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SENATE

Friday, March 19, 1943.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Louis Staples of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Joint Order

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, out of order, and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, at the close of this week's session, they adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon, March 22nd, at 4:30 o'clock. (S. P. 454)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

From the House

Bill "An Act Relating to the Building and Maintenance of Highway Crossings of Railroads." (S. P. 148) (L. D. 148)

(In the Senate on February 18th, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, having been passed to be engrossed in concurrence; subsequently passage to be engrossed was reconsidered, House Amendment "A" was read and adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, under suspension of the rules that Body voted to reconsider its action of February 18th whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The Secretary read House Amendment A: "Amend said bill by striking out the entire last sentence of the bill beginning with the words 'In allocating.' "

House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Choice of Assessors," (H. P. 798) (L.

D. 463) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Comes from the House, having been recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, the bill was re-committed to the Committee on Legal Affairs, in concurrence.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act Relating to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies," (H. P. 1140) (L. D. 605) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1273) (L. D. 779) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "B".

In the Senate, the report of the Committee was accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading. House Amendments A and B were read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was the next legislative day assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Relating to Claims Against Estates of Persons Who Have Received Old Age Assistance," (H. P. 124) (L. D. 66) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Investment of Teachers' Retirement Fund," (H. P. 925) (L. D. 479) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1275) (L. D. 795) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Investments of Permanent Trust Funds," (H. P. 926) (L. D. 480) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1276) (L. D. 789) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Teachers' Annuity Fund and Appropriations of Money Therefor," (H. P. 12) (L. D. 18) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1277) (L. D. 790) under the same title, and that it ought to pass

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Law Relating to Deposits of State Funds," (H. P. 307) (L. D. 216) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1278) (L. D. 791) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Terms of the Northern Municipal Court at Fort Kent for the Trial of Actions of Forcible Entry and Detainer," (H. P. 1200) (L. D. 689) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1219) (L. D. 792) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Milton Plantation of its Organization," (H. P. 123) (L. D. 87) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1281) (L. D. 794) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act to Abolish the Old Age Assistance Commission," (H. P. 1110) (L. D. 552) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1272) (L. D. 778) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once, and the next legislative day assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Relating to Regulation of Loans by Trust Companies," (H. P. 55) (L. D. 55) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court," (H. P. 119) (L. D. 73) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

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

Report "A" from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Incurable Insanity as a Cause for which a Divorce may be

Granted," (H. P. 185) (L. D. 124) reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Senators:

McGLAUFILIN of Cumberland

Representatives:

MAXWELL of Bangor

ROBINSON of Brewer

GRUA of Livermore Falls

BARNES of Houlton

Report "B" of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senators:

FARRIS of Kennebec

HARVEY of York

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Auburn

PERKINS of Boothbay Harbor

BANGS of Brunswick

Comes from the House, the bill indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. McGlaulin of Cumberland, the bill and reports were laid upon the table pending acceptance of either report.

The Majority of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act Relating to the Standard Form of Insurance Policy," (H. P. 959) (L. D. 496) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senators:

HARVEY of York

PEAKES of Piscataquis

Representatives:

DUTTON of Bingham

BOWKER of Portland

FORGUE of Lewiston

VICKERY of Pittsfield

MORSE of Oakland

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Senator:

VARNEY of York

Representatives:

MILLIKEN of Madison

BLAKE of Dexter

Comes from the House, the Majority report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Harvey of York, the bill and reports were tabled pending acceptance of either report.

The Majority of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Pro-

viding Authority to Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to Confer Degrees," (H. P. 14) (L. D. 19) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senators:

HODGKINS of Hancock
OWEN of Kennebec
BISHOP of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

SMALL of East Machias
DEERING of Bath
RANKIN of Bridgton

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Representatives:

MARSANS of Monmouth
HAMILTON of Hartland
DOW of Falmouth
McKEEN of Paris

Comes from the House, the Minority report read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hodgkins of Hancock, the Majority report of the Committee "Ought not to pass" was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

Bill "An Act Relating to Savings Deposits in Trust Companies." (S. P. 451) (L. D. 800)

