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HOUSE

Friday, March 30, 1945.

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

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, proposing a Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held forthwith in the hall of the House for the purpose of extending to His Excellency, Horace Hildreth, Governor, an invitation to attend the Convention and make such communication as pleases him.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millicocket, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body that the House concurred in the proposal for a Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Prayer by the Rev. Charles B. Rodway of Mechanic Falls.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

Senate Reports of Committees

Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Mrs. Etta White of Houlton (S. P. 307) (L. D. 842) reporting leave to withdraw.

Report of the Committee on Counties reporting same on bill "An Act relating to Duties of County Commissioners" (S. P. 237) (L. D. 647) as it has been taken care of by other legislation.

Came from the Senate, read and adopted.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Maine State Apprenticeship Council, to provide Funds for its Expense and Program (S. P. 194) (L. D. 712)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve to Create

a Special Joint Committee to Study Wild and Fur-Bearing Animals (S. P. 383) (L. D. 983)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

At this point the Senate entered the hall of the House and a Joint Convention was formed.

In Convention

The President of the Senate, Hon. George D. Varney, in the Chair.

On motion by Senator Dow of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Governor Horace Hildreth, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature are in Convention assembled, ready to receive from him such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Chairman appointed as such committee:

Senators:

- DOW of Oxford
- MORRILL of Cumberland
- HOPKINS of Kennebec

Representatives:

- DUTTON of Bingham
- BOWKER of Portland
- VICKERY of Pittsfield
- MORSE of Oakland
- JORDAN of Saco
- MORNEAULT of Fort Kent
- SARGENT of Bucksport.

Mr. Dow, for the Committee, subsequently reported that the Committee had discharged the duties assigned to it, and the Governor was pleased to say that he would attend the Convention forthwith.

Thereupon, Governor Horace Hildreth, attended by the Honorable Executive Council, escorted and announced by Hon. Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State, entered the Convention Hall, amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The Governor addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President and Members of the 92nd Legislature:

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance has reported unanimously in favor of the passage of L. D. 984 AN ACT Amending the Insurance Laws. I am here this morning to recommend the passage of this bill as an Emergency Measure so that it may become law before April 1st.

The necessity for speed, which regrettably was only yesterday afternoon brought to my attention by the departments involved, arises as follows:

On all policies written by insurance companies doing business in Maine, there is a tax of 1% on the premiums written by domestic companies and 2% on premiums written by foreign companies. The United States Supreme Court has held that the writing of insurance, as it is now conducted, is commerce between the States, from which would follow the well-known principle that companies which are foreign, that is, incorporated in other States and licensed here, are entitled to equal protection of the laws, and a tax levied against companies should be at the same rate without discrimination. The Attorney General and other eminent counsel have advised me that in their opinion the present difference in the tax rate would be considered by the courts to be discriminatory and would invalidate the present law. The Attorney General further informs me that the so-called moratorium recently enacted by Congress does not prevent the Supreme Court from holding our present law unconstitutional.

The Attorney General also informs me that the Legislatures of 27 other States are considering a similar discrimination in their laws, and either there is legislation pending to correct it or legislation has already been adopted which will correct it.

The income to the State from our present tax on **domestic** companies would be only about \$15,000 this year but the income to the State from this tax on **foreign** companies would be approximately \$782,000. This tax is levied on April 1st and the Attorney General expects the present law to be challenged by several insurance companies. Legal action has already been started in other States where a difference in the rate of tax exists similar to that in our present laws.

If we do not change our law before April 1st, then undoubtedly the State will be faced with many legal actions contesting this tax, and legal actions will be expensive to the State and will delay the collection of this money for months, or perhaps years. Then, if the United

States Supreme Court should decide that our present law is invalid, Maine would lose all the revenue expected from foreign companies this year. Consequently, this problem places the State of Maine in jeopardy of losing \$782,000, and if the decision of the court of last resort were not rendered until late in 1946, the possibility of further loss is obvious.

This tax is levied on April 1, 1945, on the business done by these companies during 1944; so that if a case or cases were to go through all the courts and a final decision were rendered which did not uphold our present law, then we would not only lose the income to the State, but would be obliged to hold a special session of the Legislature to enact a constitutional tax law with the resulting inconvenience to yourselves and a considerable expense to the State.

