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Wednesday, March 7, 1945.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Akeley of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Rights of Payees and Beneficiaries of United States Defense Savings Bonds" (S. P. 115) (L. D. 227)

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting same on Bill "An Act to Encourage Marine Farming in the Tidal Waters of the State" (S. P. 220) (L. D. 463)
Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Counties reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve relating to Old Bay Bridge Road in the county of Sagadahoc (S. P. 282) (L. D. 728)

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting same on Bill "An Act relative to Game Preserve" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 229)

Came from the Senate the Reports read and accepted and the Bill and Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

Order

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, be excused from attendance the remainder of the week because of illness; that Mr. Cyr of Grand Isle, be excused for the remainder of the week because of business; and that Mr. Lecharite of Brunswick, be excused from attendance today because of illness.

**House Reports of Committees
Leave to Withdraw**

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 571) reported leave to withdraw.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Advisory Council to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (H. P. 728) (L. D. 389)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relative to Importation of Wild Birds and Wild Animals" (H. P. 690) (L. D. 308)

Mr. Byron from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Use of Automatic Firearms" (H. P. 511) (L. D. 247) as legislation is inexpedient.

Mr. Connellan from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Maine State Office Building Authority" (H. P. 643) (L. D. 314) as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Burglary and Breaking and Entering" (H. P. 44) (L. D. 18)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duties of City and Town Clerks in Absent Voting" (H. P. 6) (L. D. 3)

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Mayor of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 965) (L. D. 582)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Enforcement and Collection of Dog Licenses" (H. P. 1290) (L. D. 936)

(On motion by Mr. Dow of Eliot, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported

"Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Digging Into and Opening Streets and Highways" (H. P. 1143) (L. D. 792) Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the city of Waterville" (H. P. 832) (L. D. 445) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1329) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

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

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Portland City Charter" (H. P. 828) (L. D. 443)

Mr. Snow from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the city of Old Town" (H. P. 336) (L. D. 158)

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

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the town of Fort Fairfield" (H. P. 732) (L. D. 401)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Morneault.

Mr. MORNEAULT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask permission at this time to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fort Kent, Mr. Morneault, may proceed.

Mr. MORNEAULT: Mr. Speaker, Item 14, Legislative Document 401, is a bill to amend the charter of the town of Fort Fairfield, and, in order that it may be of any value, the Legislature would have to act upon it at this time. So I move, Mr. Speaker, that the rules be suspended

and that the bill be given its third reading at this time.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the Bill had its third reading under suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the town of Van Buren" (H. P. 529) (L. D. 210)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

On motion by Mr. Morneault of Fort Kent, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Welch from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the town of Fort Kent, in the county of Aroostook" (H. P. 655) (L. D. 265)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

On motion by Mr. Morneault of Fort Kent, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward.

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, in reference to the three bills which have received their third readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed, I move that the reports and accompanying papers be sent forthwith to the Senate.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The House will be at recess for ten minutes.

AFTER RECESS—10:40 A. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

On motion by Mrs. Ellingwood of Rockland, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under "House Reports of Committees."

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Concerning Liens of Factors Upon Merchandise or the Proceeds Thereof, and the Assignment of Accounts Receivable" (H. P. 523) (L. D. 208) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 523, L. D. 208, Bill "An Act Concerning Liens of Factors Upon Merchandise or the Proceeds Thereof, and the Assignment of Accounts Receivable."

Amend said bill by striking out in the title thereof the words "and the Assignment of Accounts Receivable".

Further amend said bill by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 3-A.' the underlined words "any accounts receivable or other" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'the'.

Further amend said bill by striking out in the 24th line of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 3-A.' the underlined words "or any part thereof".

Further amend said bill by adding the underlined words 'and address' after the underlined word "name" in the 1st line of subsection I of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 3-A.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined words "whether or not" in the 2nd line of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 3-E.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined words "security of accounts receivable or who advance money on the" in the 3rd and 4th lines of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 3-G.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined word "is" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'are' in the 1st line

of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 3-H.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Tabled

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the town of Mechanic Falls, in the county of Androscoggin" (H. P. 426) (L. D. 189) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

(On motion by Mr. Hemphill of Mechanic Falls, the Report, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A". Committee Amendment "A" ordered printed)

Mr. Rankin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the town of Brownville, in the county of Piscataquis (H. P. 658) (L. D. 319) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 658, L. D. 319, Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Brownville, in the County of Piscataquis."

Amend section 4 of said bill by striking out in the tenth line thereof (9th line of bill as printed) after the words "elective and" the word "appointed" and inserting in place thereof the word 'appointive'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Mr. Warren from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate City of Old Town Municipal Building District" (H. P. 334) (L. D. 148) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee

Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 334, L. D. 148, Bill "An Act to Incorporate City of Old Town Municipal Building District".