Which bill was read once, and the next legislative day assigned for second reading.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Elliot from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Permitting Excise Tax Collectors to Issue Motor Vehicle Registration Licenses," (S. P. 418) (L. D. 722) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Haskell from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Permitting Excise Tax Collectors to Issue Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses," (S. P. 419) (L. D. 721) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Elliot from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Weight of Motor Vehicles," (S. P. 361) (L. D. 640) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Commerce submitted its Final Report.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Megill from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Relating to Fire Protection for Baxter State Park," (S. P. 377) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Hanold from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act to Simplify the Inland Fishing Laws," (S. P. 426) (L. D. 736) reported the same in a new draft, (S. P. 455) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Hanold of Cumberland, the bill was tabled pending acceptance of the report, and ordered printed.)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on "Resolve in Favor of a Bridge Across the Allagash River," (S. P. 65) reported the same in a new draft, (S. P. 456) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Hall from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Clerk in Office of Clerk of Courts of Franklin County," (S. P. 263) (L. D. 469) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Bragdon from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Office of State Auditor," (S. P. 411) (L. D. 700) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once, and the next legislative day assigned for second reading.

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Library, on bill, "An Act Revising the State Library Laws" (S. P. 242) (L. D. 362) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A, submitted herewith.

The report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:—

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 242, L. D. 362, Bill "An Act Revising the State Library Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 16th line of section 16 thereof, after the words "judge of the superior court," the following: 'ex-judge of the supreme judicial court or superior court; and 1 copy shall be sent to the'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out in the 12th line of section 17 thereof, the words "to the governor of the state, and"; and by deleting, in the 18th line of said section 17, the comma after the words "United States" and inserting in place thereof the following: '; 1 copy shall be sent to the governor of the state, the'.

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

Mr. Buck from the Committee on Salaries and Fees, on Bill, An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Hancock County (S. P. 266) (L. D. 472) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A, submitted herewith.

The report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 266, L. D. 472, bill, "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Hancock County:"

"Amend said bill by inserting after the enacting clause, 'Sec. 1.'

"Further amend said bill by adding at the end thereof of the following paragraph:

"'Sec. 2. Limitation of Act. This act shall remain in force for a period of two years only. It is the intent of the legislature to change the statute for two years only, after which period the present statute shall return to full force and effect.'"

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

Mr. McGlaflin from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act

to Fix the Penalty for Negligently Killing a Human Being While Operating a Motor Vehicle," (S. P. 284) (L. D. 453) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Harvey on the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Offenses Against the Person," (S. P. 283) (L. D. 454) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. McGlaflin from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Procuring or Attempting to Procure Abortion or a Miscarriage," (S. P. 172) (L. D. 234) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 457) under same title, and that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Harvey from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Trial Justices and Judges of Municipal Courts," (S. P. 333) (L. D. 507) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 458) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Providing for Experience Rating Under Unemployment Compensation Law," (S. P. 282) (L. D. 601) reported the same in a new draft, (S. P. 459) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Reports, Publications, Etc. of Departments." (H. P. 162) (L. D. 104)

"Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred and Twenty-five Copies of 'Greater Portland's Community Survey,'" (H. P. 192) (L. D. 140)

"Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Joseph David of Edmunston, N. B." (H. P. 346) (L. D. 219)

Bill "An Act to Establish a Board of Trustees of Public Cemeteries for the City of Waterville." (H. P. 561) (L. D. 299)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Act Providing a Pension for Members

of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Waterville." (H. P. 562) (L. D. 300)

"Resolve Appropriating Money for Control of the Fruit or Blueberry Fly in Maine." (H. P. 929) (L. D. 482)

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Refunding Bonds of the State." (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 558)

"Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Institutional Service to Transfer Certain Land." (H. P. 1190) (L. D. 667)

Bill "An Act Permitting Towns to Raise Money for Hospitals." (H. P. 1202) (L. D. 687)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking of Sea Moss from the Shores Bordering the Territorial Waters of the State." (H. P. 1264) (L. D. 773)

Bill "An Act Relating to Employees in Military Service." (H. P. 1269) (L. D. 780)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Kingman Water Power Company." (H. P. 1270) (L. D. 782)

"Resolve Relating to Dredging Quahaugs in Maquoit Bay." (H. P. 1271) (L. D. 781)

Bill "An Act Relating to Tuition in Secondary Schools." (H. P. 1274) (L. D. 783)

Bill "An Act Providing for Taxation of Annuity Premium Considerations." (H. P. 107) (L. D. 64)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Portland." (H. P. 120) (L. D. 74)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Cumberland County Clerk of Courts Office." (H. P. 262) (L. D. 170)

