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SENATE

Friday, April 20, 1945.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Charles A. Clough of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair will appoint as members of the Conference Committee on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Legislative Document No. 891, An Act to Create the Town Road Improvement Fund: Senators Cross of Kennebec, Cleaves of Cumberland and Washburn of Washington.

From the House:

"Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital." (S. P. 292) (L. D. 719)

(In the Senate on April 19th passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to recede from its former action whereby the resolve was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same Senator, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the Resolve as amended by House Amendment A and Committee Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry." (H. P. 1147) (L. D. 793)

(In the Senate, on April 17th passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.)

Comes from the House, the original bill substituted for the new draft, and passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hall of Franklin, the Senate voted to recede from its former action whereby the new draft as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed, and concur with

the House in substituting the original bill for the new draft and in the passage of the original bill to be engrossed.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Forest Commissioner." (H. P. 1464) (L. D. 1168)

(In the Senate, on April 18th, House Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed, and the bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, House Amendment "A" reconsidered, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B" in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hall of Franklin, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and ask for a Committee of Conference. The Chair appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate,

Senators:
 HALL of Franklin
 CLEAVES of Cumberland
 SMITH of Knox

Bill "An Act Relating to Keeping Certain Animals Confined." (H. P. 1426) (L. D. 1103)

(In Senate on April 19th indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A", and asking for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as members of such a committee, on the part of the House:

Messrs: TRUE of Rangeley
 MARSANS of Monmouth
 BENN of Smyrna

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to insist on its former action and join with the House in a Committee of Conference.

Bill "An Act Relating to Bounty on Porcupines." (H. P. 1342) (L. D. 993)

(In the Senate on April 19th, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "B" and by Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence, and asking for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having

appointed as members of such a committee on the part of the House: Messrs: DUTTON of Bingham

ELLIOT of Corinth
ROLLINS of Greenville

Mr. NOYES of Hancock: Mr. President and members of the Senate, in view of the action taken here yesterday on the "Running" bill and the revenue anticipated, and in view of the information that I have here from our Commissioner of Agriculture, who called the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and was told by Mr. Hill of that department that New Hampshire has a bounty on porcupines of fifty cents a head, I move we recede and concur with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the Senate that this bill was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by House Amendment A and B and by Senate Amendment A. The bill in the Senate was amended by House Amendment A and B and by Senate Amendment A as amended by Senate Amendment B. In order for the two branches to be in concurrence it would be necessary for the Senate to reconsider its action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment B to Senate Amendment A. The first motion should be to recede from the action whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Mr. NOYES: I so move, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Hancock, Senator Noyes, that the Senate recede from its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

A viva voce vote being doubted

A division of the Senate was had. Thirteen having voted in the affirmative and sixteen opposed, the motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Welch of Aroostook, the Senate voted to insist and join in a committee of conference.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Attorney-General." (H. P. 1465) (L. D. 1166)

(In the Senate on April 17th, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.)

Comes from the House, engrossing reconsidered, adoption of House Amendment "A" reconsidered, and bill passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hall of Franklin, the Senate voted to recede from its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and further recede from its action whereby House Amendment A was adopted and concur with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

House Committee Report

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve, in Favor of Harold Kromer of LaGrange," (H. P. 1321) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1483) (L. D. 1189) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, the bill read once, and under suspension of the rules, read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Order

Mr. Howes of Penobscot presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill, An Act Relating to Parimutuel Pools (S. P. 416) (L. D. 1111) be recalled from the Governor to the Senate."

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President, before the order is passed, I think the Senator should explain what he wants it for.

Mr. HOWES: Mr. President, I want to recall this for the purpose of putting on an amendment. I was afraid the Governor would sign it and I didn't have time to have it made out this morning. I would like to have it recalled before it is signed.

Thereupon, the order received passage.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

"Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Augusta State Hospital." (S. P. 447) (L. D. 1188)

Which resolve was read once and under suspension of the rules read a second time.

Thereupon on motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec, the resolve was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Bishop from the Committee on Agriculture submitted its Final Report.

The same Senator from the Committee on Education submitted its Final Report.

The same Senator from the Committee on State Hospitals submitted its Final Report.

The same Senator from the Committee on Pownal State School submitted its Final Report.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Joint Order, Relative to Register of Bills with Final Disposition at time of Adjournment," (H. P. 1310) reported that they are unable to agree.

Mr. Dow from the Committee on State Prison submitted its Final Report.

The same Senator from the Committee on Judiciary submitted its Final Report.

