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SENATE

Thursday, March 13, 1941.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Frayer by the Reverend Gordon Washburn of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to Approval of Suits by Infants." (S. P. 307) (L. D. 514)

(In the Senate on February 25th, passed to be engrossed)

Comes from the House, having been passed to be engrossed in concurrence on February 27th. Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, passage to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, under suspension of the rules, that Body voted to reconsider its former action, whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Time of Opening and Closing of Polls." (H. P. 1152) (L. D. 452)

(In the Senate on March 4th, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence.)

Comes from the House, passage to be engrossed reconsidered under suspension of the rules, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, under suspension of the rules, that Body voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relative to Standish Game Preserve," (S. P. 241) (L. D. 393)

(In the Senate on March 4th, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, under suspension of the rules, that Body voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Office of the Register of Probate of Lin-Coln County." (S. P. 325) (L. D. 826)

(In the Senate, on March 7th, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A")

Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed and the bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, under suspension of the rules, that Body voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A; Committee Amendment A was indefinitely postponed in concurrence and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Paper from the House referred in concurrence.

House Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Amending the Law Relating to Unemployment Compensation to Further Define Employment," (H. P. 1255) (L. D. 554) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

to Withflaw the same. The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Hayden Brook," (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 384) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Gardiner," (H. P. 1177) (L. D. 359) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Relating to By-Laws Regulating Sale of Milk," (H. P. 1149) (L. D. 449) reported that the same ought not to pass.

same ought not to pass. The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of Hotel Dieu Hospital of Van Buren," (H. P. 1081) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide Legislative Scholar-ship," (H. P. 1569) (L. D. 912) re-ported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisher-ies and Game on Bill "An Act Rela-tive to Swan Island Game Preserve in Sagadahoc County," (H. P. 618) (L. D. 254) reported that the same

ought not to pass. The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Portage Regulating Fishing in Portage Lake," (H. P. 1134) (L. D. 383) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Trapping," (H. P. 1368) (L. D. 714) reported that the same ought not to pass. The same Committee on Bill "An

Act Relating to the Trapping for Beaver," (H. P. 802) (L. D. 315) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relative to Visiting Traps," (H. P. 1366) (L. D. 712) reported that the same ought not to pass.

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same ought not to pass. The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Aroostook County Waters," (H. P. 821) (L. D. 293) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Horse Racing for Trotters and Pacers," (H. P. 1608) (L. D. 951) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Roller Skating on the Lord's Day," (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 869) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Pari Mutuel Pools, (H. P. 828) (L. D. 342) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act Approving the Purchase of La-moine Coal Depot," (H. P. 446) (L. D. 185) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Emery of Hancock, the bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the "Ought Not to Pass" report in concurrence.)

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to the Town of New Sweden," (H. P. 1209) (L. D. 427) reported that the same ought not to pass. The Committee of Taxation on

Bill "An Act Imposing an Excise Tax upon the Privilege of Owning Land in this State for the Benefit of Old Age Assistance," (H. P. 1481) (L. D. 612) reported that the same ought not to pass. The same Committee on Bill "An

Act Relating to Poll Taxes for Males and Females," (H. P. 1482) (L. D. 617) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Exemptions from Taxation," (H. P. 866) (L. D. 298) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Poll Tax Law," (H. P. 867) (L. D. 299) reported that the same ought not to pass.

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Aroostook the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it accepted the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending ac-ceptance of the report in concurrence.

The Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act Relating to Hotel Liquor Licenses," (H. P. 1488) (L. D. 599) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Liquor Commission to Grant Part-time Liquor License to Summer Hotels and Clubs," (H. P. 1215) (L. D. 433) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the sale of Malt Liquor near Schools," (H. P. 1487) (L. D. 598) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Bicy-cles," (H. P. 1535) (L. D. 874) re-ported that the same ought not to pass as it is covered by other legislation.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Authorizing Bank Officers to Execute Certain Instruments," (H. P. 1121) (L. D. 372) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Squa Pan Lake," (H. P. 1137) (L. D. 386) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Clayton and Fish Lakes of the Fish River Chain of Lakes," (H. P. 803) (L. D. 316) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Opening East Grand Lake in Weston to Ice Fishing," (H. P. 622) (L. D. 258) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Employment and Salary of Deputy Clerk of Lewiston." (H. P. 1173) (L. D. 472) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1649) (L. D. 1000) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

to pass. The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Presque Isle," (H. P. 1166) (L. D. 462) reported that the same ought to pass. Which reports were read and ac-