Amend section 4 of said bill by striking out after the words "sum of" in the third line (3rd line of bill as printed) thereof, the figure "\$250,000", and inserting in place thereof the figure "\$100,000".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate City of Old Town High School District" (H. P. 335) (L. D. 149) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report of the Committee was accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 335, L. D. 149, Bill "An Act to Incorporate City of Old Town High School District".

Amend section 4 of said bill by striking out after the words "sum of" in the third line thereof (3rd line of bill as printed), the words "two hundred fifty thousand dollars", and inserting in place thereof the figure "\$200,000".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Payment of Expenses Incurred by the Maine State Office Building Authority and the Building Commission" (H. P. 1325) (L. D. 973)

Bill "An Act relating to the Packing of Sardines" (H. P. 1326) (L. D. 974)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Amend the Houlton Town Manager Form of Government Act" (S. P. 180) (L. D. 382) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill was read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 180, L. D. 382, Bill "An Act to Amend the Houlton Town Manager Form of Government Act".

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 3 thereof and inserting in place thereof a new section 3 to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 3, § 6, amended. Section 6 of chapter 3 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following:

"The councillors shall have the power to enact such ordinances as are authorized by chapter 80 of the revised statutes. Such ordinances may be ordained under such rules of procedure as the voters of the town of Houlton may legally adopt".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and on motion by Mr. Benn of Smyrna, under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, recognizes the gentleman from Rangeley, Mr. True, and appoints him Speaker pro tempore, and instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct the gentleman to the rostrum.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then conducted Mr. True to the rostrum, where he assumed the Chair amid the applause of the House, the members rising, and Speaker Barnes retired.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Transportation of Poles" (S. P. 205) (L. D. 479)

Bill "An Act relating to the Determination of Mentally Defective Children" (S. P. 318) (L. D. 833)

Bill "An Act to Extend Opportunities for Secondary Education to Children Residing on the Islands Classified as Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 238) (L. D. 646)

Bill "An Act to Extend Opportunities for Secondary Education to Island Children" (S. P. 239) (L. D. 645)

Bill "An Act relating to Settlement of Suits" (S. P. 244) (L. D. 640)

Bill "An Act relating to Reference or Compromise" (S. P. 245) (L. D. 639)

Bill "An Act relative to Quietting and Establishing of Titles Derived from Tax Lien Certificates" (H. P. 329) (L. D. 116)

Bill "An Act relating to Rights of Surviving Husbands and Wives" (H. P. 425) (L. D. 167)

Bill "An Act relating to the Time for Packing Sardines" (H. P. 879) (L. D. 515)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the town of Fairfield" (H. P. 1323) (L. D. 967)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Brunswick Village Corporation" (H. P. 1324) (L. D. 968)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Justices of the Superior Court." Title amended to read "An Act relating to Retirement of Justices of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Court" (H. P. 243) (L. D. 86)

Bill "An Act relating to the Foreclosure of Tax Mortgages in Equity" (H. P. 328) (L. D. 115)

Bill "An Act relating to the Working Capital of the Liquor Commission" (H. P. 620) (L. D. 302)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

At this time Speaker Barnes assumed the Chair, and Mr. True was conducted to his seat by the Sergeant-at-Arms, amid the applause of the House.

Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to provide for the Sur-

render by the town of Connor of its Organization (S. P. 83) (L. D. 77)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 126 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to Local Rehabilitation of Veterans (S. P. 147) (L. D. 353)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 128 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by town of Trescott of its Organization (S. P. 154) (L. D. 372)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 128 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Moro Plantation of its Organization (H. P. 356) (L. D. 104)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 128 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to the Fire and Police Commission for the town of Skowhegan (S. P. 251) (L. D. 633)

An Act relating to the Bee Industry (H. P. 306) (L. D. 113)

An Act relating to Towns Placed under Supervision of Agents of the Commissioner of Education (H. P. 416) (L. D. 186)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

An Act to Create a Division of Special Education for Physically Handicapped Children (H. P. 417) (L. D. 187)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

An Act relating to Assessment and Collection of State Taxes on Certain Corporations (H. P. 445) (L. D. 171)

An Act Enabling Board of Managers of the Jefferson Cary Hospital Fund to Accept Gifts or Legacies (H. P. 521) (L. D. 206)

An Act relating to Notice of Election of Town Treasurer (H. P. 551) (L. D. 262)

An Act to Permit Direct Payments of State School Funds and Dog License Fees (H. P. 552) (L. D. 219)

An Act relating to Teacher Assistance in Rural Areas (H. P. 631) (L. D. 304)