"Resolve Providing for Purchase of Land for the State School for Girls." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 266)

"Resolve Relating to Transfer of Money for Working Capital of the Liquor Commission." (H. P. 769) (L. D. 462)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Powers of the Court in Juvenile Cases." (H. P. 946) (L. D. 540)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Sanford Municipal Court." (H. P. 976) (L. D. 547)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Sanford

Municipal Court." (S. P. 977) (L. D. 548)

"Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Fred J. Lovejoy, of West Bethel." (H. P. 1164) (L. D. 619)

"Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Land in Somerset County to Marie E. Munster of Rockwood." (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 620)

Bill "An Act Revising the Military Law." (H. P. 1245) (L. D. 746)

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

"Resolve Relating to Old Legislative Publications." (S. P. 322) (L. D. 787)

Bill "An Act Relating to Civil Actions for Death." (S. P. 446) (L. D. 788)

Which bill and resolve were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act Increasing the Salary and Compensation of the State Police. (S. P. 72) (L. D. 7)

An Act Defining the Word 'Teacher' under Teachers' Pensions. (S. P. 144) (L. D. 146)

An Act Relating to Sirens on Automobiles. (S. P. 326) (L. D. 529)

An Act to Define the Meaning of the Word 'Municipality'. (S. P. 342) (L. D. 517)

An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Kennebec County. (S. P. 367) (L. D. 637)

An Act Relating to Special Deputy Sheriffs in Cumberland County. (S. P. 392) (L. D. 680)

An Act Relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Associations. (S. P. 436) (L. D. 754)

An Act Providing for the Payment of a Piling Fee for Statements of Domestic and Foreign Insurance Companies. (S. P. 437) (L. D. 753)

An Act Relating to Disposal of Confiscated Ammunition and Small Arms. (S. P. 439) (L. D. 763)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to

reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill, "An Act Relating to the Appointment of Heads of all Police Departments" (S. P. 343) (L. D. 516); and upon further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table, Senate Report from the Committee on Towns "Ought Not to Pass" on bill, "An Act Relating to Annual Audits of Municipalities" (S. P. 99) (L. D. 158) tabled by that Senator on March 17th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. DOW of Oxford: Mr. President, I now move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Towns. In support of that motion I will say I have conferred with the Senate Chairman of the Committee on Towns and he is not opposed to the motion I am making.

Thereupon, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Harvey of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report from the Committee on Welfare "Ought Not to Pass" on bill, "An Act Authorizing the Department of Health and Welfare to Regulate Public and Private Institutions" (H. P. 823) (L. D. 377) tabled by that Senator on March 18th pending motion to substitute the bill for the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was substituted for the report in non-concurrence. The bill was given its first reading and the next legislative day assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Senate Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs "Ought to Pass" on bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Old Orchard Beach" (S. P. 222) (L. D. 333) tabled by that Senator on March 2nd pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was

accepted and the bill was given its first reading and the next legislative day assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill "An Act Relating to Membership in Farms Loan Commission, etc." (S. P. 197) (L. D. 280) tabled by that Senator on March 16th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate reconsidered its action of February 19th whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, Mr. Sanborn presented Senate Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment 'A' to House Amendment 'A' to bill, An Act Relating to Membership in Farms Loan Commission, etc. (S. P. 197) (L. D. 280). Amend said amendment by striking out the last paragraph thereof."

Senate Amendment "A" to House Amendment "A" was adopted.

Upon motion by Mr. Sanborn, House Amendment "A" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in non-concurrence; and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Sterling of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, "An Act Relating to the Furnishing of Lists of Wild Lands for Taxation Purposes" (H. P. 102) (L. D. 85) tabled by that Senator on March 18th pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 117) (L. D. 71) tabled by that Senator on March 12th pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator the rules were suspended, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Thereupon, Mr. Bishop presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment "A" to (H. P 117) (L. D. 71) bill, An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Sagadahoc County. Amend said bill by inserting after the enacting clause, 'Section 1.' Further amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following: 'Section 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall take effect on January 1, 1945.'"

