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SENATE

Friday, April 18, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Edna Knowlton of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

ORDER
(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Monday, April 21, 1947 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 523)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

From the House

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on 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) (L. D. 390) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, recommended to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of the University of Maine for General Operations," (H. P. 79) (L. D. 67) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Comes from the House, Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, the report was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading; Committee Amendment A was read.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of Committee Amendment A.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Aeronautics on Bill "An Act to Provide Revenue for the Construction and Extension of Airports, and to Regulate and Control the Expenditures Thereof," (H. P. 1638) (L. D. 1326) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1690) (L. D. 1408) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, the bill in new draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Reducing Real Estate Taxes and Providing Additional Highway Funds," (H. P. 634) (L. D. 414) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1678) (L. D. 1394) under a new title, Bill "An Act Providing Additional Highway Funds," and that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B"

In the Senate, the report was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading; House Amendment B was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Conveyance of Elementary School Pupils," (H. P. 337) (L. D. 210) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

LEAVITT of Cumberland

EDWARDS of Oxford

Representatives:

MARSANS of Monmouth

LORD of Camden

RUSSELL of Gorham

LONGSTAFF of Crystal

LEE of Dover-Foxcroft

FULLER of Buckfield.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1681) (L. D. 1392) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator BISHOP of Sagadahoc

Representative:

BROGGI of Sanford

Comes from the House, the Minority Report adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, the reports were read.

Mr. BISHOP of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I move that the Senate adopt the Minority Report "Ought to Pass" in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Cross of Kennebec, the reports and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion by the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bishop, that the Senate adopt the Minority Report "Ought to Pass" in concurrence.

Order

On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Washington, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring that H. P. 917, L. D. 614, An Act Relating to Method of Payment of Alimony, and S. P. 258, L. D. 720 An Act Relating to Issuance of Capias Execution in Divorce Cases be recalled from the Governor to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Washington, the Order was sent forthwith to the House.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Spear from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Deer in the Town of Swan's Island, Hancock County, and to Provide for Wardens," (S. P. 347) (L. D. 980) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Stanley A. Gracie, of Sedgwick," (S. P. 191) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted.

Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on Military Affairs on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Sliding Scale Bonus to Maine Members of the Military and Naval Forces in World War II," (S. P. 379) (L. D. 1062) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, tabled pending consideration of the report.)

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide for a Sliding Scale Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II," (S. P. 369) (L. D. 1040) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Boucher of

Androscoggin, tabled pending consideration of the report.

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of Biddeford Municipal Court," (S. P. 173) (L. D. 420) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 520) (L. D. 1412) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of Western Somerset Municipal Court," (S. P. 325) (L. D. 867) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1411) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hopkins from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Create the Waterville Sewerage District," (S. P. 182) (L. D. 521) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 519) (L. D. 1410) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted, the bills in new draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Providing for Restoration and Development of Shellfish Resources." (H. P. 1453) (L. D. 1050)

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby it adopted Senate Amendment A; and that Senator presented Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment A.

"Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment A to H. P. 1453, L. D. 1050, bill, An Act Providing for Restoration and Development of Shellfish Resources. Amend said amendment by adding before the period at the end of the 5th paragraph of that part designated 'Sec. 108-B' the following underlined words: ' and shall be renewed annually thereafter'."

Senate Amendment A to Senate Amendment A was adopted; Senate Amendment A as amended by Senate Amendment A thereto, was adopted, and the bill as so amended given a second reading and was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Orono-Veazie Water District." (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1289)

Mr. Batchelder of York presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

"Senate Amendment A to bill, An Act to Create the Orono-Veazie Water District. (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1289). Amend said bill by striking out in the 26th and 27th lines of Section 10 thereof, the words, 'City of Brewer' and inserting in place thereof the words 'towns of Orono and Veazie.'"

