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HOUSE

Thursday, February 10, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Albert B. Reynolds of Freeport Congregational Church.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

The following paper from the Senate not on the Advance Journal:

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 15, 1955, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 239)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Forest Commissioner" (S. P. 210) (L. D. 503)

Resolve Appropriating Funds for Related and Supplemental Instruction under Voluntary Apprenticeship Law (S. P. 201) (L. D. 496)

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

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be laid on the table until Wednesday, February 16.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, moves that both the Bill and Resolve lie on the table until Wednesday, February 16, pending reference to any committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that Items 1 and 2 lie on the table and be specially assigned for Wednesday, February 16, pending reference to any committee, will kindly signify in the usual manner by saying aye.

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, I request a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, requests that the vote be taken by division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bowdoinham, Mr. Curtis, that Items 1 and 2 lie on the table and be specially assigned for Wednesday, February 16, pending reference to any committee, will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Forty-six having voted in the affirmative and fifty-three having voted in the negative, the motion to table did not prevail.

Thereupon, the Bill and Resolve were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Wyman and Simpson, Inc., of Augusta (S. P. 203) (L. D. 497)

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 providing for Contents of Certain Volumes of Cumberland County Records of Deeds to be Copied" (S. P. 204) (L. D. 498)

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 Medical Services under the Workmen's Compensation Act" (S. P. 205) (L. D. 499)

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 Wharf in Long Lake at Naples" (S. P. 206) (L. D. 500)

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 Suspension of Liquor Licenses Pending Appeal" (S. P. 207) (L. D. 501)

Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Liquor by the Commission to Government Instrumentalities" (S. P. 208) (L. D. 502)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Marie Rose Gagnon of Auburn (S. P. 228)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Bertrand Carrier of Auburn (S. P. 229)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Antonio Bourget of Lewiston (S. P. 230)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Florence Watson of Richmond (S. P. 231)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Mrs. Christie Davis of Jonesboro (S. P. 232)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

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

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Claims reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Herman Zimmerman of Presque Isle (S. P. 76) (L. D. 548)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act Repealing Separate Bids for Purchase of Institutional Supplies" (S. P. 49) (L. D. 46)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bill and Resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, Resolve read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

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 Funeral Expenses for Recipients of Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 571) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Hospitals Out of State" (H. P. 572) (Presented by Mr. Olpe of Brownfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of New Gloucester (H. P. 573) (Presented by Mr. Edwards of Raymond)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Stoneham (H. P. 574) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Education to Purchase for the State Land in Gorham (H. P. 575) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to Reimburse the City of Portland for the Support of John Arthur Chase, Having No Settlement in the State (H. P. 576) (Presented by Mr. Childs of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse Leonard and Alta M. Mitchell, Owners, of Palmyra, and the Merchant's National Bank, Mortgagee, of Bangor for Damages to Real Estate (H. P. 577) (Presented by Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse Ralph W. McKay of Bucksport (H. P. 578) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Floral Grange in Bucksport (H. P. 579) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Swan's Island (H. P. 580) (Presented by Mr. Reynolds of Mount Desert)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bingham (H. P. 581) (Presented by Mr. Shaw of Bingham)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse Alexander Belanger of Lewiston for Damages by State Ward (H. P. 582) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)

Resolve in favor of Fred Kinner of Lewiston (H. P. 583) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Solon (H. P. 584) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Madison)

Resolve in favor of Claude Boyington, of Prentiss (H. P. 585) (Presented by Mr. Dicker of Lakeville Plantation)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve Designating Certain Bridge in Oxford County as "Martin Memorial Bridge" (H. P. 586) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Designating "The Squire Rangeley Trail" (H. P. 587) (Presented by Mr. Harnden of Rangeley by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Designating Part of Green Lake Road as State Aid Highway (H. P. 588) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Hunting with Bow and Arrow in York County" (H. P. 589) (Presented by Mr. Bibber of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Bounty on Bobcats in Washington County" (H. P. 590) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Rabbits in Somerset County" (H. P. 591) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Madison)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Bear Bounty in Oxford County"

(H. P. 592) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Power to Hold Property by Corporations Without Capital Stock" (H. P. 593) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Eliminating Voting a Straight Party Ticket in Elections" (H. P. 594) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Unlicensed Dogs" (H. P. 595) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Standard Time" (H. P. 596) (Presented by Mr. Lord of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Reports of Drivers of Vehicles Involved in Accidents" (H. P. 597) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Operating After Suspension of License to Operate Motor Vehicle" (H. P. 598) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Trespass on Certain Buildings" (H. P. 599) (Presented by Mr. Shaw of Bingham)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Alfred Howard, Sr. and Ethel M. Howard of Moscow to Sue the State of Maine (H. P. 600) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to a State Labor Relations Law" (H. P. 625) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Madison)

(1,000 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Education to Convey a Portion of the Edmunds Township School Lot in Washington County (H.

P. 601) (Presented by Mr. Palmeter of Meddybemps)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Bill "An Act relating to Creditable Service under Maine State Retirement System" (H. P. 604) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Hilda Ambrose of Masardis (H. P. 602) (Presented by Mr. Cook of Portage Lake)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Rachel Lussier of Lewiston (H. P. 603) (Presented by Mr. Couture of Lewiston)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Laura A. Lee of Turner Center (H. P. 605) (Presented by Mr. Foster of Mechanic Falls)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Clyde Spaulding of Hartland (H. P. 606) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

Resolve in favor of Mabelle K. Toole of Bangor (H. P. 607) (Presented by Mr. Quinn of Bangor)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Leverett Carter of Swan's Island (H. P. 608) (Presented by Mr. Reynolds of Mount Desert)

Resolve in favor of Ernest C. Fuller of Bingham (H. P. 609) (Presented by Mr. Shaw of Bingham)

Resolve providing for State Pension for George Blair of Norridge-wock (H. P. 610) (Presented by Mrs. Thomas of Anson)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to Taking, Having in Possession and Selling Oysters" (H. P. 611) (Presented by Mr. McCluskey of Warren)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Sales Tax on Isolated Sales of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 612) (Presented by Mr. Sanford of Dover-Foxcroft)
(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act providing for an Additional Medical Examiner for Aroostook County" (H. P. 613) (Presented by Mr. Cook of Portage Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Instruction Permits to Drive Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 614) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Dealer and Transit Motor Vehicle Registration" (H. P. 615) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways and Taxation Jointly

Bill "An Act Increasing the Tax on Gasoline" (H. P. 627) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

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Sent up for concurrence.

The following Bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 25):

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to the Rockland Municipal Court" (H. P. 616) (Presented by Mr. Stiphen of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Issuing Bonds in Emergencies in City of Saco" (H. P. 617) (Presented by Mr. Courtois of Saco)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Gouldsboro School District" (H. P. 618) (Presented by Mr. Butler of Franklin)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Mechanic Falls School District" (H. P. 619) (Presented by Mr. Foster of Mechanic Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create the Van Buren Hospital District" (H. P. 620) (Presented by Mr. Madore of Van Buren)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Amount of Bonds of Town of Litchfield School District" (H. P. 621) (Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Winthrop)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Create the Brunswick Parking Authority" (H. P. 622) (Presented by Mr. Walsh of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act relating to Financing by Brunswick Sewer District" (H. P. 623) (Presented by Mr. Walsh of Brunswick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Empowering Cumberland County Commissioners to Raise Money for Roads in Pownal" (H. P. 624) (Presented by Mr. Crockett of Freeport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways and Taxation Jointly

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Thirty Million Dollars on Behalf of the State of Maine for the Purpose of Building State Highways" (H. P. 626) (Presented by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford)

(750 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like, at this time, to ask for unanimous consent to introduce a bill which I filed late and I would like to explain a few reasons why.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the gentleman to kindly defer his request until Orders of the Day.

Orders

Mr. Stilphen of Rockland presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the members of the House have learned with profound sorrow of the death of the sister of Representative Benjamin S. Crockett of Freeport, on February 9, 1955;

BE IT ORDERED, that the sympathy of the House be extended to Mr. Crockett of Freeport in the loss of his sister;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to him.

The Order received passage.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Courtois from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of The Richmond, Maine, Camp Grounds of the Church of the Nazarene (H. P. 91) (L. D. 102)

Mr. Nadeau from the Committee on Highways reported same on Bill "An Act Correcting Appropriations for State Aid and Bridge Act Apportionments to Conform with New State Valuations" (H. P. 97) (L. D. 105)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bill read twice, Resolve read once, and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Pullen from the Committee on Highways on Resolve Designating Part of U. S. Route No. 1 in Maine as Narraguagus Highway (H. P. 99) (L. D. 107) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to H. P. 99, L. D. 107, Resolve Designating Part of U. S. Route No. 1 in Maine as Narraguagus Highway.

Amend said Resolve by adding at the end the following sentence:
'Two suitable signs shall be erected at each end of said highway.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve was assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendments

Mr. Ferguson from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Expenditure of Town Road Improvement Funds" (H. P. 41) (L. D. 52) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendments "A" and "B" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to H. P. 41, L. D. 52, Bill, "An Act relating to Expenditure of Town Road Improvement Funds."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 4th line the underlined figures "\$5,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures "\$6,000'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

The Clerk then read Committee Amendment "B" as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B"
to H. P. 41, L. D. 52, Bill "An Act relating to Expenditure of Town Road Improvement Funds."

Amend said Bill by indicating the striking out of the words "furnish all local road material, including rocks, sand, gravel, etc., and shall" in the 4th and 5th lines by drawing a line through said words as follows: 'furnish all local road material, including rocks, sand, gravel, etc., and shall'

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility for Aid for Veterans and their Dependents" (H. P. 31) (L. D. 41)

Bill "An Act Correcting Appropriations for Snow Removal to Conform with New State Valuation" (H. P. 98) (L. D. 106)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Gross Weight of Trucks, Tractors, Etc." (H. P. 133) (L. D. 134)

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

(On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, the Bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and was specially assigned for Tuesday, February 15.)

Resolve Designating Fore River Bridge in Cumberland County as The Veterans Memorial Bridge (H. P. 55) (L. D. 61)

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

Tabled and Assigned

Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in Town of Carmel (H. P. 100) (L. D. 108)

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

(On motion of Mr. Carter of Etna, the Resolve was tabled pending passage to be engrossed and was specially assigned for Thursday, February 17.)

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses to Residents 75 Years of Age" (H. P. 101) (L. D. 109)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Mr. Totman of Bangor presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 101, L. D. 109, Bill "An Act Relating to Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses to Residents 75 Years of Age."

Amend said Bill by striking out of the Title thereof the words "and Hunting"

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

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair I would like to inquire from the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, the purpose of his bill by striking out the words "and Hunting" in the title. As I understand the purpose, to eliminate the "and Hunting", the hunting licenses, they should also amend the bill by striking out Section 7-a of the Bill, unless he is just changing the title.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, directs a question through the Chair to the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman. The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, may answer if he so chooses.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The floor leader evidently has a very nice point and I am most embarrassed to try to attempt to answer it inasmuch as the amendment was presented by the leadership of the House at their request.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will request the Clerk to kindly read Committee Amendment "A" which has already been adopted.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 101, L. D. 109, Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing and Hunting Licenses to Residents 75 Years of Age."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 2 thereof.

Further amend said bill by striking out the phrase "Sec. 1."

Further amend said bill by inserting before the underlined words "A license" in the first line of that part of the bill designated "XII-A" the underlined words 'Upon application'.

Further amend said bill by striking out in the second line of said part designated "XII-A" the underlined word "every" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'any'.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that House Amendment "A" be adopted. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill "An Act relating to Right of Way for Police and Fire Vehicles, and Ambulances" (H. P. 107) (L. D. 115)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Readfield School District (H. P. 14) (L. D. 13)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 126 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Depositions in Probate Courts (S. P. 37) (L. D. 24)

An Act relating to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (S. P. 45) (L. D. 34)

An Act relating to Recording of Notices of Liens and Certificates of Discharge of Liens for Internal Revenue Taxes (H. P. 2) (L. D. 2)

An Act relating to Membership of the Board of Trustees of the North Haven Port District (H. P. 11) (L. D. 10)

An Act relating to Definition of "Elevator" under Board of Elevator Rules and Regulations (H. P. 12) (L. D. 11)

An Act relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Presque Isle (H. P. 44) (L. D. 55)

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of the Cary Memorial Hospital in Caribou (S. P. 34) (L. D. 22)

Resolve in favor of the Cary Memorial Hospital in Caribou (S. P. 35) (L. D. 23)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Avon (H. P. 5) (L. D. 279)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, Bills passed to be enacted, Resolves finally passed, all signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Jennings of Strong was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JENNINGS: Mr. Speaker, last week I was called away on business, being a town official, and I did not get in this act in time before the cloture bill went into effect. This act has to do with an increase of clerk hire and salary of the judge of the Franklin Municipal Court. I am now asking permission to present this act.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Strong, Mr. Jennings, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act Increasing Clerk Hire and Salary of the Judge of the Franklin Municipal Court."

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this bill notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

On motion of Mr. Jennings of Strong, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House at this time the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Failure of Towns to Remit Dog License Fees" House Paper 562, Legislative Document 619, tabled, on February 9 by the gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, pending reference to any

committee, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BROCKWAY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have talked this matter over with the Chairman of the Taxation Committee, Mr. Sanford, and he has no objection to this matter being referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and I so move that L. D. 619 be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Milo, Mr. Brockway, moves that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Agriculture. The Committee on Reference of Bills had recommended that this Bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation. Is it the pleasure of the House to refer the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield was granted unanimous consent to address the House briefly.

Mr. REED: Mr. Speaker, I have a bill that I would like to introduce that I was a bit late in filing and I have a statement I would like to read at this time. I propose to ask unanimous consent to introduce in the House Bill "An Act Relating to Term of Office of Town Clerk of Fort Fairfield." This bill is an amendment to the Charter of the Town of Fort Fairfield enabling the Town to elect the Town Clerk for a three year period. The necessity for such a bill was discussed with a member of Mr. Slosberg's staff some three weeks ago. The interpretation at that time of the provisions of the charter was that since no term of office was specified, it would not be necessary for the charter to be amended to provide for a three year term. However, since that time competent authorities, attorneys, agree that in order to elect the Town Clerk for three years an amendment to the Town Charter would be necessary. The bill that I propose to offer would have been drafted and presented within the time limit but for a misinterpretation of the provisions of the Town Charter. I believe this statement is

pretty well self-explanatory and the people of the Town of Fort Fairfield have passed favorably on this measure and at this time I would respectfully request unanimous consent of the House to introduce this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Reed, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act Relating to Term of Office of Town Clerk of Fort Fairfield."

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this bill notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

On motion of Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Haughn of Bridgton was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HAUGHN: Mr. Speaker, due to the fact of misunderstanding this type of bill, I am late in filing and after a conference with Mr. Slosberg's office, he has told me that I would have to have unanimous consent of the House which I now request.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Haughn, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill. The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Northern Cumberland Municipal Court."

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this bill notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

On motion of Mr. Haughn of Bridgton, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Greene, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. GREENE: Mr. Speaker, I was given last night a request to present a bill relating to the salary

of the Recorder and to Clerk hire of the Waldo County Municipal Court. The Recorder was not aware that the cloture date was so close and has been out of town for two or three days. I would request the unanimous consent of the House that they consider passage of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Greene, requests that a bill be introduced by unanimous consent. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of the Recorder and to Clerk Hire in Waldo County Municipal Court."

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this bill notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

On motion of Mr. Greene of Belfast, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Couture, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. COUTURE: Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to have unanimous consent of introducing a bill and explain the reason why it is late on this local bill. The reason for being late on this bill, I had it all the time but on account of sickness the last few days at last week's session it make it impossible for me to drop it in the hopper. I would ask unanimous consent to introduce this bill at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Couture, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the bill.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act Relating to the Board of Finance of the City of Lewiston."

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of the bill at this time notwithstanding the cloture order?

The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

On motion of Mr. Couture of Lewiston, the Bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Gilmartin of Portland,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 15, at ten o'clock in the morning.