Mr. BRAGDON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I regret that I must at this time take issue with the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bishop, on this matter. Of course it is evident to the Senate that the Senator knows the needs of Sagadahoc County better than I do and better than any member of the Committee on Salaries and Fees, which considered this bill. Let me say at the outset that the committee gave this bill serious consideration and no one appeared at the hearing in opposition to it. Another matter which will immediately be evident to the Senate is that a great many of the salary increases which have already been granted by this legislature were, in a sense, emergency measures due to increased living costs and due to increased salaries in private business. In this particular case it appeared evident to the Committee that in the county of Sagadahoc there had been an enormous increase in the population in the last two years which it would seem would increase the business of the county attorney's office. It also appeared evident to the Committee that in that particular county, perhaps even more than in some other sections of the state, there had been enormous increases in salaries in all business and it seemed only fair to the committee. Furthermore, the present salary did not appear to be out of line with salaries paid to county attorneys in other counties of the same size. For these reasons it appeared only fair to the committee to grant this increase.

You will note the amendment which the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bishop, offers simply defers the effective date of this bill for two years. The emergency may perhaps by that time have passed, and if the committee had not felt

the increase was needed in the next two years they would not have granted the increase. I hope the Senate will go along with the Committee and indefinitely postpone the amendment which has been offered by Senator Bishop.

Mr. BISHOP of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I sensed that this might create some controversy, and I do appreciate the statement that I should know the conditions in Sagadahoc perhaps better than someone in the far end of the state. In regard to the public hearing held for this bill, I was not able to be present. It was the day the Committee on Indian Affairs went down to visit the reservations. The first thing I did when I returned was to contact the Chairman of the Committee and explain why I could not be present, and I was promised, or practically that, that I would be allowed to appear before the executive session before any action was taken upon this matter. The first thing I knew it appeared on the calendar, passed by the committee. I appreciate their stand and their faithful and conscientious study of the matter.

I do wish to explain the peculiar situation that exists in Sagadahoc County. I appreciate it is an emergency measure, or has been considered as such, but in Sagadahoc County and particularly the city of Bath, there is more work than there are men to do it. Our present county attorney is working at the Bath Iron Works from four o'clock until twelve, which is conclusive proof that he hasn't business enough in his office to keep occupied. He is earning better than \$60 a week, which surely would take care of his increased cost of living. I do not believe the increase offered by this bill, \$250 is sufficient to make up the difference that he can get where he is working. The salary increases which we are offering to other people may be very justified but in this particular case of ours, I can not believe it is true. I feel a salary increase should be for greater work and more efficiency, but as is proven by the case in Sagadahoc County, this is not true.

I do not believe any increase is justified during the tenure of office of any public servant. When a person seeks public office he knows what the salary is. There are usually plenty of candidates for the

office, and I do not believe any increase should be given until the present term expires. If the people of Sagadahoc or any other county wish to elect a public servant on the new salary, it is perfectly all right, but I do not believe it is fair to the public for a public servant to seek an increase after he has sought office and been elected and accepted the trust of the people. It is mentioned that the increase in salary for Sagadahoc is not out of order with other counties. The Kennebec County Attorney gets \$1400, a county with four or five times as much work as the county of Sagadahoc. So I do hope my motion to adopt Senate Amendment "A" will prevail, for the reasons I have stated.

Mr. McGLAUFLIN of Cumberland: Mr. President, this is a matter that as far as the merits of the salary increase is concerned, I know nothing, but I think it is very unwise to pass increases in salaries to take effect two years hence. I, myself, feel that the Committee on Salaries and Fees, having considered the matter, knew the situation, and passed out a recommendation that this salary increase should be allowed, and that should prevail if any salary is to be granted at all. I do not believe we should pass a law to take effect two years hence.

Mr. BISHOP: Mr. President, I have talked with the Attorney General. This county attorney's salary is paid by the state, and for that reason people within the county did not oppose any increase. Again I wish to state that any increase in salary should be effective at the end of the term of office for which the public servant is elected. The attorney general made the

statement that most any county attorney could get twice the salary he now gets and still not be overpaid. It may be true. He also said to increase the salary of any present county attorney is not going to increase his efficiency.

Mr. DOW of Oxford: Mr. President, I have just one comment to make on this. It seems to me that one lesson we can learn from this is that our public servants do not get money enough. I do not think \$250 in Sagadahoc County is a large enough increase. I wish we could make enough increases so that no county attorney in any county would have to go to work in some shipyard in order to make enough money to live. I think he had better serve the public.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bishop, that Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 71 be adopted. Is the Senate ready for the question?

A viva voce vote being had

Senate Amendment A was not adopted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was passed to be enacted.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox
Adjourned until next Monday
afternoon, March 22nd, at four-thirty o'clock.