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HOUSE

Friday, January 31, 1947

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

Prayer by the Rev. Earle N. Hubbard of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Poll-taxes Collected in Unincorporated Places" (S. P. 117) (L. D. 293)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Don McCrum, Jr., of Presque Isle (S. P. 121) (L. D. 292)

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 Reimbursing Towns for Tuition for Pupils Attending Secondary Schools" (S. P. 122) (L. D. 291)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Payment to Oxford County Law Library" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 287)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Speeding and Racing on the Great Ponds" (S. P. 124) (L. D. 288)

Bill "An Act relating to the Board of Registration of Nurses" (S. P. 125) (L. D. 290)

Bill "An Act relating to Discriminating Against Persons" (S. P. 126) (L. D. 289)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Election Date for Amendments to the Constitution (S. P. 127) (L. D. 286)

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 Regulation of Employment Agencies" (S. P. 128) (L. D. 285)

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: Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles" (S. P. 129) (L. D. 284)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 130) (L. D. 283)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Clarence Thomas of Rumford Point (S. P. 148)

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 to Provide for Plant Railroads" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 282)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Cumberland County" (S. P. 134) (L. D. 280)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of Various Officers in Aroostook County" (S. P. 135) (L. D. 281)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve Directing Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Make Study of Life and Habits of Seals (S. P. 118)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Davidson Land Company (S. P. 136) (L. D. 279)

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

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act Permitting Towns to Appropriate Money for State Aid Roads in Anticipation of State Appropriations (S. P. 137) (L. D. 278)

Resolve in favor of the town of Mexico (S. P. 150)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rumford (S. P. 151)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Senate Report of Committee Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Trustee Process Against Banks" (S. P. 41) (L. D. 15) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 41, L. D. 15, Bill, "An Act Relating to Trustee Process Against Banks."

Amend said bill by adding at the end of the 1st paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 5" thereof, the following sentence: "Service may be made on the manager of such banking institution in the county having jurisdiction over the parties named in the action."

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

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1947, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to State Normal Schools' Reserve" (H. P. 581) (Presented by Mr. Mills of Farmington)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to Weights and Measures" (H. P. 582) (Presented by Mr. Emerson of North Haven)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Registration and Licensing of Dogs" (H. P. 583) (Presented by Mr. Johnston of Jefferson)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Claims

Resolve in favor of Dr. S. S. Greanleaf, of Bethel (H. P. 584) (Presented by Mr. Daniels of Gilead)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Robert L. Stockford, of Madison (H. P. 585) (Presented by Mr. Desantis of Madison)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ralph Cooper, of Madison (H. P. 586) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve to Reimburse the town of Orrington for Support of Beatrice M. Saunders and family (H. P. 587) (Presented by Mr. Gray of Orrington)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Woodpecker Farms, Inc., of Barnard Plantation (H. P. 588) (Presented by Mr. Lee of Dover-Foxcroft)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Arthur Kyes of Jay (H. P. 589) (Presented by Mr. Morison of Wilton)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Roby Little-

field, of Ogunquit (H. P. 590) (Presented by Mr. Randall of No. Berwick)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Willis P. Atwood of Auburn (H. P. 591) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Albert Walker of Rowes Corner, Auburn (H. P. 592) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Paul Caron of Auburn (H. P. 593) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Marie P. Bennett, of Auburn (H. P. 594) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of George P. Pulsifer, of Poland (H. P. 595) (Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Howard Fred Dupee, of Lewiston (H. P. 596) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Joseph L. Rawlinson of Portland (H. P. 597) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn)

Resolve in favor of Ralph R. Estes, of Auburn (H. P. 598) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Raymond Tassinari, of Auburn (H. P. 599) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

Sent up for concurrence

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Returns to Commissioner of Education of Towns Having Seventy-five or More Teachers" (H. P. 600) (Presented by Mr. Lord of Camden)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve Abolishing Commission for Promotion of International Good Will in Education (H. P. 601) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence

Resolve in favor of Greely Institute (H. P. 602) (Presented by Mr. Sweetser of Cumberland)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Repealing Rangeley Game Preserve in Franklin and Oxford Counties" (H. P. 603) (Presented by Mr. Carville of Eustis)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Establish Pine Hill Game Preserve in the town of

York" (H. P. 604) (Presented by Mr. Marshall of York)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Making it Lawful to Hunt on Sunday" (H. P. 605) (Presented by Mr. Moreau of Westbrook)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Closing Runnell's Brook to Hunting and Trapping of Fur-bearing Animals" (H. P. 606) (Presented by Mr. Prout of Lubec)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Dealers in Deer Skins and Heads" (H. P. 607) (Presented by Mr. Wight of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve Opening Peabody Pond in Naples, Sebago and Bridgton in the county of Cumberland to Ice Fishing for Pickerel (H. P. 608) (Presented by Mr. Fitch of Sebago)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Authorize the town of York to Construct Tide Water Gates" (H. P. 609) (Presented by Mr. Marshall of York)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Creating a State Board of Examiners of Electricians and Defining its Powers and Duties" (H. P. 610) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Board of Commissioners of Pharmacy" (H. P. 611) (Presented by Mr. Broggi of Sanford)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Van Buren School District" (H. P. 612) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of The Chestnut-street Methodist Society in Portland" (H. P. 613) (Presented by Mr. Haskell of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Houlton School District" (H. P. 614) (Presented by Mr. Robbins of Houlton)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Town of Norridgewock School District" (H. P. 615) (Presented by Mr. Sharpe of Anson)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Pension for Members of the Highway Department of the City of Auburn" (H. P. 616) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

Pensions

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Ernest Rounds, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 617) (Presented by Mrs. Hatch of Minot)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Grace Evans, of Berwick (H. P. 618) (Presented by Mr. Hobbs of So. Berwick)

Resolve Granting a Pension to Eugenia V. Coombs of Ellsworth (H. P. 619) (Presented by Mr. Silsby of Aurora)

Resolve Granting a Pension to Leah Jordan of Waltham (H. P. 620) (Presented by same gentleman)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Buildings & Grounds

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of Maine State Office Building Authority" (H. P. 621) (Presented by Mr. Lee of Dover-Foxcroft)
(Ordered printed.)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District" (H. P. 622) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)
(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Brownville Junction Water District" (H. P. 623) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Brownville Jct.)
(Ordered printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of the Sealers of Weights and Measures" (H. P. 624) (Presented by Mr. Emerson of North Haven)
(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney in Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 625) (Presented by Mr. Legard of Bath)
(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of Sheriff in Sagadahoc

County" (H. P. 626) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Register of Probate in Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 627) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of Probate in Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 628) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Norway Municipal Court" (H. P. 629) (Presented by Mr. McKeen of Lovell)

(Ordered printed.)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Clerk of Courts and the Clerks in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Oxford County" (H. P. 630) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Seals near Green Island (H. P. 631) (Presented by Mr. Holt of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Lands & Forest Preservation

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Stanley J. Hinch, of Danforth (H. P. 632) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Milford)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Hinch and Company, Inc., of Danforth (H. P. 633) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Reducing Real Estate Taxes and Providing Additional Highway Funds" (H. P. 634) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(1,000 copies ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Tax on Cigarettes" (H. P. 635) (Presented by Mr. Holt of Bar Harbor)

(1,000 copies ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Exempting from Taxation the Property of Indians" (H. P. 636) (Presented by Mr. Palmer of Charlotte)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of a Bridge Across the West Branch of the Penobscot River, in Indian Purchase 3, Penobscot County (H. P. 549) (Presented by Mr. Boulter of Stacyville)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Scarborough (H. P. 550) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

Resolve in favor of the town of Stow (H. P. 551) (Presented by Mr. Daniels of Gilead)

Resolve in favor of the town of Solon (H. P. 552) (Presented by Mr. Desanctis of Madison)

Resolve in favor of the town of Athens (H. P. 553) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Solon (H. P. 554) (Presented by same gentleman)

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Resolve in favor of the town of Madison (H. P. 556) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Winslow (H. P. 557) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow)

Resolve in favor of the town of Portage Lake (H. P. 558) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill)

Resolve in favor of the town of Masardis (H. P. 559) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Farmingdale (H. P. 560) (Presented by Mr. Harris of Chelsea)

Resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea (H. P. 561) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea (H. P. 562) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea (H. P. 563) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Farmingdale (H. P. 564) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bar Harbor (H. P. 565) (Presented by Mr. Holt of Bar Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the town of York (H. P. 566) (Presented by Mr. Marshall of York)

Resolve in favor of the town of York (H. P. 567) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Norway (H. P. 568) (Presented by Mr. McKeen of Lovell)

Resolve in favor of the town of

Norway (H. P. 569) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Lovell (H. P. 570) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Union (H. P. 571) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Union)

Resolve in favor of the town of Washington (H. P. 572) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rockport (H. P. 573) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Lebanon (H. P. 574) (Presented by Mr. Randall of No. Berwick)

Resolve in favor of the town of Lebanon (H. P. 575) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bucksport (H. P. 576) (Presented by Mr. Sargent of Bucksport)

Resolve in favor of the town of Otis (H. P. 577) (Presented by Mr. Silsby of Aurora)

Resolve in favor of the town of Aurora (H. P. 578) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Amherst (H. P. 579) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Mariaville (H. P. 580) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

**House Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass
Printed Bills**

Mr. Peirce from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Providing for the Reappointment of Active Retired Justices" (H. P. 116) (L. D. 80)

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

**Ought to Pass with Committee
Amendments**

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-time State Employees" (H. P. 73) (L. D. 53) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendments "A", "B" and "C".

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 73, L. D. 53, Bill "An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees."

Amend said Bill by striking out the figures "\$300,000" in the 3rd line of Section 3 thereof and inserting in place thereof the figures '\$317,000.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end of Section 3 thereof the following:

'In allocating this appropriation to the various departments, the allocation for the bureau of health of the department of health and welfare shall be based on total number of full-time state employees of the bureau of health regardless of appropriation fund from which paid.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Committee Amendment "B" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "B" to H. P. 73, L. D. 53, Bill "An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the first line of section 1 thereof, after the figures "1947" the words 'and continuing through June 30, 1947'.

Committee Amendment "B" was then adopted.

Committee Amendment "C" was then read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "C" to H. P. 73, L. D. 53, Bill "An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees."

Amend said bill by striking out the words "and commissioned officers" in the seventh line of section one thereof and inserting in place thereof the words, 'lieutenants and captains'

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "C" was adopted.

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

Mr. SARGENT: I move that the bill lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Sargent, moves that this bill, with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending assignment for third reading.

(Cries of No, No)

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Sargent, that the bill, with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending assignment for third reading will rise and re-

main standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division of the House was had. The SPEAKER. One having voted in the affirmative and fifty-four in the negative, the motion to table does not prevail.

Is it now the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading at this time?

Mr. Mills of Farmington: Mr. Speaker, may I speak on this motion?

The SPEAKER: The question of suspending the rules at this time is not debatable. Is it the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading at this time?

Thereupon the bill was given its third reading.

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

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, if there is any question at all about this bill, I think that these amendments should be properly gone over and that we should take time to consider them now.

The reason that we hoped to defeat the motion to table the bill was because it is very imperative that it go through and be enacted promptly to prevent a decrease in State employees' salaries on the 5th day of February. It is not with any thought of cramming anything through in a hurry except that hurry seems to be very necessary in this instance.

I want to take up these amendments one by one, so there will not be any confusion about them. They are already in the bill now, of course, but, at the same time, I want them properly understood.

Committee Amendment "A" raises seventeen thousand dollars more than was originally appropriated. It also makes a change in that the State employees shall be counted no matter from what funds they may be paid, and the reason for that is that in the Department of Health & Welfare there are, I think, 122 employees who are paid from Federal funds.

Now last summer when this original bill, this cost of living increase, was passed, it was not necessary for this extra seventeen thousand dollars, because Federal funds were available at that time to give them that cost of living increase. But at

this time, if this bill went through without Committee Amendment "A", there would be some 122 State employees who happen to be paid from Federal funds who would not get the increase. It is not an increase; it is a continuance of the present status; in other words, their pay would not be increased \$7.20 next week. That is merely to make it uniform for all State employees and to make sure that some 122 of them do not get a cut next week.

Committee Amendment "B" is for this purpose: The appropriation under the bill runs only to the end of the present fiscal year, to the last day of June of this year, but the salary provisions in it run ad infinitum. They would just go on and there would be no money to pay them. It was the feeling of the committee—I am not a member of the committee, but I was present there, and I think they expressed it so I can pass it on to you—it was the feeling of the committee that the matter should terminate completely at the end of the fiscal year and that the Legislature should speak through another measure in regard to the future beyond the fiscal year. That is the point in Committee Amendment "B." It brings the whole thing to the end, not only the appropriations but the other provisions of the bill. It is the intention, I understand, of some members of the Legislature to see that a continuing bill is presented in another form, this being merely a stop-gap measure to take care of the emergency.

Committee Amendment "C" is the State Police provision. There was some question about the interpretation of the bill as it was drawn in that it might include the Deputy Chief and the Chief of the State Police, inasmuch as they now have commissions as a Major and a Colonel. This amendment would make sure that they are excepted, because they are taken care of by the Governor and Council. This was suggested and recommended by the Chief of the State Police, and it is merely a routine clarification amendment.

I hope that is a satisfactory explanation. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to ask them. We want to be sure that we have our two-thirds vote when this matter comes up in a short time this morning.

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

Mr. SARGENT: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his point of personal privilege.

Mr. SARGENT: I wish for an opportunity to explain the motion which I made to table this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may debate the bill; it is not personal privilege.

Mr. SARGENT: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped that the House would extend me the usual courtesy of allowing this bill to be tabled over the week-end, because there are certain employees of the State whom I have found do not come under this classification of classified employees, and I had hoped to have the opportunity to prepare a further amendment to be put on this bill which would take care of a point which I think should be taken care of.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the passage of the bill to be engrossed. Is it now the pleasure of the House that the bill be passed to be engrossed as amended?

The motion prevailed and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Mills, it was ordered that the bill be sent forthwith to the Senate.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Providing for Procedure for Eminent Domain for Park Commission" (S. P. 28) (L. D. 2)

Bill "An Act Amending the Small Claims Law" (S. P. 40) (L. D. 14)

Bill "An Act relating to Tenure of Office of Civil Officers Appointed by the Governor" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 16)

Bill "An Act relating to Publication of Delinquent State, County and Forestry District Taxes" (S. P. 43) (L. D. 17)

Bill "An Act relating to Collection of Unpaid Personal Property Taxes in Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 44) (L. D. 18)

Bill "An Act Permitting the Building of a Bridge Between Burnt Island and Spruce Head Island" (H. P. 117) (L. D. 81)

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

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease pending the sound of the gavel.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House to take up out of order a bill on its passage to be enacted?

An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-time State Employees (H. P. 73) (L. D. 53).

The SPEAKER: This Bill, having had its three several readings in the House, and having been passed to be engrossed, and having had its two several readings in the Senate, 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 it be passed to be enacted?

This being an emergency measure, under our Constitution it requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Very briefly, on this bill, may I state that last summer the intention was not originally an increase but rather an adjustment of salaries. The particular bill being rushed through today is not justly in the category of an increase. If it were not passed, next Wednesday every State employee would be without that adjustment that was granted to him.

I thought I would bring out that point, knowing that perhaps all members did not fully understand it.

In regard to those employees that were left out, as the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Sargent, brought out, the same thought occurred to me. I believe one of the superintendents of the Highway Commission told me that some of these field employees were those who were part-time, not classified, and, consequently, they would not come in on the full amount of this adjustment. I merely bring out this point.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the passage of this bill to be enacted will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned their count.

A division was had.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and twenty having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, and 120 obviously being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the bill is passed to be enacted. It will be signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Mills, the bill was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. If there is no further business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Rankin of Bridgton,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 4th, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.