Otherwise the State would be obliged to get along without this income of \$782,000 for 1945 and the same amount for 1946, and wait until the regular session in 1947 to pass a new tax measure which would only then become effective. This is why it is imperative that the law be changed by April 1st.

There may be some legal opinion contrary to these conclusions submitted to you. It is idle however to argue about the difference in legal opinions. The point is that so far as the State is concerned it is not worthwhile taking any risk that the opinion submitted to me might be wrong.

If the bill is passed the maximum damage done is the additional tax to domestic insurance companies of about \$15,000 and of this \$15,000 additional tax over \$9,000 will be paid by domestic companies who prefer the passage of this bill rather than subjecting the State to the risks involved by the failure to pass this bill. This means not more than \$6,000 increased tax is imposed on those objecting to this bill.

On the other hand, against this maximum tax of \$6,000 on those objecting to the passage of this bill the State would risk, by not passing the bill, the following:

1. The annual loss of three-quarters of a million dollars' income paid by out-of-State insurance companies.
2. The expense of defending multiple suits.

3. The possible necessity of a special session of the Legislature.

Even if we felt 95% certain that the foregoing opinion of counsel was wrong, nevertheless, the cost to the State, if they were right, would be so great that it would be very poor judgment and administration to take even a 5% chance.

If it should prove that this opinion was wrong, the Legislature in another session can easily remedy the error, while to remedy the error of NOT passing this law would be far more difficult and vastly more costly.

Therefore, I recommend the immediate passage of L. D. 984 as an emergency measure. I am authorized to say that the action I have taken this morning, and the foregoing opinions, are endorsed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Majority Floor Leaders of both branches of the Legislature.

At the conclusion of the address Governor Hildreth and his suite then retired, amid the applause of the Convention, the audience rising.

The CHAIRMAN: The purposes for which this Convention was convened having been accomplished, I declare the Convention dissolved and the Senate will retire to its chamber.

Whereupon the Senate then retired to its chamber, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

In the House

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, out of order and under suspension of the rules, The House voted to accept the "Ought to pass in New Draft" report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act Amending the Insurance Laws" (H. P. 1334) (L. D. 984) new draft (H. P. 1408) (L. D. 1082)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton.

Mr. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, in view of the information which has been given us by the Attorney General, the Insurance Commissioner, and the best legal advice which we have been able to obtain on this matter, and on the recommendation of the Governor of the State of Maine, I feel that we are justified

in passing this law as an emergency measure at this time. Personally, I lose money by the passage of this law, but I am here to represent the State of Maine, and not my own personal interests.

On further motion by Mr. Ward, under suspension of the rules, the Bill had its three several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by Mr. Ward, the report, with accompanying papers, was sent forthwith to the Senate.

Senate Reports of Committees

(Continued)

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Resolve in favor of Archie E. MacLeod of Orrington (S. P. 356) (L. D. 907)

Report of the Committee on Education reporting same on Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Physical Rehabilitation School for Unemployed Citizens" (S. P. 310) (L. D. 838)

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Muskrats" (S. P. 198) (L. D. 486)

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Hancock County" (S. P. 162) (L. D. 365)

Came from the Senate read and adopted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Tax Returns of Loan and Building Associations" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 612) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 397) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate the Report read and adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, report read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill was read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought to pass" on

Resolve in favor of James R. Hale of Castine (S. P. 129) (L. D. 334)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve relating to Reimbursement to James Y. Kinmond of Westbrook (S. P. 130) (L. D. 335)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve to Reimburse the town of Eastbrook for Suppression of a Forest Fire (S. P. 133) (L. D. 338)

Report of the Committee on Pensions reporting same on Resolve in favor of Albert Leslie Shorey, of Surry (S. P. 152) (L. D. 358)

Came from the Senate the Reports read and adopted and the Resolves passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Resolves were read once, and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass in New Draft Amended, Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to the Assessment of Taxes" (S. P. 338) (L. D. 813) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 398) (L. D. 1030) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, on motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, the Report, with accompanying papers tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report in concurrence, and specially assigned for the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Animal Husbandry" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 651) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, Report 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. 233, L. D. 651, Bill "An Act Relating to Animal Husbandry."