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Town of Norridgewock School District." (H. P. 615) (L. D. 380)

Bill "An Act Relating to Board of Boiler Rules." (H. P. 1400) (L. D. 1017)

"Resolve to Provide Funds for Clam Cleansing Research." (H. P. 1620) (L. D. 1292)

Bill "An Act Providing for Giving Complimentary Hunting and Fishing Licenses by Governor to Congressional Medal of Honor Holders." (H. P. 1667) (L. D. 1372)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Kennebec County." (S. P. 183) (L. D. 520)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of the Judge of Probate of York County." (S. P. 298) (L. D. 795)

Bill "An Act Compensating Philip E. Lamb, of Gardiner, for Duties as Recorder." (S. P. 326) (L. D. 866)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Aroostook County." (S. P. 380) (L. D. 1093)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds for York County." (S. P. 388) (L. D. 1101)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of Clerks in the Office of Clerks of Courts in York County." (S. P. 389) (L. D. 1102)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in York County." (S. P. 390) (L. D. 1103)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Hancock County." (S. P. 441) (L. D. 1234)

Bill "An Act Relating to Test-

ing of Water Supplies for Public Schools." (S. P. 517) (L. D. 1407)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees for Licenses for Recreational Camps and Roadside Places." (S. P. 285) (L. D. 804)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Probate in Androscoggin County." (S. P. 221) (L. D. 569)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of Local Health Officers." (S. P. 296) (L. D. 797)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Probate in York County." (S. P. 392) (L. D. 1105)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Deeds of York County." (S. P. 393) (L. D. 1106)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Mars Hill School District." (S. P. 483) (L. D. 1345)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act to Increase the Clerk Hire in the Office of Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court." (H. P. 178) (L. D. 126)

Bill "An Act Permitting Towns to Appropriate Money in Anticipation of State Appropriations." (H. P. 195) (L. D. 140)

Bill "An Act Relating to Bonds of State Officials and Employees." (H. P. 440) (L. D. 259)

(On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Washington, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Expenses of Wife Pending Libel for Divorce." (H. P. 918) (L. D. 615)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Willco Finance Co.'" (H. P. 1295) (L. D. 902)

Bill "An Act Giving Commissioner of Agriculture Authority to Establish Quarantines." (H. P. 1365) (L. D. 987)

Bill "An Act Setting Aside Certain Lands for Settlement by Displaced Persons of Baltic Origin." (H. P. 1543) (L. D. 1173)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Fort Kent School District." (H. P. 1612) (L. D. 1278)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Farmingdale School District." (H. P. 1617) (L. D. 1290)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Chelsea School District." (H. P. 1618) (L. D. 1291)

"Resolve, Appropriating Money to Repair Fish Screen at Meduxnekeag Lake." (H. P. 1159) (L. D. 768)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Military Law." (S. P. 440) (L. D. 1233)

Bill "An Act Defining a Fish Weir." (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1370)

Finally Passed

"Resolve, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lot and Building in Somerset County to H. S. Lorenz, of Seboomook." (S. P. 236) (L. D. 646)

"Resolve, Relating to a State-Wide Highway Planning Survey by the State Highway Commission." (S. P. 353) (L. D. 985)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Joint Order Relative to Amendment of Joint Rule 8; tabled by that Senator on April 17 pending consideration.

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I tabled this yesterday, simply with the idea of giving us a little time to think it over. Personally, I believe that if we change this rule, we will live to regret it. I think that the responsibility of creating tax laws should stay in the House, where it belongs by constitutional authority.

I believe that we shouldn't have to have them brought over here after they have been killed in the House and have us resurrect them. If the Senators feel that they want to carry on, on this task here, and want to stay here for another two weeks, I am perfectly willing to pass the order.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: In presenting this order yesterday, I did so with the knowledge that most of you had given some thought to the change in the procedure of handling legislation which has prevailed during this session. I think had the Senator from Cumberland not tabled the bill, the minority party floor leader would have done so. It was my hope that the order would lie on the table over the week end. I can see no reason for extensive debate on it. We all know how we feel about it, but perhaps if it could

lie on the table over the week end, we would have longer to think about it.

I move that it lie on the table and be especially assigned for next Monday afternoon.

The motion prevailed and the Order was laid upon the table pending passage and especially assigned for Monday, April 21.

On motion by Mr. Cross of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Memorial to Congress in favor of Changing the Method of Determining the Pollution of Clam Flats (H. P. 1687) (L. D. 1393) tabled by that Senator on April 17 pending adoption; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Memorial was adopted in concurrence.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would like to inquire if Legislative Document 664, An Act Relating to Taxation of Various Corporations is in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the act is in the possession of the Senate, having been recalled from the office of the Governor.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. President, I would like to move that the rules be suspended and we reconsider our action whereby this bill was passed to be enacted. I would like to explain the reason for that. This particular act is a companion act to one that is on the table in the House. I would like to have it again placed on the table for the purpose of adding an amendment.