Which reports were severally read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act to Remove Floating Island in Corundell Lake in Corinna." (H. P. 1255) (L. D. 880)

Bill "An Act to Promote Public Safety with Snow Removal or Sanding Equipment." (H. P. 1452) (L. D. 1141)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Adjutant-General." (H. P. 1463) (L. D. 1169)

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Academies from State School Fund." (H. P. 1475) (L. D. 1181)

"Resolve, in Favor of a Special Recess Committee to Study All Pensions and Retirement Laws of the State and Report to the Legislature." (H. P. 1429) (L. D. 1110)

"Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study the Atlantic Salmon." (H. P. 1436) (L. D. 1120)

"Resolve, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Grant Permits for Setting and Maintaining Poles and Wires on a Public School Lot in Webster Plantation." (H. P. 1455) (L. D. 1177)

Orders of the Day

Mr. WELCH of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would like to inquire if Legislative Document No. 995, Bill, An Act Relating to Filling Congressional Vacancies is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state it is, having been held at the request of Senator Welch.

Mr. WELCH: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I made a motion yesterday in regard to Senate Amendment "A". I can see no reason why we should have Senate Amendment "A" to this bill. This is, I believe, a good bill. It brings the State of Maine in line with 36 of the other 48 states. Under the Constitution, Article 17 reads: "When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies. Provided, that the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct."

This bill, as I believe I mentioned yesterday merely allows the Governor and Council to fill vacancies in the United States Senate until the next state election.

I move the Senate reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, since I arrived in the Senate Chamber this morning I understand the Governor does not like this amendment. With that knowledge, I will leave it to the Senate to decide what they want to do.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Welch, that the Senate reconsider its action of yesterday whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, and on further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed, and the bill was passed to be engrossed, as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Communication

(Out of Order)

STATE OF MAINE
House of Representatives
Augusta

Office of the Clerk

April 19, 1945

Hon. Chester T. Winslow,
Secretary of the Senate of the
92nd Legislature.

Sir:

This is to advise you that the House today voted to insist on its

former action and to join the Committee of Conference on Bill "An Act to Create the Town Road Improvement Fund," (S. P. 352) (L. D. 891) and the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. DUTTON of Bingham
CROSBY of Farmington
DEAN of South Portland

Respectfully,

HARVEY R. PEASE.

Which communication was read and ordered placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair appoints as members on the part of the Senate, of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the legislature on bill, An Act Relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County (H. P. 1356) (L. D. 1106) the following Senators:

Senators:

DUNBAR of Washington
DOW of Oxford
WELCH of Aroostook

The PRESIDENT: The Chair appoints as members on the part of the Senate, of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the legislature on bill, An Act Relating to Bounty on Porcupines (H. P. 1342) (L. D. 993) the following Senators:

Senators:

WELCH of Aroostook
SAYWARD of York
SAVAGE of Somerset

On motion by Mr. Brown of Aroostook

Recessed until twelve o'clock noon.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senate Committee Reports

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Simplify Finances of the Department of Education," (S. P. 191) (L. D. 490) reported that the Senate recede from its action whereby it passed the Bill to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and pass it to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" submitted herewith; that the House recede from

its action whereby it indefinitely postponed the Bill, give the Bill its second and third readings and pass it to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A.

"Amend said bill by striking out all of Sections 5 thereof and by renumbering Section 6 to be Section 5. Further amend said bill by striking out all of Sections 7, 8 and 9 thereof and by renumbering Sections 10 to 17 inclusive to be Sections 6 to 13 inclusive. Further amend said bill by striking out all of Section 18 thereof and by renumbering Sections 19 to 23 inclusive to be Sections 14 to 18 inclusive. Further amend said bill by striking out all of Section 24 thereof. Further amend said bill by restoring in the 24th and 25th lines of Section 25 thereof the following deleted words, 'issue to the Governor and Council a recommendation relative thereto and the Governor and Council may'. Further amend said bill by striking out in the 25th and 26th lines of Section 25 thereof the underlined words, 'request the State Controller to'. Further amend said bill by renumbering Sections 25 to 32 inclusive to be Sections 19 to 26 inclusive. Further amend said bill by restoring in the 4th line of Section 202 thereof the figure '\$3.00' and striking out the figure '\$2.00'."

The PRESIDENT: By way of explanation the Chair feels that the Chair should state to the Senate that the adoption of the Committee Report results in making the recommendations of the Committee the action of the Senate so that by a vote to adopt the report of the Committee the Senate will have passed the bill to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A. The question before the Senate is on the adoption of the Conference Committee Report.