An Act relating to Licenses for Portable Sawmills (H. P. 682) (L. D. 275)

An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Violations of the Inland Fisheries and Game Laws (H. P. 823) (L. D. 427)

An Act relating to Assignment of Counsel by the Superior Court (H. P. 824) (L. D. 428)

An Act to Incorporate the Islesboro Associates (H. P. 827) (L. D. 442)

An Act relating to Sellers and Weighers of Coal and Coke (H. P. 829) (L. D. 434)

An Act Amending the Charter of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District (H. P. 846) (L. D. 447)

An Act relating to State Bureau of Identification (H. P. 946) (L. D. 526)

An Act relating to Absent Voting (H. P. 953) (L. D. 577)

An Act relating to Registration for Professional Engineers (H. P. 967) (L. D. 584)

An Act relating to Town Manager Form of Government (H. P. 971) (L. D. 548)

An Act relating to Town By-Laws and Ordinances for Trailer Camps (H. P. 1081) (L. D. 774)

Finally Passed

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Albert Ouellette of Sinclair (H. P. 349) (L. D. 156)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolve finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recommended

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to John Sharpe, of Argyle (H. P. 443) (L. D. 195)

On motion by Mr. Rollins, of Greenville, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this Resolve was passed to be engrossed on February 27th; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Sargent of Bucksport, the House voted to take from the table the 19th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of Schools to Establish Minimum Salaries for Teachers" (H. P. 1268) (L. D. 901) which in the House was read twice and tabled on March 2nd by that gentleman pending third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Sargent.

Mr. SARGENT: Mr. Speaker, before making the motion that this bill take its usual course towards enactment, I would like to make a few words of explanation.

During the last few days I have received several letters of criticism of my action in tabling this bill, it having been generally assumed, apparently, that I tabled it because of my opposition to a minimum

wage of \$1000 for the school teachers. However, this is not the case. I am very much in accord with this idea of a minimum wage of \$1000, and I hope that much may be done towards securing this for the teachers of the State. Still, however, as you know, it does not cover this item alone, but deals largely with the method of allocating of school funds to the various towns, and it is to this allocation of funds that I had some slight objection, and I wished to look into it before the bill was passed.

Under this allocation as outlined in the bill, I still believe there will be some inequalities, and it will not in every case accomplish the purpose intended. However, under the present plan of valuation which prevails throughout the State, I believe it would be almost impossible to devise a plan which would be more fair and equitable. I therefore move that this bill be now given its third reading.

Thereupon the bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Mil-
linocket, the House voted to take from the table the twentieth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report, Referring to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation—Bill "An Act to Remove Floating Islands in Corundell Lake in Corinna" (H. P. 1255) (L. D. 880) tabled on March 6th by that gentleman, pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the report of the committee referring to bill to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford, the House voted to take from the table the 18th tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Water District" (H. P. 1284) (L. D. 911) tabled on March 1st by that gentleman pending enactment; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to the Chief Engineer

and Assistant of the City of Lewiston" (H. P. 428) (L. D. 236) which in the House on February 20th was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A". Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto in non-concurrence, and tabled on March 2nd by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, pending further consideration, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, under suspension of the rules, I move that the House reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

In order to make my reason for this clear, I may say that if the reconsideration is passed then the House will be in a position to adopt the Senate Amendment and concur with the Senate in adopting that amendment. As I understand, after a bill has been passed to be engrossed it cannot be amended. I therefore now move reconsideration of our action whereby we passed the bill to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, moves that the House reconsider its action taken on February 20th whereby Bill "An Act Relating to the Chief Engineer and Assistant of the City of Lewiston," (H. P. 428) (L. D. 236) was passed to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the House adopt Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A".

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, from the calendar it appears that the Senate Amendment is an amendment to Committee Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules that in order to adopt the Senate Amendment to the Committee Amendment the House will first have to reconsider its action whereby it adopted the Committee Amendment.

Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider its action whereby it adopted Committee Amendment "A"?

The motion prevailed.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 428, L. D. 236, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Chief Engineer and Assistant of the City of Lewiston".

Amend said amendment by striking out all of the 1st sentence of that part designated as "Sec. 4." and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

"The commission may employ a chief fire department engineer, a superintendent of fire alarm, such assistant fire department engineers and such other officers, members and employees of the department as they shall deem necessary, shall direct their organization, prescribe their duties, set their compensation subject to the approval of the board of finance, and terminate their employment at pleasure; save that the chief fire department engineer, assistant fire department engineer and

other permanent members of the department shall not be demoted nor removed unless for inefficiency or other cause detrimental to the service of the department and after hearing.'

On further motion by Mr. Payson, Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

The House thereupon adopted Committee Amendment "A" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there is no further business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.