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convev Certain Land to Mrs. Grace E. Kelley, c/o Ballard F. Keith of Bangor," (H. P. 1210) (L. D. 428) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Chase of Washington presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption: "Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 428. Amend said Resolve by striking out in the title thereof, after the word 'Kelly' the following 'c/o Ballard F. Keith.'

Further amend said Resolve by striking out in the 2nd and 3rd lines thereof after the word 'Kelly' the following 'c/o Ballard F. Keith'"

Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Arthur Hobbs, Clyde Hobbs and Elsie Sealey of Stratton." (H. P. 687) (L. D. 242) reported that the same ought to pass.

to pass. Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Chase of Washington presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption: "Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 242. Amend said Resolve by striking out in the 3rd line thereof, after the word 'Sealey' the following 'c/o Arthur Hobbs' and inserting in place thereof the word 'of'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Mrs. Myrtle Madden Hutchinson of Oid Town," (H. P. 685) (L. D. 240) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Agnes Plourd of Frenchville," (H. P. 477) (L. D. 211) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to the Inheritance Tax Law," (H. P. 1285) (L. D. 551) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Relating to Cash Reserves of Banks," (H. P. 1512) (L. D. 855) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Tacoma Chain of Lakes," (H. P. 1145) (L. D. 445) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

The same Committee on "Resolve Relating to Fishing in Bear, Wayne and Upper Range Ponds," (H. P. 631) (L. D. 267) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith. The Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Land to Clara Calder Johnston of Rockwood," (H. P. 686) (L. D. 241) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

The Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act Regarding Notices on Applications for Malt Liquor Licenses," (H. P. 1214) (L. D. 432) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves read once, Committee Amendments "A" were read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills and resolves as amended tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to Use of Poisons," (H. P. 1132) (L. D. 381) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1639) (L. D. 987) under the same title, and that the same ought to pass.

same ought to pass. Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A".

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence. House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Petition

Mr. Dorr of Oxford presented Petition of Albert H. Hall and 20 others of West Peru Grange (S. P. 492) Favoring Resolve to Amend the Constitution Limiting Amount of Taxes that can be Assessed on Real Estate." (H. P. 1391) (L. D. 769)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Town Appropriations for Advertising." (S. P. 334) (L. D. 879) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Stilphen from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Clams," (S P. 415) (L. D. 646) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Harvey from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Voting Booths," (S. P. 369) (L. D. 683) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Providing for the Disposition of Property where there is no Sufficient Evidence that Persons Died Otherwise than Simultaneously," (S. P. 366) (L. D. 680) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill read once. Committee Amendment "A" was read as follows:

"Committee A m e n d m e n t A. Amend said bill by striking out in the first and second lines of Section 3 the words 'by entirety'; and further amend said bill by striking out in the 3rd line of Section 3 the words 'by the entirety'."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Hodgkins from the Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Relating to the Investment of Municipal Trust Funds," (S. P. 302) (L. D. 509) reported the same in a new draft (S.P. 490) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Stilphen from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Pemaquid River," (S. P. 242) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 491) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, and the bill and resolve laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Limiting the Amount of Inventory of the State Liquor Commission." (H. P. 611) (L. D. 284)

Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Nautical School." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 181)

"Resolve in Favor of Howard Douglass of Upton." (H. P. 931) (L. D. 996)

Bill "An Act to Exempt from Tax-ation the Property of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities." (H. P. 1160) (L. D. 457)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Constables Enforcing the Dog Li-cense Law." (H. P. 1236) (L. D. 498)

Bill "An Act Conferring Jurisdic-tion of the Public Utilities Commis-sion Over Vessels or Boats Propel-led by other Motive Power than Steam." (H. P. 1283) (L. D. 549)

(On motion by Mr. Bridges of Washington, the bill was laid upon the table pending second reading.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Legal Documents." (H. P. 1405) (L. D. 783)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Damariscotta Lake," (H. P. 1644) (L. D. 997)

