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

Prayer by the Reverend T. Porter Drumm of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all matters pertaining to advertising and rubber stamps, be handled by the Superintendent of Public Printing, under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House (S. P. 54)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Ernest Sandberg, of Guilford (S. P. 55)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Records of Vital Statistics and Issuing Certified Copies thereof" (S. P. 49) (L. D. 21)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Expert Witnesses" (S. P. 50) (L. D. 22)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Work Permits for Children" (S. P. 51) (L. D. 23)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Change of Purposes of Corporation Without Capital Stock" (S. P. 52) (L. D. 24)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the

Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve providing for a Pension for Elson E. Harford, of Chelsea (S. P. 62)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Collection of Corporate Franchise Taxes" (S. P. 53) (L. D. 25)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 21, 1947, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 65)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations & Financial Affairs

Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for Operations and Maintenance of the Brunswick Campus (H. P. 78) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for General Operations (H. P. 79) (Presented by Mr. Collins of Caribou)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for Buildings (H. P. 80) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Guy W. Sheaff, of Weeks Mills (H. P. 81) (Presented by Mr. Kent of Randolph)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Everett York of Otisfield (H. P. 82) (Presented by Mr. Patterson of Freeport by request)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Wyman & Simpson, Inc., of Augusta (H. P. 83) (Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Russell W. Glidden, of Gardiner (H. P. 84) (Presented by Mr. Tabb of Gardiner)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Earl C. Parker, of Brewer (H. P. 85) (Presented by Mr. Thompson of Brewer)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Peter E. Dyer of Sebec Station (H. P. 86) (Presented by Mr. Burton of Milo)

Resolve in favor of Lawrence E. Perkins, of Hebron (H. P. 87) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Buckfield)

Resolve in favor of Vertie Pease, of Phillips (H. P. 88) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

Resolve in favor of William J. Hutchings, of Portland (H. P. 89) (Presented by Mr. Meloon of Portland)

Resolve in favor of Charles H. Perkins, of Ogunquit (H. P. 90) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries & Game

Bill "An Act relative to Game Preserve" (H. P. 91) (Presented by Mr. Bell of Thomaston)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Maine Publicity

Bill "An Act relating to the Design of Motor Vehicle Number Plates" (H. P. 92) (Presented by Mr. McGlauffin of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Mercantile Affairs & Insurance

Bill "An Act relating to Examination of Domestic Companies" (H. P. 93) (Presented by Mr. Jordan of Saco)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Pensions

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Marguerite M. Stubbs, of Caribou (H. P. 94) (Presented by Mr. Collins of Caribou)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Beatrice E. Bulley, of Randolph (H. P. 95)

(Presented by Mr. Kent of Randolph)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of the town of Cushing (H. P. 96) (Presented by Mr. Bell of Thomaston)

Resolve in favor of the town of Cushing (H. P. 97) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Friendship (H. P. 98) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Owl's Head (H. P. 99) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston (H. P. 100) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Thomaston (H. P. 101) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of North Berwick (H. P. 102) (Presented by Mr. Randall of No. Berwick)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bingham (H. P. 103) (Presented by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bingham (H. P. 104) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Brighton (H. P. 105) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Moose River Plantation (H. P. 106) (Presented by same gentleman)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Corson.

Mr. CORSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that these resolves, Items 19 to 29 inclusive, lie on the table pending reference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Corson, moves that Items 19 to 29 inclusive lie on the table pending reference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. ROLLINS of Greenville: No, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the motion is not debatable.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins, asks for a division. All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Hodgdon, Mr. Corson, that

these matters lie on the table pending reference will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to table did not prevail, and the resolves were referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, before making the motion which I have to make, I wish to offer an explanation to the membership.

I am going to move to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, which was not placed on the table by me but was placed on the table by the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott. My motion is to be made at the specific request of the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott. He directed me to state that if he had been here he would have taken it off himself yesterday, and yesterday he got into communication with me and requested that I do this.

I am making this explanation because I want everyone to feel that when another member has something on the table it just is not to be touched, and it is very discourteous in a parliamentary way to attempt to interfere with it. I would not do so unless it were for the specific request that Mr. Elliott made that I take it from the table.