The motion prevailed, and under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be enacted; and voted further to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve Providing for Fire Protection at the Augusta State Hospital" Majority Report, "Ought to Pass"; Minority Report "Ought Not to Pass" on (S.

P. 269) (L. D. 813); tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the reports.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: Mr. President, it is a little difficult for the Senators who have appropriation measures this year to face the reports of the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee has had more information supplied to it than has been applied to most of the sponsors of the appropriation measures.

I am glad to say that in sponsoring the Augusta State Hospital bill, which I did, I took an afternoon out and went over to the Institution and made what I would say was a very brief study of the situation at that Institution, so that I am able to give you some information relative to the bill.

We have been here less than a half hour this morning, and I know you are all in a hurry to go home, but I think we should do some work, and I want to remove all the bills which are on the table relative to the Augusta State Hospital.

This first bill providing for fire protection, calling for an appropriation of \$27,000, should have your very careful consideration, and I hope it will have your support. Most of the Senators, I assume, know that a number of years ago, there was a disastrous fire at the Augusta State Hospital, during which there was loss of life. I did know at the time I was over there the details of that fire, but I am not able to give them to you now, because I have forgotten just how many people did lose their lives there.

Fire protection in an insane hospital is a little different than fire protection in most other institutions. It is different in that there are always attendants on duty at the institution, and the type of people to be removed in time of distress makes it particularly difficult to take care of an institution of that sort under fire conditions.

The building at the Augusta State Hospital are inflammable buildings. There are no fireproof buildings there, and there are no sprinkler systems in the buildings. At the present time, in case of fire, the attendant calls the central office by telephone, and the central office calls the power plant by telephone, and the attendant at the power plant sends the fire alarm and calls the fire department in Augusta.

You can see that all of that procedure is subject to human failure. If a fire takes place in the small hours of the morning, it is not unreasonable to suppose that the attendant in the power station, or maybe the attendant in the central office might be asleep, and you can well imagine that the person on duty in the ward would be absolutely unable to sound the fire alarm under those conditions.

This bill that I present covers the carrying out of the recommendations made by the Gamewell Company. I know the Gamewell Company is familiar to all of you people, it being one of the leaders, if not the leader, in fire signal apparatus. It provides for a large number of stations being set up over the hospital, and they are all tied together to a common signal, and also tied to the fire department at Augusta. The protection at the Augusta hospital must depend first on the attendants and central office, and secondly and principally on the fire department here in Augusta. It is some distance from the Central office over to the institution, and there are some very difficult hills to be negotiated, so that it is most important that signals be transmitted immediately in case of fire over there.

I, personally, think that the Institution should be equipped with sprinklers, but that would be a very expensive thing to do. Even though we had this fire alarm signal system put in at the Institution, we should put sprinklers in some of the out-of-the-way places of the buildings, so they would get early warning in case of fire.

I am not able to say, and I doubt if the Appropriations Committee can say, after having looked at this bill, whether the \$27,000 is a proper amount, but we have just got to take it for granted that it is. Therefore, I move the adoption of the ought to pass report of the Committee.

Mr. CLEAVES of Cumberland: I want to state, Mr. President and Senators, as I said several days ago, that the dollar sign seemed to be the predominating factor before the members of the Appropriations Committee on these various appropriation bills, and while a lot of us have signed "ought to pass," yet our vote in the final enactment may be entirely different than it was at the start. In this particular one, I simply could not, as an individual

of that Committee, see anything but allot that \$27,000 for this purpose.

My conscience wouldn't permit me, and I don't think there is a member of this Senate that would vote against a bill of this type. It is a necessity and should be had by all means.

Mr. ELA of Somerset: Mr. President, may we have a reading of the reports?

The Secretary read the reports.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hopkins that the Senate adopt the Majority "Ought to Pass" Report of the Committee.

A viva voce vote being had

The Majority "Ought to Pass" Report was adopted and the resolve was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass," Minority Report "Ought to Pass" on Resolve Providing for Certain New Construction at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 270) (L. D. 812); tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the reports.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I took eight minutes on that last one. I think I can present the facts on this measure to you in not more than eight minutes. I think this bill here is one that has very great merit also. I realize that when the great struggle is completed, and we have to cut the cloth to fit the revenue, all of these bills of this sort will be given a second consideration.

I hope I can convince you that this bill ought to be passed in the full amount covered in the printed bill, at least in the first test.

Most of you, perhaps, know a great deal about the Augusta Hospital, and I assume a few of us have been over there. There are 1524 patients there in the hospital. It is the largest insane institution in the State. Of those patients, there are a hundred more women than men, and there are 240 of the so called disturbed patients, patients which require an unusual amount of attendants. There are 36 criminally insane in the Augusta State

Hospital, all of which are murderers, and these patients alone require eight attendants and require a special building.

You will be interested to know that the last time a building was constructed at the Augusta State Hospital was in 1937, and at that time the number of patients was approximately the same as the number there at the present time. My inspection of that institution shows definitely that it is tremendously overcrowded at the present minute. A large amount of corridor space is being used for patients. You are aware, I am sure, that a large number of the patients over there are bedridden, and it requires a large amount of space for them to be properly cared for. There is terrific confusion in the wards, and I am sure if the Senators could all go over there, you would feel definitely that there is definite need for more space.

One thing that has interested me a great deal about the Institution is the fact that the number of patients is about the same as it was when the last building was built in 1937. They have a wing on the north side of the main building, and the bill provides money for a wing of the same dimensions on the south side. With the crowding that exists in that Institution today, it is almost impossible for me to imagine what must have existed there before the 1937 construction.

The 92nd Legislature, of which a great many of the Senators here were members, appropriated \$350,000 to build this wing on the south side of the main building, and the bill which we have before us provides for an additional \$200,000 to take care of the additional increased of construction which has come upon us since the time of the 92nd Legislature two years ago. If the wing which the Legislature approved two years ago was needed, I am sure that \$200,000 which is here asked for is needed, because my experience with construction tells me that any building which would cost \$350,000 two years ago would certainly cost an additional \$200,000 at this time.

I don't think that I will say any more about the Institution, or about the need. I think the previous legislature must have recognized the need, and I am sure that when the final appropriations are considered, that this bill will be given

its proper consideration. Of course, I am a little disturbed to move this bill with the knowledge that something may happen to it so I'll never see it back. But nevertheless, I am going to take that chance. I move the adoption of the minority "ought to pass" report.

Mr. BISHOP of Sagadahoc: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I wish to say that I concur most heartily with the remarks made by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hopkins. I think there is just a bit of confusion here, if my calendar is correct. Senator Hopkins asked to have the 33rd item Legislative Document 812 taken off the table and that deals with the medical center at the hospital. He has argued on Legislative Document 809. I think that should be clarified before we vote on it.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the 33rd tabled matter is S. P. 270, L. D. 812.

Mr. HOPKINS: Mr. President, I have just discovered that the two bills have the same title, and I suppose it would be in order to table this measure and take the other one off the table.

Thereupon, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hopkins, that the Senate adopt the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report of the Committee.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass"; Minority Report "Ought to Pass" on Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 272) (L. D. 809) tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the reports; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report was adopted and the resolve was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass"; Minority Report "Ought to Pass" on Resolve Providing for Certain New Con-

struction at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 270) (L. D. 812) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending motion of the Senator from Kennebec that the Senate adopt the Minority "Ought to pass" report.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I will now give you a little information relative to the construction called for under this measure. This is a measure which calls for a medical center at the Augusta State Hospital. As I told you, there are 1524 patients in the institution, of which 300 are infirmary patients and 120 are tubercular patients. At the present time, there are only four doctors at that institution, including the superintendent, and the institution, before it can be brought to staff, needs six additional doctors. We have already passed a bill here calling for new doctors' homes there, which should greatly tend to bring to that institution a proper medical staff.

I was told while I was over there that the medical and surgical incident at that institution runs eight times above the normal incident for people of the same age group outside of the institution. That doesn't seem possible to me, but that is the statement that was made to me.

I gave special care to examine the equipment there, surgical equipment, and the dental equipment. There is no operating equipment there at the present time which can be used in doing major surgery. There is good dental equipment there. The institution is now getting in some x-ray equipment which I think will be of fairly good quality. But when major surgery has to be done at the Augusta State Hospital, patients have to be taken to the Augusta General Hospital where the surgery is done. It requires sending two nurses from the institution down to the Augusta General Hospital to care for the patient while he or she may be there. Then 24 hours later, if the patient can be moved, they are taken back to the Augusta State Hospital.

If the information given to me as to the medical and surgical incident on the patients is correct, it must be clear to you that with 1524 patients the institution needs a medical center. I think it must have a medical center, and I think if the Senators were all to go over there and study into the situation, you would all

realize that this bill should have passage. The amount specified in the bill is \$160,000.

Knowing little about present costs, I don't think it would be possible to build and equip a medical center there which would be adequate, for a less amount. Here again, when the final appropriations are cast up in the light of revenue which the State may have, I am sure this bill will be given its proper consideration, and I move the adoption of the "ought to pass" report of the Committee.

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I made a point when the visiting committee went to the Augusta State Hospital this year to go over with them. I am very interested, as perhaps some of you may know in the different institutions in the State of Maine. I had a long talk with Dr. Sleeper relative to this particular project. This institution has grown like Topsy. It is extended off in wings, running here and there, and when you have difficulties in the institution, there is no central place to work out of, and his idea is to build this medical wing in such a place that it will tie the entire institution together, something that has been needed for a long time. The former superintendent, apparently growing up with the institution, got along with it as it was. I believe that it will make the institution much more safe, and will give much better service to the inmates if this is built.

Another thing I would like to bring out, in fact, the chief point that I want to bring out in my talk is that this institution has been the most economically run institution of any institution in the State. You get more value per dollar in that institution than perhaps any institution that I have observed, and I have seen not only institutions in this State, but in other states. I believe they deserve this help over there. I believe this building will be of material assistance in making the institution even more efficient.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Hopkins that the Senate adopt the Minority Report "Ought to Pass if Amended".

A viva voce vote being held.

The Minority Report "Ought to

Pass if Amended" was adopted, and the bill was given its first reading.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A.

"Committee Amendment A to S. P. 270, L. D. 812, Resolve Providing for Certain New Construction at the Augusta State Hospital. Amend said resolve by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the words 'unappropriated surplus of the general fund', and inserting in place thereof the words, 'Maine Post War Public Works Reserve'."

Which amendment was adopted, and the resolve as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs "Ought to Pass" as amended by Committee Amendment A on Resolve in Favor of the University of Maine for General Operations (H. P. 79) (L. D. 67) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending consideration of Committee Amendment A, and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Welch.

Mr. WELCH of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am going to move that the Senate concur with the House in the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment A. And in explanation of that, I will say that it was the thought of the committee, I believe, at that time, that this was an operations bill and might be reduced by the amount which Committee Amendment A specified. I feel that I am right in saying that some of the committee at least have made further investigations and find that this money is necessary due to the fact that it is an operational expense, that the expense is on account of the increased enrollment there, and that many of the teachers there and the instructors are working what seems to me altogether too long hours. This is merely an operational bill and I move the indefinite postponement of Committee Amendment A.

Mr. NOYES of Hancock: Mr. President, may we have the amendment read?

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A.

"Committee Amendment A to Resolve in Favor of the University of

Maine for General Operations (H. P. 79) (L. D. 67). Amend said resolve by striking out in the 4th line thereof the figures '\$350,000' and inserting in place thereof the figures '\$175,000'. Further amend said resolve by striking out in the 5th line thereof the figures '\$350,000' and inserting in place thereof the figures '\$175,000'."

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Welch, that Committee Amendment A be indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Miss Clough of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass", Minority Report "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A" on Resolve Providing for Additional Appropriation for Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (S. P. 274) (L. D. 862) tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the reports.

Miss CLOUGH of Penobscot: Mr. President, this is L. D. 862. First I will read the statement of facts: "One of the major obstacles to the employment of doctors and psychiatrists at the Bangor State Hospital is the absence of suitable homes for members of the professional staff and their families. The money provided by this resolve would be used to build two homes for doctors and thus enable the hospital to offer good housing as an inducement to employment at the institution. At present there are no housing facilities in which a doctor who had a family could be housed adequately."

I think that all the Senators are familiar with the overcrowded conditions at the State Hospital in Bangor. There is a normal capacity of 937 patients and the hospital already has around 1200 patients. The requested additional money would permit the building of a wing to house 208 patients and the construction of an employees' building to house about 50 of the employees who are now living in the attic and in the cellar of the administration building. I hope we can find the money to permit the construction needs at the Bangor State Hospital and I move the adoption of the Minority Report "Ought to Pass".