Bill "An Act Relating to Action of Breach of Promise to Marry and Amending the Law Relating to Action by Married Women for Aliena-tion of Affections of Husband." (H. P. 1645) (L. D. 994)

Bill "An Act to Amend and Ex-tend the Charter of the Bangor Gas Light Company." (H. P. 1646) (L. D. 995)

Which bills and resolves were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Evasion of Fares over Toll Bridges." (S. P. 335) (L. D. 624)

Which bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act Relating to Probation Officers for Cumberland County." (S. P. 192) (L. D. 289)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Jurisdiction of the Municipal Courts of Washington County." (S. P. 243) (L. D. 398)

Bill "An Act Relating to Probation

Officers and Their Duties." (S. P. 350) (L. D. 666)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Packing of Sardines." (H. P. 22) (L. D. $17\bar{)}$

Bill "An Act Relating to Investment of Farm Land Loan's Funds." (H. P. 408) (L. D. 162)

Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of Loans by Savings Banks." (H. P. 1120) (L. D. 356)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Maintenance of a Public Building in Rumford." (H. P. 1125) (L. D. 376)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Vanceboro Water Company." (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 487)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Municipal Court of Bath." (H. P. 1203) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act Relating to Consent of Parents to Marriages." (H. P. 1414) (L. D. 791)

Bill "An Act Relating to Custody of Children." (H. P. 1416) (L. D. 585)

Bill "An Act Relating to Boards of Zoning Ordinances." (H. P. 1417)

of Zoning Ordinances." (H. P. 1417) (L. D. 726) Bill "An Act Relating to Harbor Masters." (H. P. 1422) (L. D. 587) Bill "An Act Relating to Invest-ments by Savings Banks." (H. P. 1511) (L. D. 854) Bill "An Act Relating to Stolen Goods." (H. P. 1519) (L. D. 859) Bill "An Act Relating to Hearings

Bill "An Act Relating to Hearings Before Masters in Chancery." P. 1522) (L. D. 862) (\mathbf{H})

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of County." Deeds in York (H. P. 1565) (L. D. 852)

Finally Passed

"Resolve in Favor of Bion M. Rhoades of Topsfield." (S. P. 472) (L. D. 974)

"Resolve Granting Bonus to west Charles Story Crosman of Wo Gardiner." (H. P. 94) (L. D. 968)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Mann's Mill Pond and Little Pov-erty Pond." (H. P. 426) (L. D. 175) "Resolve in Favor of the Town

of Sullivan." (H. P. 600) (L. D. 969) "Resolve to Reimburse the Town

of Blaine for Replacement of a Cul-vert." (H. P. 1623) (L. D. 970)

"Resolve in Favor of Edward Doyle of Fort Kent." (H. P. 1624) (L. D. 971)

"Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Arlene Remick." (H. P. 1625) (L. D. 972)

Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Overdrafts Already Incurred Due to Insufficient Appropriations and Anticipated Overdrafts and Other Obligations for Which no Legislative Appropriations have Been Made." (H. P. 1629) (L. D. 976)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill An Act Relating to Vacating Attachments (S. P. 311) (L. D. 518), tabled by that Senator on March 7th pending passage to be engrossed; and the same Senator offered Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. Senate Amendment "A" to L. D. 518. Amend said bill by striking out the word "such" at the beginning of the seventh line of section 84 thereof and inserting thereof the words "and penal". Further amend said bill by striking out the words "and with such sureties as may be approved" in the seventh and eighth lines of said section 84 and insert in place thereof the words "such bond to be approved as to penal sum and sureties."

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs "Ought to Pass" on a Resolve in Favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for support and maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 614) (L. D. 251) tabled by that Senator on March 7th pending acceptance of the report.