So, Mr. Speaker, I move that the first tabled and unassigned matter be taken from the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, moves that the first tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Southport (H. P. 12) tabled on January 8th by the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott, pending reference be taken from the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On further motion by Mr. Mills, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of South Bristol (H. P. 13) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending ref-

erence; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the third tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Boothbay Harbor (H. P. 14) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Boothbay (H. P. 15) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the fifth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Boothbay (H. P. 16) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Boothbay (H. P. 17) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of Monhegan Plantation (H. P. 18) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was re-

ferred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bristol (H. P. 19) tabled on January 8th by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, the House voted to take from the table the tenth tabled and unassigned matter, Joint Order Relative to Time Limit for the Introduction of Legislation to the 93rd Legislature (S. P. 48) tabled by that gentleman on January 14th pending passage.

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

House Amendment "A" to Joint Order establishing time limit on introduction of bills and resolves S. P. 48.

Amend said order by striking out of the third line thereof the date "January 29th, 1947," and inserting in place thereof the date 'February 5th, 1947,' and further amend said order by striking out in the fifth line thereof the date "February 5th, 1947," and inserting in place thereof the date 'February 12th, 1947,' and further amend said order by striking out the word "was" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'is', and further amend said order by striking out the word "was" from next to the last line of the second paragraph thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word 'is', and further amend said order by striking out in the third line of the third paragraph the date "January 21st, 1947," and inserting in place thereof the date 'January 28th, 1947,' and further amend said order by striking out in the last line thereof the date "February 5th, 1947", and inserting in place thereof the date 'February 12th, 1947'.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser.

Mr. SWEETSER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that I favor this

amendment and that some of my colleagues nearby here know that I was on my feet at the time that the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, requested that this matter be laid on the table so that an amendment could be prepared.

It was not my purpose in any way to delay the activities of the House or to delay final adjournment. It is, however, my observation that many of us—and I think I can speak for quite a group—are having a little difficulty in preparing legislation that might normally be in the hopper at the present time. In my own experience I am pretty green, and I do not know much about preparing legislation. I need the advice of the Revisor of Statutes and the Assistant Attorney General, and it is no fault of theirs that they have not been able to give the usual amount of time to these problems. We all know that Mr. Slosberg has been quite ill. For my own part, I have not been able to get an opportunity to discuss legislation which I hope to propose. It is true that after discussion with these gentlemen that I have mentioned it is possible that some legislation may not even be presented, although it is in the minds of the members at the present time to prepare that legislation. I know in my own case I have one matter on which there is some question as to whether or not it should be presented to this Legislature. I can not judge. I need the advice of these gentlemen; and the very fact that this situation exists prompts me to support this amendment. I believe that it will not delay legislation, that we will get our committees working in plenty of time, and that we can proceed without difficulty.

I certainly favor the adoption of this amendment and hope it will be supported.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, if there is one characteristic that can be applied to the Maine House of Representatives, it is its rugged individualism and its independence. I hope in these opening days of these Maine House activities that we can keep that independence and individualism within due bounds and save it for the time when we really need it, and that we will not start

kicking out necessary procedural items.

This matter of cloture, this joint order which is before us now, is one which will limit the introduction of legislation on the same dates which we have had ever since 1935, the corresponding weeks as they come in the opening weeks of the Legislature: the fifth week for private and special legislation and the sixth week for public and general legislation.

It has always been true since 1935 that when the Revisor of Statutes finds himself jammed up along the last few days before cloture goes into effect that the Legislature has allowed matters which have been brought in to him and which he has in the works to be introduced, and they are not cut off. I think that covers the objection which the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser, has made. There will not be any necessary or important legislation cut off because of the application of this cloture. I do not believe there has ever been a time when the Maine House has refused unanimous consent later on when it appeared that there was an important piece of legislation that was coming along.

There are other ways of bringing legislation in. The committees are always able to draft legislation under the titles which they have and get matters before the House.

I say to the members that if we adopt this amendment we will be serving notice on the people of the State of Maine that we are going to stay longer this winter than usual. If we want to be here until the Fourth of July, the thing to do is to put this cloture ahead and keep matters coming along. No matter what date is set up, there will be a jam at the end, some things coming in at the very end.