Amend said Bill by deleting (drawing a line through) the word "metal" in the 4th line after the enacting clause.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Ought Not to Pass Recommitted

Report of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for a Special Interim Commission for the Study of Growing Wood and Timber and Measures to Conserve and Increase the Forest and Water Resources of the State (S. P. 294) (L. D. 717)

Came from the Senate recommended to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the Report, with accompanying Resolve, was recommended to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: House Paper 1408, Legislative Document 1082, Bill "An Act Amending the Insurance Laws, has been returned from the Engrossing Department. Is it now the pleasure of the House to take this matter up, out of order, at this time?

Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Amending the Insurance Laws (H. P. 1408) (L. D. 1082)

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. 115 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.

On motion by Miss Deering of Bath, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, April 2nd, 1945, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon (S. P. 413)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Non-concurrent Matter

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in East Grand Lake (H. P. 146) (L. D. 48) as it is covered in general law, which was recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in the House on March 28th.

Came from the Senate read and adopted in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Anderson of Oxbow Plantation, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" report.

Non-concurrent Matter

Majority Report reporting "Ought not to pass" and Minority Report reporting "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Real Estate on Leased Land" (H. P. 96) (L. D. 41) on which the House accepted the Minority Report on March 27th, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted in non-concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson.

Mr. **PAYSON**: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House insist on its former action.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, moves that the House insist on its former action.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Weeks.

Mr. **WEEKS**: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House recede and concur with the Senate.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Weeks, moves that the House do recede and concur with the Senate.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson.

Mr. **PAYSON**: Mr. Speaker, this

is an utterly immaterial thing, but it is a good example of what a tight rein we are driving with. I asked for a slow death and decent burial, but the railroads insist on chopping off the head immediately.

The **SPEAKER**: There are two motions before the House, one to insist and one to recede. The motion to recede has precedence. All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Weeks, that the House recede and concur with the Senate will say yes; those opposed no.

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

Twenty-eight having voted in the affirmative and 62 in the negative, the motion did not prevail; and on motion by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, the House voted to insist on his former action.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Majority Report reporting "Ought to pass" and Minority Report reporting "Ought not to pass" of Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Inmates from the Reformatory for Men to the State Prison and the State School for Boys" (S. P. 139) (L. D. 344) on which the House accepted the Minority Report in non-concurrence on March 27th.

Came from the Senate with that body voting to adhere to its former position where the Majority Report was accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, the House voted to adhere to its former action whereby the Minority Report was accepted in non-concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Coombs of Belfast, be excused from attendance today because of business.

House Reports of Committees

Divided Report

Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee" (H. P. 1272) (L. D. 915)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DOW of Oxford
DUNBAR of Washington
—of the Senate.
PERKINS of Boothbay
Harbor
WILLIAMS of Auburn
HASKELL of Portland
CONNELLAN of Portland
WARD of Millinocket
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Miss CLOUGH of Penobscot
—of the Senate.
Messrs. PEIRCE of Augusta
PASCUCCI of Sanford
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Rankin of Bridgton, the two Reports, with accompanying bill, tabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 3rd)

Divided Report

Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of the Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 242) (L. D. 87) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1409) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DOW of Oxford
DUNBAR of Washington
—of the Senate.
PERKINS of Boothbay
Harbor
WARD of Millinocket
HASKELL of Portland
CONNELLAN of Portland
PASCUCCI of Sanford
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Miss CLOUGH of Penobscot
—of the Senate.
Messrs. WILLIAMS of Auburn
PEIRCE of Augusta
—of the House.

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

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the Majority Re-

port "Ought to pass in New Draft."

On motion by Mr. Williams of Auburn, the two Reports, with accompanying Bill, were tabled, pending the motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, that the House accept the Majority Report, and specially assigned for Thursday, April 5th.

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to School Committee in town of Rumford" (H. P. 831) (L. D. 444) which was recommitted, reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1410) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BATCHELDER of York
LEAVITT of Cumberland
GOULD of Androscoggin
—of the Senate.
WELCH of Mars Hill
PAYSON of Portland
RANKIN of Bridgton
WEEKS of Waterville
WARREN of Westbrook
SNOW of Auburn

—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. DONAHUE of Biddeford
—of the House.