Thereupon, the report of the Conference Committee was adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Public Health," (S. P. 212) (L. D. 471) reported that they are unable to agree.

Which report was read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Communication

From the House, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

STATE OF MAINE
House of Representatives
Augusta
Office of Clerk

April 20, 1945.

Hon. Chester T. Winslow,
Secretary of the Senate
of the 92nd Legislature.
Sir:

The House today voted to insist on its former action and joined the Committee of Conference on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Forest Commissioner," (H. P. 1464) (L. D. 1168) and the Speaker appointed the following Conferees on the part of the House:

Messrs. ROLLINS of Greenville
GROSS of Jefferson
WILLIAMS of Clifton
Respectfully,
HARVEY R. PEASE,
Clerk.

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
House of Representatives
Augusta
Office of Clerk

April 20, 1945

Hon. Chester T. Winslow,
Secretary of the Senate
of the 92nd Legislature.
Sir:

The House today voted to insist on its former action and joined the Committee of Conference on Bill "An Act Relating to Public Health," (S. P. 212) (L. D. 471) and the Speaker appointed the following conferees on the part of the House:

Mr. JEWETT of Pittston
Miss DEERING of Bath
Mr. PRATT of Windham
Respectfully,
HARVEY R. PEASE,
Clerk.

Which communication was read and ordered placed on file.

House Committee Reports

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Provide a Tonnage Tax on Commercial Fertilizer," (H. P. 1338) (L. D. 989) reported that they are unable to agree.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on "Resolve Providing for the Abatement of Certain Interest Owed by the Town of Linneus," (H. P. 410) (L. D. 104) reported that they are unable to agree.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Aroostook

Recessed until four o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Senate Committee Reports

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Forest Commissioner," (H. P. 1464) (L. D. 1168) reported that the Senate recede and concur with the House, in passing the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B".

Which report was read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Permitting the Department of Education to Cooperate in Establishing University Extension and Correspondence Courses," (H. P. 940) (L. D. 570) reported that they were unable to agree.

Which report was read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Accomplish Conformity to State School Building Standards," (S. P. 197) (L. D. 487) reported that they are unable to agree.

Which report was read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two

branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Expense Accounts of Deputy Fire Wardens and Reports of Chief Fire Wardens," (S. P. 161) (L. D. 364) reported that they have disagreed.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Bounty on Porcupines," (H. P. 1342) (L. D. 993) reported that they are unable to agree.

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Relating to Keeping Certain Animals Confined," (H. P. 1426) (L. D. 1106) reported that they are unable to agree.

Which reports were severally read and adopted, in concurrence.

Senate Committee Report

Mr. Owen from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Appropriation for Schools in Unorganized Territory and to the Funds for Teachers' Pensions," (S. P. 189) (L. D. 496) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

Which report was read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Bill, An Act Relating to the Audit of the Department of Education and the Teachers' Retirement System, (S. P. 193) (L. D. 488) tabled by that Senator on April 6 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Aroostook,

Recessed until five o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

House Committee Report

Mr. Hall from the Committee on Salaries and Fees submitted its Final Report.

Mr. Good from the Committee on Welfare submitted its Final Report.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

House Committee Report

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries and Expenses of Members of the State Liquor Commission," (H. P. 1467) (L. D. 1170) reported that the House recede from its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "C", and pass the bill to be engrossed without amendments;

That the Senate recede from its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A", and pass the bill to be engrossed without amendments.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Senate Committee Report

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on (S. P. 352) (L. D. 891) Bill "An Act to Create a Town Road Improvement Fund," reported that they are unable to agree.

Mr. CROSS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that the Senate reject the report of the Committee and in support of the motion I would like to give the Senate a little information as to what happened in that Conference Committee.

As you know, the bill came from the House to the Senate as amended by House Amendment A, and in the interests of the discussion, I asked for a Committee of Conference. In the Committee of Conference, I offered Senate Amendment A which was compatible with the one which they offered and which is beside the point at the present time. They refused Senate Amendment A and on the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Cleaves, that we then present a report that the Senate would recede and concur with the House in the adoption of House Amendment A, the three House members of the Committee said they were unalterably opposed to any report except a report to

disagree. We argued for some time and I pointed out to them that this would be against the overwhelming vote of the legislature in regard to this bill, that the only thing we were considering was the bill itself as amended and that the Senate members had moved, and were still willing to recede and concur.