In some states legislation has to be in before the opening of the Legislature. That may or may not be a good thing. Certainly you have to have a date some time. You cannot continue it on indefinitely because it will just prolong the handling of the hearings on these measures.

In 1941 the Legislature convened on the first day of January. That is the last time we did convene on the first day of January. The cloture order which went into effect

that year took effect for private and special legislation on the 30th day of January and for public legislation on the sixth day of February. I think an erroneous impression has gone out because one of these dates this year falls in January. The only reason for that is because we met on the first day of January. That happens only occasionally. Usually both dates fall in February. I know that my own impression when I saw the order was that we were jumping it ahead a week. That is not true. It is the fifth week for private and special legislation and the sixth week for public legislation and resolves.

Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of this amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, moves that House Amendment "A" to Joint Order Relative to time limit for the introduction of legislation to the 93rd Legislature (S. P. 48) be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The motion now before the House is to indefinitely postpone the amendment which I just offered. Those who are in favor of the amendment which I just offered will want to vote "No" on the pending question.

This amendment was offered by me simply in the interests of fair play and in the interests especially of those members who have come here for the first time. If you will notice the calendar, you will see that what resolves I had I put into the hopper very early, to get them out of the way. I have only one resolve to put in and then I am through, as far as I know, with the introduction of legislation. But my impression, when I noticed the order last Tuesday, was that we were starting a little bit early. By agreement of all, apparently, we are at least one day early.

But this session is a little different. I speak now of road resolves. There has been a feeling that no one had a right to introduce a resolve for the improvement of his road, due to the passage of the

Cross Act, and some attempt has been made by some who are opposed to road resolves to retard legislation.

My point is this: That a great many of the members of this House feel that they have to take up with their selectmen certain things and then prepare a resolve, and they have not any too much time to do it. This order does not affect me, and I introduced the amendment simply for the purpose of assisting those who have been here only a short time.

Let me just for a moment say this: That the humblest citizen of this State is guaranteed the right under the Constitution of this State, by merely writing a letter, by sending in a petition, to have his matter heard before this Legislature. And when an attempt is made to keep out road resolves by putting them on the table and by delay and so forth, it is not in accordance with that spirit of fair play which is guaranteed under our Constitution and which some of our forefathers fought, bled and died for. This right is guaranteed to us by the Constitution. Anyone who puts a bill or resolve into this Legislature is entitled to have it go to the proper committee and to have his day in court. After hearing, this Legislature, in its wisdom, either accepts the report of the committee or rejects it. All I am arguing at this time is for the usual procedure, that matters be received, sent to committees, heard, and passed upon after debate later in the session. I do not believe it will delay us to do this. As I said, I am not interested personally; I am simply interested in giving new members of this House opportunity to get legislation in and into the hopper. As far as I am concerned, if I can be of any assistance to you members I trust that you will call on me.

I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, does not prevail.

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

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the members of the Legislature to this fact: That if the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, prevails, to increase that time, it is going to keep us

here at least an extra week. Personally, I do not think there is any need of it, and I second the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, for indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cumberland, Mr. Sweetser.

Mr. SWEETSER: Mr. Speaker, there is one other matter I would like to bring before this House in the interests of agriculture. I would like to inform the members that next week there is in Lewiston a meeting of agricultural interests. Many of you know about it. At that meeting, practically all of the outstanding agricultural interests will have meetings of their legislative committees. It is the usual plan at those sessions to discuss proposed legislation and bring it back to the committees on legislation. Those committees must then meet, decide on what they are going to do, and bring the proposed legislation to some member of this House to have it properly presented. It hastens the matter pretty fast in order to be able to get it in before the original proposed cloture date.

I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment will not prevail.

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

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I think you will all agree that this year is a little bit different. You know from reading, and from talking with fellow members, that our proposed agenda at this session of the Legislature is very, very heavy. You want to go home early, and so do I. We are elected by the people of this State to pass upon legislation. We meet here in regular session only once every two years, and it does not concern me very much that we might go home a week later if we do a better job. More than half of the members of this House are new members. Those of us who were new last year were pretty much lost for the first few weeks. I think an additional week will not slow down the Legislature. I think an additional week will give the legislators time to put in measures which might make for a better government for the next two years. I am heartily in favor of Mr. Perkins' proposal, and I hope that the motion

of the gentleman from Farmington (Mr. Mills) does not prevail. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, that House Amendment "A" to Joint Order Relative to time limit for the introduction of legislation to the 93rd Legislature (S. P. 48) be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, asks for a division.