The Majority Report "Ought to pass in New Draft" was accepted and the new draft was ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Divided Report

Tabled and Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Horse Races" (H. P. 1262) (L. D. 761) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BATCHELDER of York
LEAVITT of Cumberland
GOULD of Androscoggin
—of the Senate.
WELCH of Mars Hill
DONAHUE of Biddeford
RANKIN of Bridgton
WARREN of Westbrook
SNOW of Auburn
PAYSON of Portland
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. WEEKS of Waterville
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Jordan of South Portland, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either report, and specially assigned for Tuesday, April 3rd.

Ought To Pass In New Draft

Mr. Marsans from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Records of Educational Institutions" (H. P. 502) (L. D. 244) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1411) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing for Atlantic Salmon in Narraguagus River and its Tributaries (H. P. 693) (L. D. 287) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1412) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Perkins from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Providing for the Taking of Property by the State by Right of Eminent Domain" (H. P. 1319) (L. D. 963) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1413) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Alternative Method for the Enforcement of Liens for Taxes on Real Estate" (H. P. 19) (L. D. 6) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1414) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Snow from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to License Fees for Amusement Shows" (H. P. 968) (L. D. 547) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1415) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Warren from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Digging into and Opening Streets and Highways" (H. P. 1143) (L. D. 792) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1416) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Welch from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Pauper Settlements" (H. P. 1082) (L. D. 805) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1417) under the same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Calais School

District" (H. P. 1199) (L. D. 758) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1418) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Taxes by Domestic Insurance Companies" (H. P. 1086) (L. D. 691) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1419) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Newport" (H. P. 1001) (L. D. 601) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1420) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Haskell from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Officer for Service for Delinquent Taxes" (H. P. 353) (L. D. 102) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1421) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Benn from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Davidson Land Company (H. P. 683) (L. D. 327) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1422) under title of "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Land in Somerset County to J. Russell MacArthur, of Jackman" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Rollins from same Committee on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Advertise and Sell Certain Stumpage in the town of Ashland (H. P. 346) (L. D. 153) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1423) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Harrison from the Committee on Welfare on Resolve Authorizing Purchase of Jefferson Camps (H. P. 1298) (L. D. 943) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1424) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Carpenter from the Committee on Aeronautics reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to

the Aeronautics Commission" (H. P. 789) (L. D. 430)

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Settlement of Suits by or against Infants" (H. P. 1137) (L. D. 681)

Mr. Peirce from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of State Humane Agents" (H. P. 1166) (L. D. 687)

Mr. Perkins from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Decrees for Alimony" (H. P. 747) (L. D. 390)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Grant Powers of Arrest to State Parole Officers" (H. P. 1271) (L. D. 914)

Mr. Payson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Portland Wharf District" (H. P. 1328) (L. D. 972)

Mr. Weeks from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide Civil Service Rules for Police and Fire Departments" (H. P. 1201) (L. D. 760)

Mr. Wight from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Rate of Speed of Commercial Vehicles" (H. P. 1210) (L. D. 711)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Bonds of the State to Refund Kennebec Bridge Loan Bonds" (H. P. 619) (L. D. 282) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and 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. 619, L. D. 282, Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Bonds of the State to Refund Kennebec Bridge Loan Bonds."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of the 1st paragraph thereof the following sentence: 'Such refunding bonds shall contain callable fea-

tures to be determined by the governor and council.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Bonds of the State to Refund Waldo-Hancock Bridge Loan Bonds" (H. P. 618) (L. D. 281) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and 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. 618, L. D. 281, Bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of Bonds of the State to Refund Waldo-Hancock Bridge Loan Bonds."

Amend said Bill by deleting in the 2nd line thereof (the 1st line of the Bill as printed) the figures "1,000,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures '620,000'.

Further amend said Bill by deleting in the 4th line thereof (the 3rd line of the Bill as printed) the word and figures "September 2, 1945" and inserting in place thereof the word and figures 'March 1, 1946'.

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of the 1st paragraph thereof the following sentence: 'Such refunding bonds shall contain callable features to be determined by the governor and council.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Peirce from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Salaries and Wages of State Officers and Employees" (H. P. 1188) (L. D. 749) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report read and 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. 1188, L. D. 749, Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Salaries

and Wages of State Officers and Employees.”

Amend said bill by striking out in the 7th line thereof the underlined words **“or fortnightly”**.

And further amend said bill by inserting in the 8th line thereof, after the word **“month”**, the underlined words **“or fortnightly”**.

Committee Amendment “A” was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Peirce from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill “An Act relating to Registration of Voters” (H. P. 1258) (L. D. 882) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and 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. 1258, L. D. 882, Bill, “An Act Relating to Registration of Voters.”

Amend said bill by striking out in the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd lines thereof the following underlined words: **“, as to the provisions concerning the city clerk, shall only apply to cities of 25,000 inhabitants or any greater number less than 30,000 and”**.

Committee Amendment “A” was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Perkins from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill “An Act relating to Inactive Savings Accounts of Former Inmates of the State School for Boys” (H. P. 1164) (L. D. 685) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and 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. 1164, L. D. 685, Bill, “An Act Relating to Inactive Savings Accounts of Former Inmates of the State School for Boys.”

Amend said bill by inserting in the 3rd line thereof, after the word **“Portland,”** the words **“the Casco**

Mercantile Trust Company of Portland.”

Committee Amendment “A” was adopted, and the bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Williams from Committee on Judiciary on Bill “An Act relating to Payments to County Law Libraries” (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 753) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and 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. 1194, L. D. 753, Bill “An Act Relating to Payments to County Law Libraries.”

Amend said bill by striking out in the 18th line thereof, after the word **“Kennebec”**, the amount **“\$1,000.”**; and inserting in place thereof the amount **“\$1,500.”**

And further amend said bill by striking out in the 26th line thereof, after the word **“Waldo”**, the amount **“\$500.”**; and inserting in place thereof the amount **“\$850.”**

Committee Amendment “A” was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill “An Act relating to Licensing Automobile Dealers” (H. P. 1322) (L. D. 965) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and 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. 1322, L. D. 965, Bill “An Act Relating to Licensing Automobile Dealers.”

Amend said bill by striking out in the fourteenth line thereof (13th line of bill as printed) after the underlined word **“properly”** the underlined words **“display, store and”**.

Further amend said bill by striking out in the twenty-third line thereof (21st line of bill as printed) after the underlined word **“void”** the underlined words **“from the date of its issue”**.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Advertising Resources, etc. by Aroostook County" (H. P. 1393) (L. D. 1065)

Bill "An Act to Increase Teachers' Pensions" (H. P. 1394) (L. D. 1066)

Bill "An Act relating to Control of Deer in Acadia National Park" (H. P. 1395) (L. D. 1067)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate and the Register of Probate in Cumberland County" (H. P. 1397) (L. D. 1068)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of York County" (H. P. 1398) (L. D. 1069)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Oxford County" (H. P. 1399) (L. D. 1070)

Bill "An Act relative to the Salary of the Judge of the Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 1400) (L. D. 1071)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Judge of Probate of Hancock County" (H. P. 1401) (L. D. 1072)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Treasurer of Cumberland County" (H. P. 1402) (L. D. 1073)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Sheriff of Cumberland County" (H. P. 1403) (L. D. 1074)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court" (H. P. 1404) (L. D. 1075)

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory where no Elections are Held" (H. P. 1405) (L. D. 1076)

Bill "An Act relating to Selling of Malt Liquor Near National Soldiers Home, etc." (H. P. 1406) (L. D. 1077)

Bills were read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-five (H. P. 1390) (L. D. 1078)

Resolve had its first reading and was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to reconsider its action just taken whereby this Resolve was assigned for second

reading the next legislative day; and on further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the Resolve had its second reading, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-six (H. P. 1391) (L. D. 1079)

Resolve had its first reading, and on motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the Resolve was given its second reading under suspension of the rules, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve in favor of William A. Johnson of Orrington (H. P. 1392) (L. D. 1080)

Resolve relating to Daily Bag Limit from Androscoggin Waters Above Middle Dam (H. P. 1396) (L. D. 1081)

Resolves were read once, and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Providing Authority to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to Confer the Degree of Bachelor of Science" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 339)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary for Clerks in the Office of Register of Probate in York County" (H. P. 48) (L. D. 19)

Bill "An Act relating to the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland" (H. P. 102) (L. D. 33)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Portland" (H. P. 103) (L. D. 34)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court" (H. P. 104) (L. D. 35)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds in the county of Cumberland" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 57)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in the County of Cumberland" (H. P. 192) (L. D. 56)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts, Cumberland County" (H. P. 214) (L. D. 97)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

Mr. Haskell of Portland offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 214, L. D. 97, Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts, Cumberland County."

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

"R. S., c. 79, Sec. 269, amended. The 4th paragraph of section 269 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes, insofar as it relates to the annual amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of clerk of courts in Cumberland county, is hereby amended to read as follows: 'for clerks in the office of clerk of courts, \$6,124 \$9,404;'"

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Engrossed

(Continued)

Bill "An Act relating to Yearly Fees for Boxers" (H. P. 355) (L. D. 121)

Bill "An Act Providing for Equitable Apportionment of Estate Taxes and Collection and Payment Thereof" (H. P. 422) (L. D. 192)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 546) (L. D. 215)

Bill "An Act relating to Tuition to be Paid by Towns" (H. P. 803) (L. D. 500)

Bill "An Act to Equalize Opportunities for Education in Occupational Training" (H. P. 804) (L. D. 501)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds in Hancock County" (H. P. 1000) (L. D. 600)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of

the Northern Cumberland Municipal Court" (H. P. 1149) (L. D. 795)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Westbrook Municipal Court" (H. P. 1151) (L. D. 730)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Patients in State Hospitals" (H. P. 1219) (L. D. 769)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Dow of Eliot, tabled pending third reading.)

Bill "An Act relating to Towns Having No Free High Schools" (H. P. 1382) (L. D. 1044)

Bill "An Act relating to Special Legislative Pensions" (H. P. 1383) (L. D. 1045)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 1385) (L. D. 1046)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 4th.)

Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Truck Loads Upon Designated Roads" (H. P. 1386) (L. D. 1047)

Resolve Appropriating Money to Repair Fish Screen at Eagle Lake (H. P. 322) (L. D. 143)

Resolve Granting Additional Pension for Burtis F. Fowler of Augusta (H. P. 1103) (L. D. 787)

Resolve in favor of Dr. Charles H. Buck of Naples (H. P. 1378) (L. D. 1048)

Resolve in favor of the Estate of R. Byron Flewelling, Late of West Gardiner, Deceased; for Loss of Life (H. P. 1379) (L. D. 1049)

Resolve in favor of Charles B. Buck of Newfield (H. P. 1380) (L. D. 1050)

Resolve to Reimburse the town of Amherst for Suppression of a Forest Fire (H. P. 1381) (L. D. 1051)

Resolve relating to Belgrade Stream (H. P. 1183) (L. D. 744)

Resolve Granting a State Pension to Eva M. Farrington Cary, of Bowdoinham (H. P. 1384) (L. D. 1052)

Resolve in favor of Roy Marshall of Sanford (H. P. 1389) (L. D. 1053)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Norway Municipal Court" (S. P. 219) (L. D. 465)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Establish, Maintain, Conduct and Finance Recreational Facilities" (S. P. 394) (L. D. 1017)

Resolve Providing for Purchase of Land for the Maine State Prison (S. P. 396) (L. D. 1023)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Practice of Dentistry" (H. P. 734) (L. D. 392) which was read twice in the House and tabled on March 28th by the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, pending assignment for third reading.

Mr. Ward offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 734, L. D. 392, Bill "An Act Relating to the Practice of Dentistry."

Amend said Bill by striking out the last 3 sentences thereof and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

'It shall be the duty of the board to promote dental health education and the standards of dental practice.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was assigned for third reading on the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled

and today assigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses for Hotels, Restaurants and Clubs in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 860) (L. D. 497) tabled on March 29th by the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Corson, pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Corson, the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Snow Removal" (H. P. 247) (L. D. 157) tabled on March 29th by the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. Williams offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The amendment, not having been printed, will lie on the table pending its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, An Act relating to Requirement for Restaurant Licenses (H. P. 1265) (L. D. 888), tabled on March 29th by the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, 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 now lays before the House the fifth tabled and today assigned matter, House Order relative to Clearing Table on Tuesdays, tabled on March 29th by the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, pending passage; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. Ward presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to House Order relative to Clearing Table on Tuesdays.

Amend said Order by adding at the end thereof after the word "Day": 'after Specially Assigned matters'

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Order, as amended, received passage.

On motion by Mr. Bowker, of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the forty-first tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of J. R. Collins, South Portland, Maine (S. P. 132) (L. D. 337) tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending final passage; and, on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Vickery of Pittsfield, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-first tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Designating Certain Academies as High Schools" (H. P. 1361) (L. D. 1019) which in the House was read twice and tabled on March 26th by that gentleman pending assignment for third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, An Act to Create a Division of Special Education for Physically Handicapped Children (H. P. 417) (L. D. 187) tabled on March 7th by the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams, 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.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-eighth tabled and unassigned matter, An Act to Provide for Scientific Investigation with Blueberries (S. P. 72) (L. D. 68) tabled on March 28th 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.

On motion by Mr. Ela of Anson, the House voted to take from the table the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of

Penobscot Tribe of Indians (H. P. 792) (L. D. 415) tabled on March 22nd by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the House voted to take from the table the fourteenth tabled and unassigned matter, An Act Relieving Towns from Care of Neglected Children (H. P. 1332) (L. D. 980) tabled on March 22nd 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.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the forty-second tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve to Reimburse the town of Salem for Forest Fire (H. P. 501) (L. D. 999) tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bell of Thomaston, the House voted to take from the table the tenth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve, in favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc., for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 617) (L. D. 283) tabled by that gentleman on March 21st, pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ela of Anson, the House voted to take from the table the 27th tabled and unassigned matter, "An Act to Establish a Seed Potato Board and Define its Powers and Duties" (S. P. 300) (L. D. 849) tabled on March 28th by that gentleman pending passage to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: This bill having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and having had its three readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed, and the Committee on Engrossed Bills having reported that it is

truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that the bill be passed to be enacted?

This being an emergency measure, requires for its passage the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House. All those in favor of its passage to be enacted will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Ninety-six having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, there has not been a majority.

Mr. WARD of Millinocket: Mr. Speaker, I move that we have a roll call.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves for a roll call. All those in favor will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Obviously more than one-fifth of the members having arisen, the motion is carried.

All those in favor of the passage of the bill to be enacted will answer "Yes" when their name is called; those opposed will answer "No."

Roll Call

YEA—Adams, Allen, Ames, Anderson, Baker, Bell, Benn, Berry; Bird, Rockland; Bird, Washington; Blake, Brunfield; Blake, Dexter; Boulter, Bowker, Boyker, Brewer; Brown, Brunswick; Brown, Unity; Byron; Carpenter, Augusta; Carpenter, Skowhegan; Chase, Christensen; Cobb, Bangor; Cobb, Gardiner; Cole, Casco; Cole, West Gardiner; Collins, Connellan, Corson, Crosby, Cyr, Deering, DeSanctis, Dicker, Dorsey, Dow, Dutton, Edwards, Ellingwood, Emerson, Forhan, Gay, Gillies, Gross; Haskell, Portland; Hawes, Hayward, Heansler, Hemphill, House, Jennings, Jewett; Jordan, Saco; Jordan, So. Portland; Judkins; Knight, Clinton; Lackee, Lee, Legard, Lombard, Longstaff; Lord, Camden; Lord, So. Portland; MacKinnon, Marshall, McFee, Morneau; Morrison, Rumford; Morse, Moulton, Nadeau, Ouellette, Palmeter, Patterson, Payson, Peirce, Perkins, Plummer, Prout, Rankin, Renouf, Roberts, Rollins, Russell, Sanborn, Sargent, Snow, Stillings, Sweetser, Thomas, Thompson, Thorndike, Tozier, True, Vickery, Walsh, Ward, Warren, Webber, Weeks, Welch, Wells, Weston, Wight; Williams, Auburn; Williams, Clifton; Williams, Topsham; Wood, Barnes.

NAY—Ela.