Miss LAUGHLIN: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the report, but in making this motion I would like to say that I am opposed to the custom of private organizations starting a project without any authority or approval by the legislature and then when they fail to finance it, coming repeatedly to the legislature for appropriations to carry on that project.

carry on that project. Thereupon, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence, the bill given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report from the Committee on Judiciary, Report "A" "Ought to Pass," Report "B" "Ought Not to Pass," Report "B" "Ought Not to Pass," on bill, An Act Making Illegal Contracts to Remit or Abate Taxes (H. P. 1413) (L. D. 790), tabled by that Senator on March 7th pending acceptance of either report. Miss LAUGHLIN: Mr. President, I move acceptance of Report "A" "Ought to Pass" and on that, I would like to say this. The bill provides to make it illegal to abate taxes to anyone. It seems to me exceedingly inconsistent, to put it

Miss LAUGHLIN: Mr. President, I move acceptance of Report "A" "Ought to Pass" and on that, I would like to say this. The bill provides to make it illegal to abate taxes to anyone. It seems to me exceedingly inconsistent, to put it mildly, that persons come here and complain about taxes and then vote to abate the taxes of some corporation, as if they were gaining anything by it. I do not see it for they just shop around from one town to another—competition. If this were made illegal, that no town could abate taxes for one party make their choice accordingly. They are not going to stop for that. Abatement of taxes for one party makes more taxes for everybody else in that community and it seems to me absolutely contrary to what we are trying to do here, to make as little burden as possible upon our citizens. As I said in the beginning, it seems to me inconsistent to even propose a constitutional amendment to reduce taxes and talk so much about "too much taxes" and then abate taxes for everybody else. I ask that when we do vote, it be by division.

Mr. FARRIS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I didn't intend to say anything on this matter but I was one of the committee who signed the "ought not to pass" report and in so doing, I felt we had plenty of law in our Constitution and in Supreme Court decisions to take care of this matter. Section 8 of Article 9 of the Constitution provides all taxes on real estate and personal estate shall be apportioned equally

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according to just value thereof and 123 Maine in the case of the town of Greenville vs United State Pegwood Company, the Court said that all contracts made by the town are illegal whereby it abates taxes. In that case the town voted in its warrant to abate taxes on the U. S. Pegwood Company for ten years and when the town came to enforce it, the Supreme Court decided it was illegal and they had no right to do such a thing. For that reason I voted "ought not to pass" because we have plenty of law and it just puts another provision on the statute books. I move Report "B" "Ought Not to Pass" be accepted in concurrence.

Miss LAUGHLIN: Mr. President, it may be illegal but they keep on doing it just the same, but it seems to me we should go on record against this favoritism. There must be some question or they would not keep on doing it.

keep on doing it. Mr. FARRIS: In reply to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Laughlin, they can keep on doing it if you put this on the statute books. It is just an additional law. There is no penalty. Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, it seems to me the bill as presented to the logic

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, it seems to me the bill, as presented to the legislature is entirely superfluous. It simply says the legislature, if it passes the bill, simply says it is illegal to do something the courts have already said is illegal, and to me, a very pertinent matter expressed by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Farris, is that there is no penalty. With much that Senator Laughlin has said, we could agree. but in this particular case it being such a superfluous thing, I think it is foolish to pass the bill. I am free to say I would heartily approve it if there was a penalty of ten years in State Prison for doing such a thing. I hope that the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Laughlin, will not prevail.

Mr. HARVEY of York: Mr. President, unfortunately I was attending another hearing at the time this matter was discussed before the Judiciary Committee but after giving this matter some thought and consideration I felt it was my duty to sign the "Ought to Pass" report because I felt that inasmuch as our courts have said that the abatement of taxes is illegal, inasmuch as it is a practice of many of these officers of these towns to insist on doing this particular thing, I thought that we should have a law on our statute books that will tell them that it is illegal and that they should not, in view of the fact and what our courts have said, do the very opposite thing. For that reason I signed the "Ought to Pass" report and I trust that this Senate will follow along with the report.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the acceptance of the "Ought to Pass" report. The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Laughlin, has asked for a division. Is the Senate ready for the question?

A division of the Senate was had. Ten having voted in the affirmative and eighteen opposed, the "Ought to Pass" report was not accepted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, Report B, "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Fellows of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report from the Committee on Claims "Ought Not to Pass" on Resolve in Favor of Watts Detective Agency, Inc. (H. P. 229) (L. D. 175) tabled by that Senator on February 27 pending acceptance of the report; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Townsend.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Townsend of Penobscot, the Resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Claims in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.