Mr. ROLLINS of Greenville: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. ROLLINS: To support the issue.

The SPEAKER: The Chair was about to explain as to the vote.

Mr. ROLLINS: Pardon me, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: All those who vote "Yes" on the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, will be voting against postponing this date one week; all those who vote "No" will be voting in favor of the joint order as it now stands.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rollins.

Mr. ROLLINS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I, like my colleague, Mr. Perkins, am serving my fourth term. I just want to leave a thought with the members on this matter before you vote. We, a few years ago in this Legislature, changed the law on registration of motor vehicles, changing the date from January 1st to March 1st, I think. We thought it would help facilitate registration and save the crowding. Well, you all know how it works: every one of us waits until March 1st. If you step ahead the date of reception of bills and resolves, you are doing the same thing for this House with all its membership, because they will wait until the last thing to put in their bills and resolves.

Certainly every member knows what he wants to put in for legislation. The fairness of the whole thing is that if you have not time to work out your whole bill you can get a header in the Revisor of

Statutes office—all it has got to be is a resolve in favor of the Town of Greenville, or a resolve for anything, and it covers it. That certainly is fair. At least it expedites legislation and gets the thing before the branches of the Legislature.

Your big problem is in getting started early. No one knows it more than I do, because I have introduced legislation here recommending a change in the Constitution, so that you could come down here in November and get your bills all in and get them printed and get them before the public and before the members and let us know what we were going to work on during the winter, and then when we were down here we could go to work. I did not get very far with it. That was years ago. Nevertheless, it was a tendency to work along that line.

In putting this amendment on this joint order, you are just pushing the date down the line and giving them more time. They do not need more time. Every member sitting in this House realizes there has never been a real piece of legislation that has been refused admission in this Legislature by unanimous consent, even two weeks or a week before the close of the Legislature.

I trust that the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, prevails.

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

Mr. McGLAULIN: Mr. Speaker, I wish that the Chair would state once more to the members just what this question is, so they will understand how they are voting.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will be pleased to do so.

The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, that House Amendment "A" to Joint Order Relative to time limit for the introduction of legislation to the 93rd Legislature (S. P. 48) be indefinitely postponed. If the amendment is indefinitely postponed, then the order as it has come to the House from the Senate will be the matter to be acted upon. If the motion to indefinitely postpone does not prevail, then the question before the House will be on the adoption of the amendment. Now if the House votes "Yes" on the motion

to indefinitely postpone, then the House is actually voting against the extension of one week's time for the introduction of bills and resolves; if the members vote "No" on the motion to indefinitely postpone, then they are voting in favor of the original order.

Is the House now ready for the question?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, I call your attention to the last end of your statement. You are not voting in favor of the order. Anyone who votes "No" will vote in favor of the extension of time. You slipped, Mr. Speaker, on the last end. Excuse me for calling it to the Chair's attention.

The SPEAKER: The Chair repeats: That anyone who votes "No" on the motion to indefinitely postpone is voting in favor of extending the time. That is what it actually means. If the members wish to have the time extended one week, then they will vote "No" on the motion of the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills. If they do not want the time extended one week, then they will vote "Yes" on the motion of the gentleman from Farmington.

Is the House ready for the question?

The gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills, has requested a division.

All those in favor of the indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A" will please rise and remain standing in their places

until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-four having voted in the affirmative and 74 in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the adoption of House Amendment "A" to Joint Order relative to time limit for the introduction of legislation to the 93rd Legislature (S. P. 48). Is it the pleasure of the House that the amendment be adopted?

The motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" was adopted.

Thereupon the order as amended by House Amendment "A" was passed in non-concurrence and, on motion by Mr. Mills, of Farmington, the Order was sent forthwith to the Senate.

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, that Mr. Elliott of Corinth be excused from attendance because of illness.

The SPEAKER: If there is no further business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Portland,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 1947, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.