call, will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors will make and return a count.

A division of the House was had.

Fourteen voting in the affirmative and that being obviously not one-fifth of the members present, the motion failed of passage.

Mr. ASHBY of Fort Fairfield: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our vote of a few moments ago whereby we voted not to let the bill and report lie on the table. I can see no harm in tabling this bill and report and there may be a lot of people in the House who would like to look at it. I can see no reason why anyone should have any objection to the bill and report being tabled for a day or two.

The SPEAKER: The motion is not in order. A new motion to table would be in order if the gentleman wishes to make it.

Mr. ASHBY: Then, Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill and accompanying report of the committee lie on the table, pending acceptance of the report.

A viva voce vote being doubted, a division of the House was had.

Eighty-six voting in the affirmative, and that number being obviously a majority of the House, the motion prevailed and the bill with the accompanying report was

tabled, pending acceptance of the report.

**Reports of Committees (Continued)**

Mr. Tompkins from the committee on Temperance reported ought not to pass on bill an act to permit the manufacture and sale of non-intoxicating malt beverages; to derive revenue therefrom and to create a legal definition of the term "saloon," H. P. 38, L. D. 22.

Mr. AUDET of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill and accompanying report be tabled, pending acceptance of the report.

A viva voce vote being taken, the bill and report were tabled, pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. Ellis from the Committee on Ways and Bridges reported ought not to pass on Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees for Vinalhaven and North Haven." (H. P. No. 229) (L. D. No. 129).

Mr. Tupper from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the city of Rockland (H. P. No. 577) (L. D. No. 174) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient and that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Labor to which was referred Joint Order relative to Investigation of Unemployment and Relief Problems. (H. P. No. 2) (L. D. No. 16) reported that passage of the same is inexpedient.

Mr. Tupper from same Committee on Memorial to the Congress of the United States urging it to regulate the Hours of Labor (H. P. No. 157) (L. D. No. 98) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Miss Laughlin from the same Committee reported some on Memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging it to establish a Federal System of Unemployment Insurance (H. P. No. 156) (L. D. No. 97).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Tupper from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the State Trust Fund" (H. P. No. 576).

Report read and accepted and the Bill ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Carleton from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of procuring Testimonials for the purpose of marking the Unmarked Graves of the Soldiers of the Revo-

lutionary War (H. P. No. 764) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1415) under same title and that it "ought to pass."

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

Mr. Carleton from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the compensation of the Treasurer of the University of Maine" (H. P. No. 571) (L. D. No. 146).

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

Mr. Fenlason from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Permanent School Fund." (H. P. No. 574) (L. D. No. 173).

(Tabled by Mr. Tompkins of Bridgewater, pending acceptance of the report).

**First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves**

(H. P. No. 1399) (L. D. No. 705) An act to reduce certain fees of deputy sheriffs for the next two years.

(H. P. No. 56) (L. D. No. 706) Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Lester Patten of Hermon.

(H. P. No. 223) (L. D. No. 707) Resolve providing for a State pension for Georgia M. Sproul of Liberty.

(H. P. No. 383) (L. D. No. 708) Resolve providing for a State pension for Arria S. Sargent of Auburn.

(H. P. No. 388) (L. D. No. 709) Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Horatio Lawrence of Pittston.

(H. P. No. 389) (L. D. No. 712) Resolve providing for a State pension for Ida S. James of Randolph.

(H. P. No. 393) (L. D. No. 710) Resolve providing for a State pension for Emma J. Brown of Belfast.

(H. P. No. 766) (L. D. No. 711) Resolve providing for the payment of certain amounts due exhibitors at the Maine State Agricultural Society in 1932 on account of State Stipend.

(H. P. No. 1395) (L. D. No. 713) Resolve providing for a State pension for Rufus V. Libby of Thomaston.

(H. P. No. 1396) (L. D. No. 714)

Resolve providing for a State pension for Ida G. Reed, Pittston.

(H. P. No. 1397) (L. D. No. 715)  
Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Grace Griffin of Auburn.

(H. P. No. 1398) (L. D. No. 716)  
Resolve providing for a State pension for Eleanor C. Ryder of Newport.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

(S. P. No. 82) (L. D. No. 662)  
An act relative to the use of pole traps so-called.

(S. P. No. 160) (L. D. No. 164)  
An act to provide a Town Council and Manager form of government for the town of Washburn, in the county of Aroostook.

(S. P. No. 254) (L. D. No. 384)  
An act to amend the laws relating to Loan and Building Associations.

(S. P. No. 255) (L. D. No. 385)  
An act to amend the laws relating to Loan and Building Associations.

(S. P. No. 256) (L. D. No. 386)  
An act to amend the laws relating to Loan and Building Associations.

(S. P. No. 257) (L. D. No. 387)  
An act to permit Loan and Building Associations to borrow money.

(S. P. No. 258) (L. D. No. 388)  
An act to amend the laws relating to Loan and Building Associations.

(S. P. No. 259) (L. D. No. 389)  
An act amending the Banking Laws.

(H. P. No. 665) (L. D. No. 299)  
An act relating to taxation of motor vehicles.

(H. P. No. 866) (L. D. No. 310)  
An act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Saco, Maine.

(H. P. No. 875) (L. D. No. 312)  
An act authorizing Knox County to issue bonds.

(H. P. No. 1007) (L. D. No. 423)  
An act relating to the taking of land by the State Highway Commission, and the taking or discontinuing of a public highway.

(H. P. No. 1035) (L. D. No. 442)  
An act relating to criminal costs.

(H. P. No. 1044) (L. D. No. 445)  
An act relating to election returns in plantations.

(H. P. No. 1047) (L. D. No. 448)  
An act relative to speed of passenger busses.

(H. P. No. 1390) (L. D. No. 699)  
An act relating to the taking of smelts.

(H. P. No. 1394) (L. D. No. 704)  
An act permitting small town polls to close at five o'clock in regular elections.

**Orders Of The Day**

On motion by Mr. Carleton of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it passed an order, introduced by the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Ashby, relative to printing one thousand copies giving the amount of State-aid money received by the municipalities during the year 1932; and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was tabled pending passage.

The SPEAKER: The first eight matters on the House calendar under "Tabled and Unassigned," under the rule passed earlier in the session, come off the table today for action.

The Chair lays before the House the first matter tabled and unassigned House report of the committee on Judiciary ought not to pass on bill an act relating to costs in municipal courts, H. P. 213, L. D. 119, tabled on February 14 by the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Tompkins, pending acceptance of the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Tompkins, moves the acceptance of the report.

The motion prevailed, and the report was accepted.

The Chair lays before the House the second unassigned matter bill an act imposing a sales tax, H. P. 1172, L. D. 659, tabled on February 14 by the member from Bangor, Miss Martin, pending reference; and the Chair recognizes that member.

On motion by Miss Martin, the bill was referred to the committee on Taxation.

The Chair lays before the House the third unassigned matter, bill an act relating to absentee voters, H. P. 1078, L. D. 435, tabled on February 15 by the member from Portland, Miss Laughlin, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes that member.

On motion by Miss Laughlin the bill had its first two readings at this time and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair lays before the House the fourth unassigned matter, House report ought not to pass of the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to authorize the town of Winslow to use party designa-

tions on ballots for town meetings, H. P. 534, L. D. 187, tabled on February 15 by the gentleman from Winslow, Mr. Belanger, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BELANGER of Winslow: Mr. Speaker, I move that we substitute the bill for the report, and I want to explain again to the members that this is not a measure that appertains to any other town than Winslow. I make a plea to the members of this House to give the citizens of the town of Winslow a chance to decide for themselves whether they want a party designating ballot or not. When a similar bill came up last week in favor of the town of Brunswick, we were told that there was no demand for it. I hold here in my hand two hundred names from the town of Winslow. I am not saying that they want a party designating ballot but they want the right to decide for themselves whether they shall have a party designating ballot or not, and I think it is only fair for this Legislature to give the citizens of the town of Winslow a chance to decide for themselves. I now move that we substitute the bill for the report.

Mr. SARGENT of Brewer: Mr. Speaker, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Winslow (Mr. Belanger) will not prevail. When this matter was discussed in the committee, the gentleman from Winslow was the only person present as a proponent of the bill, but there were present some fifteen or twenty citizens of the town of Winslow who opposed the bill—the three selectmen and prominent citizens of the town of Winslow. As the gentleman has suggested, a bill similar to this, asking for special privileges in the town of Brunswick, was up before the House a week ago and the House voted to accept the committee's report, ought not to pass. I hope that the House will reaffirm its position of a week ago in regard to this bill.

Mr. BELANGER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to straighten Mr. Sargent out. There were no selectmen here from Winslow at the hearing, not one of them.

Mr. LEBEL of Brunswick: Mr. Speaker, in justice to the town of Winslow, I was at that hearing. I had a bill and I was alone for it and I told them I was alone for it. I think there twelve or fifteen against

Mr. Belanger's bill but there were only two or three who spoke. I do not see why the town of Winslow should not get a square deal. I hope you will give the town of Winslow a square deal even though you refused the town of Brunswick a square deal.

Mr. SARGENT: Mr. Speaker, as I understood, there were three selectmen from the town of Winslow present opposing that bill, and as I remember it, the gentleman from Winslow (Mr. Belanger) called the attention of the committee to the fact that one of the men elected to that office was elected by mistake; that he was a Democrat. I think a selectman was present.

At this point Mr. Belanger was given permission to speak for the third time.

Mr. BELANGER: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the gentleman from Brewer (Mr. Sargent) must have known who was present. The three selectmen from Winslow were not there. I made a statement that if there had been a selectman from the town of Winslow elected by mistake, he was not present and no other selectman. The only town official there at the time was the Chairman of the Board of Education for the town of Winslow. I said last week when I spoke on the Brunswick bill that I felt that the committee did not understand the bill, and I still feel the same way. I feel that the members of the committee were influenced by the fifteen who were there. Six years ago when we attempted to introduce the Australian ballot in the town of Winslow there were fifteen people who were against it and they were the people who afterwards said that the Australian ballot was the best thing the town of Winslow ever had. Some years ago when we introduced a check-list these same people were against that, but if you will remember, they told you at the committee hearing that the check-list is the best thing Winslow ever had.

Now I contend that we should at least let the people of Winslow decide whether they want that ballot or not. It does not concern us here in the Legislature whatsoever. I am sorry that the gentleman from Brewer (Mr. Sargent) brought up the matter of politics—Democrats and Republicans—because I do not think that enters into the question at all.



The SPEAKER: The pending question is the motion of the gentleman from Winslow, Mr. Belanger, that the bill, H. P. 634, L. D. 187, an act to authorize the town of Winslow to use party designations on its ballots for town meetings be substituted for the report of the committee.

Miss LAUGHLIN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, just to answer the last statement—something that does not concern the State. If you will refer to the bill, L. D. 187, the first words are "Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 44 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes," the town of Winslow shall have some special rights.

The SPEAKER: I will restate the question before the House, that on the motion of the gentleman from Winslow, Mr. Belanger, the bill to authorize the town of Winslow to use party designations on its ballots for town meetings be substituted for the report of the committee on Legal Affairs, which reported that the bill ought not to pass. Is there any question? All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Winslow, Mr. Belanger, will say aye; contrary minded, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Fifty-five voting in the affirmative and 70 in the negative, the motion to substitute the bill for the report failed of passage.

On motion by Mr. Sargent of Brewer, the report, ought not to pass, was accepted.

The Chair lays before the House the fifth unassigned matter House report, ought to pass, of the committee on Public Utilities on bill an act to grant additional powers to Northeast Harbor Water Company, H. P. 653, L. D. 193, tabled February 15 by the gentleman from Mt. Desert, Mr. Graves, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Graves, the report was accepted; and on further motion by the same gentleman the rules were suspended, the bill given its first two readings and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair lays before the House the sixth unassigned matter House report, ought not to pass of the committee on Taxation on bill an act to extend the gasoline tax laws.

H. P. 664, L. D. 197, tabled on February 16 by the gentleman from Newport, Mr. Soper, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Soper, the bill and accompanying report were retabled pending acceptance of the report.

The Chair lays before the House the seventh unassigned matter bill an act relating to fees for jurors, H. P. 1212, L. D. 612, House Amendment A presented by Mr. Hobbs of Hope, the bill and amendment being tabled on February 16 by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Flanders, pending adoption of House Amendment A; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. FLANDERS: Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendment presented by Mr. Hobbs be indefinitely postponed. That you may understand the bill and amendment I wish to say that this was an act to reduce the pay of the jurors from five dollars to four dollars and to eliminate holidays and Sundays. The amendment was that we should give them holidays and Sundays.

Last year in Androscoggin county we paid out for 3886 days of jury labor; a saving of a dollar a day; and the holidays and Sundays will be a saving of something over \$4,000. Multiply that by sixteen, which I do not know exactly, but I do it for illustration, would save the State of Maine, something over \$60,000. Now this amendment would give them Sundays and holidays. That law was enacted years ago before we had the modern way of travel that we have today. I can see no reason why we should pay a man for Sunday and holiday labor when we can attend to his duties at home. It is different than it was in the days when they had to ride twenty or thirty miles by team and perhaps stay over Sundays and holidays. I served on the jury two years ago in my county. I served for four dollars a day and I got something over one hundred dollars and I thought it was the easiest money I ever got that I was supposed to work for. Our two juries recently served sixteen days and they will receive pay for sixteen days' labor when they sat on just two cases.

I believe in paying men for jury labor as well as for anything else,

but when the United States Court has cut its jurors down from five dollars to three dollars a day, why should we as counties, with the expenses we have, pay them for Sundays and holidays? I hope the amendment presented by the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hobbs, is not adopted.

Mr. HOBBS of Hope: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature: This amendment is not a personal matter and it is not a partisan matter. My reason for this amendment is this: It seems to be the attitude of the high pressure officials that we "pass the buck" to the little fellow all the time. For instance, it is the idea of my county officials that they shall not take any cut in their salaries, but the jurors and the deputies must. Now do you members of the Legislature think that is fair? I am not saying anything about Sundays and holidays, but just a straight cut of one dollar means twenty per cent. I believe that is ample for the little fellow.

I recall some of the conversation that took place in this House less than eleven months ago in regard to the matter of restoring the highway laborers' pay where it had been reduced. Then the matter came up about reducing the salaries of State officials and it was said that that could not be done; that they must reduce the highway laborer's pay. Just as long as we hold to the attitude that we are going to cut the little fellow and let the big fellow get by with no cut, or little, we are never going to get out of this depression. Don't you think for a minute that if we cut some of these bigger salaries, give them a fair cut that it might provide a job to somebody else, and when you provide a job for the rank and file of the people it is my contention that we are going to do something that will give some small measure of relief. What is the argument? These officials said when salaries were raised it must be done because of the high cost of living. What is the argument today. We have all had to sacrifice—farmers, taxpayers and everybody. The laborer, the factory employee,—to the extent of from fifty to one hundred per cent and these people are not willing to take a cut. If this thing continues as we are going, perhaps at some future time they will, just keep that salary and pay themselves because it cannot be done by taxation. Somebody

argues that it is not the high cost of living. Now it is what is a living wage, what constitutes a living wage? I say to you people of this House is there any standard as to living wage today? As a matter of fact a great many people are not living, they are just existing.

Again, some of these high pressure officials say to you "We have an automobile and we would like to have you help us run that automobile." How many of these officials are helping you run your automobile?

Now members of the Legislature do not vote for this amendment if it is going to hurt you, but think it over. Is it right to cut this twenty per cent and give the others little or no cut? Think this over and decide for yourselves, and, Mr. Speaker, when this vote is taken I want a yea and nay vote.

Mr. VALLELY of Sanford: Mr. Speaker, I ask that House Amendment A be read.

(House Amendment A read by the Clerk).

Mr. FLANDERS: Mr. Speaker, my friend, Mr. Hobbs has said that he put the bill in in good faith. That is true; but when I see the Treasurer's report of 1903 that the State was expending fifteen million dollars, and then when I see the State report of 1932 that we are spending over thirty million dollars, I think it time that something should be done to economize.

I was not going to allude to this, but he has alluded to the matter as a political proposition. I will say that this bill has received unanimous report of the committee and that committee is composed of eight Republicans and two Democrats. Also when the bill was read it was tabled by Mr. Breen of Lewiston. When it came off, it was retabled by Mr. Hobbs. I hope this Legislature will vote that this amendment does not have passage.

Mr. HOBBS: Mr. Speaker, this is a matter that affects every community in the State, it is not a personal matter at all. Some of these high salaried officials cry out, "Why all this hysteria? Why all this hysteria?" What is hysteria anyway? (Laughter) Hysteria is a nervous affection, mainly of women. (Laughter) Now they are going to pass the buck to the women when as a matter of fact a great many of the officials in the State are men. Why blame it all on the women?

Mr. YOUNG of York: Mr. Speaker, would it not be well instead of talking so much about the little fellow getting all the cut, to wait until the Salaries and Fees committee make their report on what they are going to do to the high officials before we decide as to whether or not they are going to be cut? There has been no report come in yet as to what the cut will be for these high salaried officials that they are talking about but these reports will come in later. One would gather that the small fellow was going to get them all but I think it will be found to be different.

At this point permission was granted Mr. Hobbs to speak for the third time.

Mr. HOBBS: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the budget recommended a ten per cent cut on the State officials. Am I right? As I understand we must pass on this matter of jurors now. We cannot wait.

Mr. FENLASON of Anson: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the budget committee's report, the report of the committee on Salaries and Fees I do not think Mr. Hobbs is quite familiar with that subject. It seems to me he is evading the real issue. He knows better than that.

Mr. THOMAS of Woodland: Mr. Speaker, as a member of the committee on Salaries and Fees, I think there is really no need of this amendment. As I understand, it makes no provision for Sundays and holidays; they are not mentioned in the original law if I remember right, and in the omission to pay for those days they are doing it on their own responsibility. As far as the salaries for State officials is concerned, I think the committee is going to report what we will recommend.

The SPEAKER: The motion is that of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Flanders, that House Amendment A, which strikes out of the bill the words "Sundays and holidays excepted" be indefinitely postponed. The gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hobbs, has asked for the yeas and nays which requires the affirmative vote of one-fifth the members present. All those in favor of taking the vote by the yeas and nays will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will make and return the count.

An insufficient number having arisen, the motion for the yeas and nays failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: The question now is on the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Flanders, that House Amendment A be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of that motion will say aye; contrary minded no.

A viva voce vote being taken, House Amendment A was indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon Mr. Flanders presented House Amendment B as follows: House Amendment B to H. P. 1212, L. D. 612, bill an act relating to fees of jurors.

Amend said bill by striking out the emergency preamble, which constitutes the first three paragraphs of the bill, and also by striking out the emergency clause which constitutes the last paragraph of the bill.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House amendment B. All those in favor will say aye; contrary minded no.

The viva voce vote as announced by the Speaker being doubted by Mr. Belanger of Winslow, a division of the House was had.

Eighty-one voting in the affirmative, and that number being obviously more than a majority of the members present, the amendment was adopted and tomorrow was assigned for the third reading of the bill as amended.

The Chair lays before the House the eighth unassigned matter bill an act relating to State salaries for persons receiving pay from the United States government, H. P. 1152, L. D. 601, which was referred to the committee on Salaries and Fees in the House on February 8th and which came from the Senate referred to the committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence, and which was tabled February 17th by the gentleman from Caratunk, Mr. Sterling, pending further consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Sterling the bill was retabled, pending further consideration.

On motion by Mr. Norris of Wayne,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.