ABSENT—Bernier, Boutin; Brown, Milford; Burton, Conant, Coombs, Cousins, Daigle, Dean, Donahue, Downs, Elliott, Gallant, Gowell, Grenier, Hamilton, Hanson, Harrison, Haskeil, Bangor; Jacobs, Jalbert, Jones; Knight, Jay; Lacharite, Leathers, Letourneau, Marsans, Martin, Meloon; Morrison, Winter Harbor; Pascucci, Poulin, Pratt, Ross, Savage, Smart, Smith, Southard, Springer, Wright.

Yes, 110.

No, 1.

Absent, 40.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and ten having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, the bill has been passed to be enacted. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Assignment of Counsel by the Superior Court" (H. P. 824) (L. D. 428) which was recalled to the House; enactment and engrossing reconsidered; tabled on March 14th by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (S. P. 70) (L. D. 62) tabled on March 21st by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve, Providing for Purchase of Land and Buildings for the State Reformatory for Women (S. P. 273) (L. D. 614) tabled on March 27th by the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, pending final passage.

On further motion by Mr. Brewer, the House voted to reconsider its action of March 20th whereby this Resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Brewer then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 273, L. D. 614, Resolve, Providing for Purchase of Land and Buildings for the State Reformatory for Women.

Amend said Resolve by striking out from the last line thereof (printed Bill) the words "general fund of the state for this purpose" and inserting in place thereof the words "unappropriated surplus account"

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the House voted to take from the table the thirty-first tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of the University of Maine (H. P. 409) (L. D. 183), tabled on March 28th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to treatment by Chiropractors of Employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act" (H. P. 147) (L. D. 49) tabled on February 6th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought to pass" report of the committee was accepted, and the bill, having already been printed, was given its two several readings under suspension of the rules and assigned for third reading on the next legislative day.

On motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, the House voted to take from the table the 22nd tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Tax of Intangibles by Authority of Article XXXVI of the

Constitution of Maine" (H. P. 550) (L. D. 218) tabled on March 27th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report with accompanying bill was re-tabled and specially assigned for Thursday, April 5th.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the House voted to take from the table Bill "An Act Relating to Snow Removal" (H. P. 247) (L. D. 157) tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's session pending adoption of House Amendment "A."

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 247, L. D. 157, Bill "An Act relating to Snow Removal"

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of Sec. 1 thereof the following: "and the state shall reimburse the towns on the same basis as other snow removal and sanding accounts."

On further motion by Mr. Williams, the amendment was tabled pending adoption.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fifth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve, relating to Central Heating Plant at State School for Girls in Hallowell (S. P. 336) (L. D. 815) tabled on March 27th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the forty-third tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of Joseph Martin, of Eagle Lake (H. P. 927) (L. D. 565) tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the forty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of the New England Shipbuilding Corporation (H. P.

1050) (L. D. 657) tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the forty-fifth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of Estate of R. Byron Flewelling, late of West Gardiner, Deceased; for Damage to Property (H. P. 1347) (L. D. 1000) tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the forty-sixth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in favor of Henry K. Morey of Deer Isle, (H. P. 925) (L. D. 563) tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending final passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Resolve was finally passed, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, the House voted to take from the table the fortieth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Register of Deeds and Clerk Hire in Office of Register of Deeds in Penobscot County" (H. P. 1375) (L. D. 1038) which in the House was read three times and tabled on March 29th by that gentleman pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Downs offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1375, L. D. 1038, Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Register of Deeds and Clerk Hire in Office of the Register of Deeds in Penobscot County".

Amend the title of said Bill by striking out in the first line of the said title the following words: "Salary of Register of Deeds and".

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Warren of Westbrook, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-sixth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Exempt all Intangible Property from Taxation" (H. P. 1264) (L. D. 887) tabled on March 28th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report, with accompanying bill, was retabled and specially assigned for Friday, April 6th.

On motion by Mr. Blake of Brownfield, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it accepted the Majority "Ought not to pass" report on Bill "An Act to establish the Western Oxford Municipal Court" (H. P. 515) (L. D. 404); and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and reports were tabled pending acceptance of the Majority "Ought not to pass" Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 4th.

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

The Chair is more than gratified at the progress the House has made this morning, even though at one time the matter seemed extremely doubtful.

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

On motion by Mr. Edwards of Oxford,

Adjourned until Monday, April 2nd, at 4:30 P. M.