Mr. WILLIAMS of Penobscot: Mr. President, it seems that so many of the majority reports of the Appropriations Committee are being turned over this morning that it might be well to explain at this time, something about the thinking of the Appropriations Committee.

You may have noted that I have been on the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report in each case, whereas others have been on the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" Report. You have probably also noticed that the Appropriations Committee this morning has been very quiet on both angles. I want to explain this. There was a difference in our thinking. Those that signed the Majority "Ought Not to Pass" report, felt, I believe, that these services were very desirable, that this construction was needed, but at that time they couldn't see where the money was coming from so that they could pass favorably upon them. So they felt that they must vote against these proposals.

My thinking and that of another member of the committee ran along these lines, that if they were desirable and necessary, as all the evidence shows, that we should tell the legislature that we believe they should pass. We have felt, another member of the committee and myself, that we should explain that position. I hope the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Clough will prevail.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Clough, that the Senate adopt the Minority Report "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A".

The motion prevailed, the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report was adopted and the bill was given its first reading.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to S. P. 274, L. D. 862, Resolve Providing for Additional Appropriation for Certain Construction at Bangor State Hospital.

Amend said resolve by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the words, 'Maine Post War Public Works Reserve', and inserting in place thereof, the words 'general fund of the state'."

Which amendment was adopted and the resolve as so amended was

tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Miss Clough of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass", Minority Report "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A" on Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (S. P. 273) (L. D. 863) tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the reports.

Miss CLOUGH of Penobscot: Mr. President and Senators, at present there are no housing facilities in which a doctor who has a family can be housed at the Bangor State Hospital and it is believed that if money can be provided it would attract doctors with families to the institution and augment the medical staff in that respect. That has been one of the major obstacles in getting doctors and psychiatrists to go to Bangor State Hospital. I believe the request is for \$30,000 to build two homes to house doctors and their families. I hope that the Minority "Ought to Pass" Report will be adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Clough moves that the Senate adopt the Minority Report "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A".

A viva voce vote being had

The Minority Report "Ought to Pass As Amended by Committee Amendment A" was adopted and the resolve was given its first reading.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to S. P. 273, L. D. 863, Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital. Amend said resolve by striking out in the second and third lines thereof the words "unappropriated surplus of the general fund", and inserting in place thereof the words 'Maine Post War Public Works Reserve'."

Which amendment was adopted and the resolve as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations

and Financial Affairs, Majority Report "Ought Not to Pass", Minority Report "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A" on Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at Pownal State School (S. P. 174) (L. D. 526) tabled by that Senator on April 11 pending consideration of the reports.

Mr. BISHOP of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I now want to move the acceptance of the minority report "ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment A. I hope the Senate is still in as generous a mood as they have been for the last half hour. I will just state just a few facts in regard to this institution. It was my privilege or pleasure, or displeasure, to serve on that Committee for six years. I made several trips there and made an extensive study of the work they are doing, and their needs.

This is another one of the institutions that produces the most for the amount of money spent, of the various institutions in the State. There are some 1160 patients housed at the Pownal State School. There are some 500 on the waiting list to be sent there. Two years ago, we passed a measure to provide for two new dormitories. They are certainly needed if and when it is possible to build them. Because the bill in the last sentence says, "This construction shall begin as soon as practicable and upon approval of the governor and council," I feel sure that they won't try to build these until it is practical. Although I am not in favor of major and capital expenditures at this time, or launching into an extensive building program at the present prices. I believe this is one institution, one of many that needs immediate consideration.

These 500 or more patients waiting to go there are costing the State and the communities a lot more than it would cost if these buildings could be constructed and they be put over there. I believe that it is proper to allocate this money and permit or provide for the construction when it is practical.

Mr. ELA of Somerset: Mr. President, I believe it is improper for the Senate to keep on adopting minority reports after a committee has seriously considered these matters all winter long, and no voice being raised to express the opinion of the majority on these reports. I think it is utterly unfair of this

Senate not to have both sides presented in these matters. I have no motion to make.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bishop that the Senate adopt the Minority Report "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A".

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the report

and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion of the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Bishop that the Senate adopt the Minority Report of the Committee "Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A."

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin,

Adjourned until Monday, April 21 at four o'clock in the afternoon.