It has not been my privilege to serve on many Conference Committees. I know that the usual report is the one that we have before us but I do not think that I ever heard of a Committee of Conference rejecting a reasonable offer to do what they themselves had asked us to do in their own branch. I can't understand the action and I ask the Senate to go along with me and reject this report, and I ask it in all fairness. If the bill was good when we voted on it before, the amendment does nothing to change the original bill. The bill goes into effect ninety days after the close of the legislature and the amendment is merely superfluous. There is absolutely nothing about the workability of the bill. I object to the amendment but the boys wanted it and I am willing to recede and concur. And I say again that the amendment does absolutely nothing except to confuse the issue.

We offered them what they wanted and they refused to go along with the Senate members of the Committee. I therefore hope you will support me in this motion to reject the report of the Conference Committee.

A viva voce vote being doubted.

A division of the Senate was had.

Sixteen having voted in the affirmative and ten opposed, the motion to reject prevailed.

Mr. CROSS: Mr. President, I am about to make a motion. I would like to ask the Chair whether a motion to recede and concur is debatable.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that a motion to recede and concur is debatable.

Mr. CROSS: Mr. President, I move that the Senate recede from its former action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed and that the Senate concur with the House in the passage of the bill, as amended by Committee Amendment A.

In support of that motion, members of the Senate, I would say that I would like to see a fair and

honest fight as to the merits of this bill. We have had it before and I was fortunate enough to have a motion supported and there has been a great deal of confusion on this bill. I have never had a bill in my life that I have supported or sponsored when so much misinformation has been batted about the halls of this state house as there has been on this bill.

I deeply resent some of the insinuations cast upon myself. I feel they were entirely unwarranted. I have had things said to me, and things said about me, in the past 24 hours that were hard to take but I still would like to see—I don't know as I will get it—but I want an honest vote on this bill.

The bill is a good bill. It affects, as I told the members here, the lives and safety and health of thousands of the people of the state of Maine and it has been idly kicked around in the last few hours and probably it is dead. I wouldn't say it wasn't, but I am going down with the ship. I want an honest vote on this thing and I believe I will get it in the Senate. I don't know what will happen after that I cannot mention that, but I do believe you will treat this bill fairly and honestly and on its merits. I assure you that the amendment has absolutely nothing to do with the merits of the bill. Be that as it may, I will take no more of your time. We have been here, perhaps, a long time but I feel that this bill should be passed if it takes a week to do it. I believe it is that important to the people of the state of Maine.

It is entirely in your hands, whether you will allow me to make this motion, and carry it, to recede and concur.

Mr. President, I make that motion.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross, that the Senate recede from its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed and concur with the House in the passage of the bill as amended by House Amendment A.

Mr. CLEAVES of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I want to support the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross, in his motion. The House Amendment at the time it was offered was acceptable to the House. In the

Conference Committee, we ran up against a stone wall and I would like to see the Senate recede and concur and go along with the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross, and let the bill go back to the House.

Mr. CLEMENTS of Waldo: Mr. President, may we have House Amendment A read?

The Secretary read House Amendment A.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross, that the Senate recede from its former action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed and concur with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

Mr. BROWN of Aroostook: Mr. President, I feel as though I should say just a word in regard to this bill and the action that has been taken. This bill came out of the Committee with a unanimous "Ought Not to pass" report for reasons which were explained at that time. The reasons did not seem to be sufficient for the Senate and so they passed the bill over the unanimous "Ought Not to Pass" report. Therefore I should vote against the bill again if I had the opportunity but owing to the deep respect that I have for the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross, I am willing to go along with his motion to recede.

Thereupon, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House in the passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BROWN of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent to address the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Brown, asks unanimous consent to address the Senate. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection and the Senator may proceed.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am going to ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill. This is an act to provide for re-issuance of state high-

way bonds. Through some oversight on the state by the Highway Department or the members of the Committee on Ways and Bridges, this very important matter has never come to our attention in Ways and Bridges. There are certain bonds which are due and collectible, which it is very important that we reissue in order to have the funds to match federal funds and unless we can pass this bill at this time it will be necessary in the very near future for the governor to call a special session.

I assure you that this will not hold up the procedure of the legislature. And now that you understand the purpose for the reissuance of State Highway bonds to match federal matching funds which cannot in this case amount to over two million dollars I would ask that this bill be received by unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to introduce the bill was granted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was sent forthwith to the House.

House Committee Reports

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on "Resolve to Reimburse the City of Biddeford," (H. P. 622) (L. D. 285) reported that they are unable to agree.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act for the Assessment of a State Tax for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-five and for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-six," (H. P. 42) (L. D. 16) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, the bill read once, and under suspension of the rules read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Aroostook

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock.