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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1909

HOUSE.

Thursday, March 4, 1909.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Readings.

An Act to confirm the organization of the Bangor Young Men's Christian Association and for other purposes.

An Act to amend Chapter 115 of the Private and Special Laws of 1872 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Home for Aged Women at Bangor."

An Act to amend and additional to Chapter 50 of the Private and Special Laws of 1866 relating to the Children's Home in Bangor.

An Act to ratify the organization of the Virginia Spring Water Co. and authorize said company to issue bonds.

An Act to incorporate the Vinal-Haven Water Co.

An Act to require motor boats to be provided with mufflers in certain cases.

An Act to amend Chapter 455 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897 and to permit Good Will Home Association to increase its capital.

An Act to extend the charter of the Wells Telephone Co.

An Act to extend the charter of the Wells Electric Light & Power Co.

An Act to amend Sections 59, 62, 63 and 64 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes relating to securities deposited with the treasurer of the State.

On motion of Mr. Grant of Freeport the vote was reconsidered by which the House referred this bill to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance in concurrence, and on further motion by Mr. Grant the bill was tabled pending reference in concurrence.

An Act to appropriate moneys for the payment of salaries fixed by law for the year 1909.

An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditures of government for the year 1909.

An Act to extend the privileges of secondary school instruction to youths resident in unorganized townships.

An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to public schools.

An Act to authorize the receiver of the Eustis Railroad Co. to dispose of the property of said company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Dixfield Trust Co.

An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1907 relating to bait barrels.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes which provides for a salary of \$300 for teacher at the Maine State prison and \$200 for chaplain.

An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 436 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907 entitled "An Act to establish the Milo municipal court.

An Act to provide for the compensation of justices of the supreme judicial court or supreme court who shall resign after 10 years' service at the age of 70 years. (Senate Amendment A adopted in concurrence).

Resolve in favor of E. L. Philoon, chairman of the special joint committee appointed by the 73rd Legislature in regard to a State board of education.

Resolve in favor of E. L. Philoon, chairman of the special committee appointed by the 73rd Legislature.

Resolve in favor of the Aroostook State Normal school.

Resolve in favor of the Madawaska Training school.

Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal school.

Resolve in favor of investigation of industrial education.

Resolve in favor of buoys on Richardson lake.

Resolve for repairs of highway in Upton, Magalloway plantation and township C, in Oxford county.

Resolve in favor of a highway bridge over the St. John river between Van Buren and St. Leonard's, N. B.

Mr. Pike of Eastport moved that the bill be tabled pending first reading.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr.

Speaker: It seems as though every bill that comes in here from the committee on ways and bridges must be tabled. Now we are getting to the last of the session. This bill was honestly and conscientiously reported by this committee, and we thought in justice to this State and nation and in justice to the Canadian government that we should pass some such bill as being an international affair. The committee voted unanimously that this resolve should pass, and I hope that if the gentleman wants to look into it further that he will assign some day in the near future to have it taken up.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker: I will confer with the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) and agree upon a date.

The question being on the motion to lay the resolve on the table the motion was lost.

The resolve then received its first reading and was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Resolve in favor of road in Ellittsville.

Resolve in favor of the town of Mt. Chase, in Penobscot county.

Resolve in favor of Fred A. Houdlet & Son, incorporated, of Boston, Mass.

Resolve in favor of Eliza A. Getchell of Winslow.

Resolve in favor of Daniel R. Palmer of Buckfield.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison.

Resolve for the publication of certain documents of the State historian.

Resolve in favor of the president and trustees of Bates College. (Senate Amendment A adopted in concurrence).

An Act to appropriate money for the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

On motion of Mr. Addition of Leeds the votes were reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence

and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended.

An Act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes relating to State Board of Health.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of Litchfield the votes were reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended.

An Act relating to returns of corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Chase of Sebec: Remonstrance of C. M. Drew and 44 others of Gullford against passage of An Act to create the office of medical examiner and An Act relating to the powers and duties of coroners and to create in each county the office of medical examiner.

By Mr. Dunn of Brewer: Petition of Freeland Harlow and 14 others of Brewer for passage of An Act prohibiting gas companies from charging meter rates; of Ivory A. Doyle and 64 others of Brewer for same.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Kelley of Boothbay: An Act to incorporate Gregory Sanatorium. (Received under suspension of the rules.)

By Mr. Kavanough of Portland: An Act relating to town, village and city bylaws and ordinances.

By Mr. Bearce of Eddington: An Act to protect persons who labor and furnish materials on roads and bridges built by written contract.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Hodgkins of Damariscotta: Petition of D. Mason and 66 others of

Bristol in favor of the Resolve for an appropriation for the monument of the late Commodore Tucker at Bremen.

By Mr. Spear of South Portland: Resolve to provide for the pay of the special messenger of the Speaker and extra page of the House.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Bradford of Livermore: Petition of William Sampson and 39 others to incorporate the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Co.; of Shirley Merrill and nine others for same; of E. H. Phillips and 34 others for same; of Percy Alden and 24 others for same; of A. N. Beals and 30 others for same; of Warren Pratt and 22 others for same; of G. C. Russell and 170 others for same.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Grant of Freeport: An Act additional to Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes to better protect the interests of accident and health insurance policyholders; also An Act to amend Sections 123, 126, 127 and 128 of Chapter 49 relating to the organization of assessment casualty insurance companies.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Remonstrance of H. C. Huntoon of Rangeley and 45 others against granting right to maintain wharves to Rangeley Lake Steamboat Co.; of H. A. Furbush and 63 others of Rangeley against same; of E. J. Haley of Rangeley and 91 others against same.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Petition of E. J. Gerrish and 13 others of Lebanon in favor of the Chase bill.

Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Beyer of Portland: Resolve for renewal of insurance policies on State property.

Taxation.

By Mr. Stanley of Porter: Petition of I. F. Saunders and 23 others of Oxford county for increased mill tax for common schools.

By Mr. Gilbert of Litchfield: Petition of M. F. Norcross and nine others of

Winthrop for same; of J. L. Faulkenhan and 21 others of Winthrop for same.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Petition of G. W. Roberts and 14 others for same; of Fred E. Lord and four others of Lebanon for same; of E. J. Gerrish and three others of Lebanon for same.

By Mr. Montgomery of Camden: Petition of W. S. Irish and 11 others of Camden for mill tax for maintenance of common highways; of A. W. Parsons and 18 others of Camden for same.

By Mr. Stanley of Porter: Petition of I. F. Saunders and 24 others of Oxford county for same.

By Mr. Gilbert of Litchfield: Petition of J. F. Faulkenhan and 24 others for same; of M. F. Norcross and nine others of Winthrop for same.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Petition of Fred Lord and four others of Lebanon for same.

By Mr. Thompson of Skowhegan: Petition of W. B. Whittier and nine others of Skowhegan for increased taxes on railroads, telegraph and telephone companies.

By Mr. Libby of Amity: Petition of E. L. Smart and two others of Sebols for same; of Edward W. Stone and 17 others for same; of Dr. V. E. Laguson and 10 others of New Sweden for same; of Milo W. Cone and 20 others of Hodgdon for same; of N. E. Saley and 14 others of Houlton for same; of John W. Davidson and 25 others of Houlton for same.

By Mr. Lord of Vassalboro: Petition of C. W. Mansur and two others of Mt. Vernon for same.

By Mr. Cummings of Manchester: Petition of E. E. Peacock and 28 others of Readfield for same.

By Mr. Russell of Gardiner: Petition of S. A. Jewett and 12 others of Pitts- ton for same.

By Mr. Hussey of Windsor: Petition of A. F. Fellowes and 16 others of Fayette for same; of O. Crawford and 11 others of Vassalboro for same.

By Mr. Gilbert of Litchfield: Petition of M. F. Norcross and nine others of Winthrop for same; of J. F. Faulkenham and 22 others for same.

By Mr. Allen of Richmond: Petition of C. M. White and 11 others of Bowdoinham for same.

By Mr. Hodgkins of Damariscotta: Petition of Ambrose M. Reilley and 31 others for same.

By Mr. Kelley of Boothbay: Petition of E. R. Bryant and 37 others of Bristol for same; of E. J. Ervine and 18 others of Bristol for same.

By Mr. Allen of Richmond: Petition of F. A. Rackley and nine others of Topsham for same.

By Mr. Bisbee of Rumford: Petition of I. F. Saunders and 22 others of Oxford county for same.

By Mr. Smith of Andover: Petition of J. A. Ames and 32 others of Sumner for same.

By Mr. Bearce of Eddington: Petition of W. A. Allen and 17 others of Stoneham for same.

By Mr. Nelson of Hebron: Petition of E. H. Nason and 49 others of Waterford for same.

By Mr. Millett of Minot: Petition of M. Gould and 70 others of Hiram for same.

By Mr. Trimble of Calais: Petition of W. A. Rideout and 18 others of Calais for same.

By Mr. White of Columbia: Petition of T. W. Rockwell and 11 others of Columbia for same.

By Mr. Bogue of East Machias: Petition of Ernest Cram and 22 others for same.

By Mr. Pressley of Trescott: Petition of E. W. Livermore and 14 others for same.

By Mr. Sanborn of Dover: Petition of H. S. Towne and 27 others of Dover for same; of G. H. Hamilton and 10 others for same.

By Mr. Porter of Mapleton: Petition of Walter L. Strout and 11 others of Milbridge for same; of S. A. Greenlaw and six others of Milbridge for same; of Henry A. Wallace and 17 others of Milbridge for same.

By Mr. Libby of Amity: Petition of H. A. Larrabee and 12 others of Carroll for same; of E. W. Thibodeaux and 14 others of Carroll for same.

By Mr. Duncan of Rockland: Petition of Oscar Marshall and 16 others of St. George for same; of J. Herbert Gould and 35 others of Camden for same; of Fairfield Calderwood and 43 others of Vinalhaven for same; of Nelson H. Gordon and 34 others of St. George for same; of W. S. Irish and 16 others of Camden for same; of Fairfield Calderwood and 43 others for same; of W. S. Irish and nine others for same; of W. S. Glidden and eight others for same.

By Mr. Thompson of Skowhegan: Petition of S. F. Emerson and 22 others of Skowhegan for same.

By Mr. Bearce of Eddington: Petition of L. R. Lassell and 10 others of Bradford for same; of F. W. Turner and 16 others of Levant for same; of J. M. Cossar and eight others of Winn for same; of George Grant and 23 others of Drew plantation for same; of E. E. Gross and 14 others of North Penobscot for same; of M. J. Dow and 16 others of Plymouth for same; of J. J. Thurston and 18 others of Kenduskeag for same; of George Plummer and 51 others of Charleston for same; of F. O. Batchelder and 49 others of Garland for same; of Samuel L. Freese and 22 others of Argyle for same.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Petition of Stephen N. Roberts and seven others and seven others of North Berwick for same; of E. J. Gerrish and 14 others of Lebanon for same.

By Mr. Thompson of Skowhegan: Petition of J. L. Swan and 20 others of Fairfield for same.

By Mr. Jones of Bucksport: Petition of B. H. Higgins and 16 others of Eden for same; of W. B. Estabrook and 25 others of Sullivan for same; of C. W. Sargent and five others of Sorrento for same; of William R. King and eight others of Lamolne for same; of R. E. Grindle and seven others of North Penobscot for same; of H. O. Johnson and nine others of Sullivan for same; of W. S. Thorn and 35 others for same; of S. R. Cushman and seven others of Steuben for same.

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Petition of F. W. Patterson and 10 others of Industry for same; of R. H. Fox and 28 others of Caribou for same; of L. G.

Kyes and 26 others of North Jay for same; of Ernest Vining and 13 others of Strong for same; of C. F. Fellows and nine others of Industry for same; of C. N. Blackwell and one other of Freeman for same; of A. J. Spinney and 13 others of Industry for same.

By Mr. Additon of Leeds: Petition of V. W. Carll and 18 others for same; of C. P. Saunders and 31 others of Livermore for same; of C. E. Scribner and 27 others of Casco for same; of S. H. Stockman and 17 others of Lewiston for same; of J. D. Kirkpatrick and 17 others of Auburn for same; of Charles E. Day and 22 others of Livermore for same; of F. N. Gilman and 18 others of Turner for same; of M. B. Sanborn and 12 others of Greene for same; of A. H. Pratt and three others of Turner for same; of H. G. Parsons and 15 others of Turner for same; of W. B. Frost and 14 others of East Livermore for same.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Remonstrance of Hiram O. Lord and others of Lebanon against levying State tax on land alone; of E. J. Gerrish and 10 others of Lebanon against same.

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By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Petition of Stephen M. Roberts and six others of North Berwick in favor of change in method of selecting State assessors; of E. J. Gerrish and nine others of Lebanon for same; remonstrance of Hiram O. Lord and others of Lebanon against further rebate of taxes to railroads.

By Mr. Duncan of Rockland: Remonstrance of Robert Simmons and 11 others of West Rockport against same.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Remonstrance of E. J. Gerrish and 10 others of Lebanon against same.

By Mr. Varney of Lebanon: Remonstrance of Stephen M. Roberts and seven others of North Berwick against any further rebate of taxes to railroads.

By Mr. Thompson of Skowhegan: Remonstrance of J. L. Swan and 19 others of Fairfield against same.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Andrews from the committee on the judiciary reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 46 of Chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to lien claims."

Mr. Peters from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to provide for the acknowledgment of discharges of mortgages of real estate."

Messrs. Hastings, Davies, Montomery, Wing, Baxter, Burleigh, Andrews and Peters from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on resolve to amend Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Mr. Coolidge from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 115, Section 3, as further amended by Chapter 9 of the Public Laws of 1907, and Chapter 131, Sections 13 and 14, as amended by Public Laws of 1907."

Mr. Snow from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to abolish the Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to repeal Chapter 7 of the Public Laws of 1907, in relation to lumbering transactions."

Mr. Marshall from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mortgages."

Mr. Morse from same committee reported same on resolve in favor of William R. Marshall, administrator.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on towns reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to divide the town of Kennebunkport and incorporate the town of Arundel."

The reports were accepted.

Mr. Smith from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to create a State police force."

The report was tabled, pending acceptance, on motion of Mr. Marshall of Portland.

Mr. Jones from the committee on railroads and expresses on bill "An Act additional to Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes of Maine," reported that the same be indefinitely postponed.

The report was accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Burleigh from the committee on the judiciary reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Bangor Railway & Electric Co."

Mr. Wing from same committee reported same on bill "An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 29 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light & Heat Co.'"

Mr. Hcrsey from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to prohibit expectoration in certain public places."

Mr. Davies from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to incorporate the Hiram Water, Light & Power Co."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act providing for the better protection of the people of the State of Maine from the disease known as tuberculosis."

Mr. Montgomery from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to render valid the doings of the Monmouth Ridge Cemetery Association."

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Kezar Falls Water Co."

Mr. Coolidge from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to real action."

Mr. Smith from same committee reported same on bill "An Act relating to pleading a discharge in bankruptcy."

Mr. Marshall from same committee reported "ought to pass in new draft" on bill "An Act for the better observance of Sunday," under title of "An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, relating to hunting on Sunday."

Mr. Mcrse from same committee re-

ported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 43 of the Public Laws of 1907, entitled 'An Act for the protection of children.'"

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass in new draft under same title" on bill "An Act to permit certain plantations to assume the maintenance of their roads and bridges."

Mr. Hall from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to establish the Kingman municipal court."

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass in new draft under same title" on bill "An Act to authorize the town of Thorn-dike to remove bodies from abandoned cemetery."

Mr. Bragdon from the committee on railroads and expresses reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Bay Railroad Co."

Mr. Bartlett from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to incorporate the R & T Cement Railroad."

Mr. Hodgkins from same committee reported same on bill "An Act organizing the Oquossoc Railway Co."

Mr. Thompson from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to extend the charter of the Winter Harbor & Easton Railway Co."

Mr. Spear from same committee reported "ought to pass in new draft under same title" on bill "An Act to incorporate the Fore River Shore Line."

Mr. Trimble from same committee reported "ought to pass in new draft" on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 47 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the Waterville & Fairfield Railroad Co.," under title of "An Act relating to the Waterville & Fairfield Railway & Light Co."

Mr. Connors from the committee on interior waters reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act to authorize the plantation of Portage Lake to erect, maintain and control a wharf in Portage lake, in the county of Aroostook."

Mr. Colby from same committee re-

ported same on bill "An Act relating to the Carrabassett Dam Co."

Mr. Bartlett from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to authorize Cora B. Norris to build and maintain wharves and piers in Cochewagan lake in Monmouth."

Mr. Jordan from the committee on State lands and State roads reported "ought to pass in new draft under same title" on resolved to provide for repairs of road leading from Roach river to the Grant farm.

Mr. Harris from same committee reported same on resolved in favor of repairing the road between Seboomook and Pittston farm.

Mr. Cole from the committee on ways and bridges reported "ought to pass in new draft" on resolve in favor of building a highway bridge across the Kennebec river at Pishon's ferry, under title of resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Kennebec river between the towns of Fairfield and Clinton, in the counties of Somerset and Kennebec.

Mr. Colby from the committee on taxation reported "ought to pass" on bill "An Act relating to the taxation of street railroads."

Mr. True from same committee reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 13 (Paragraph 2) of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation of personal property"

Mr. Trickey from same committee reported "ought to pass in new draft under same title" on bill "An Act relating to the taxation of steam railroads."

The reports were accepted and bills and resolves ordered printed under joint rules.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to incorporate the Parlin Stream Dam & Improvement Co.

An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of 1907 relating to highways.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport Street Railway Co.

An Act to incorporate the North Parsonsfield Water Co.

An Act in relation to the South Paris Village Corporation to establish a mu-

nicipal water system for said corporation.

An Act empowering the Governor to remove county attorneys. (Tabled pending third reading on motion of Mr. Rounds of Portland).

Resolve in favor of the town of Williamsburg.

An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public schools.

An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the removal of unworthy attorneys.

To amend Section 11 of Chapter 211 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to Bangor municipal court.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison.

Passed To Be Enacted.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bethel Trust Co.

An Act to authorize Florence B. Alley and others to fence Alley cemetery in the town of Boothbay, and to erect monuments or markers at the graves therein.

An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Light Power Co.

An Act to amend and extend the provisions of Chapter 375 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905 entitled "An Act to authorize the town of Castine to construct for itself and for persons and corporations a system of water works in said town. (Tabled pending passage to be enacted on motion of Mr. Peters of Ellsworth.)"

An Act to provide for ice fishing as provided in the general law of the State in South Branch, Carpenter, Littlefield and Fowler ponds, Piscataquis county, also to close Davis pond, Penobscot county, to all kinds of fishing.

An Act to enable the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Co. to construct and maintain a wharf at the east shore of Sebago lake in the town of Wyman in the county of Cumberland.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Hollingsworth & Whitney Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Kennebec river.

An Act to increase the salary of the judge of the superior court for Kennebec county.

An Act to incorporate the Bibber's Island Water Co.

An Act to extend the charter of the Investment Trust Co.

An Act to provide for the attesting of public records, deeds and other instruments.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1907 to enable cities to assess taxes for street sprinkling.

An Act to incorporate the Sagamore Insurance Co.

An Act to extend the charter of the Stonington Electric Light & Power Co.

Resolve relating to Mason's island.

Resolve in favor of Susan E. Dumpher, widow of Charles Dumpher, late of Co. G, 6th Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, Civil War.

Orders of the Day.

Unfinished business: Resolve in favor of aid in building highway bridge across East Branch of the Penobscot river at Medway.

The pending question being the motion of Mr. Pike of Eastport that the further consideration of this resolve be postponed to next Tuesday—

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker, I desire to state to the House that the consideration of the general county bridge bill will take place in the Senate tomorrow, and pending the decision of the Senate I think that the consideration of this matter should be deferred until next Tuesday. I think we should dispose of the county bridge bill first. There is legislation before the Senate covering the subject matter of these private bills, and it seems to me proper that we should defer the consideration of this until that is decided.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, this resolve has been on the table since the 24th of February. I can see no reason why the House should not take it up today and dispose of it on its merits and have it out of the way and not get it mixed up with other matters and have the thing delayed along so that a little later we won't know where we are at. I hope

the House will take this matter up and dispose of it on its merits at the present time.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I hope the House will discuss this matter at the present time. This is a little town and it cannot afford, and the county cannot afford, to build this bridge, and we all know that Millinocket and East Millinocket are growing very fast. I understand that the county will not build it and it is a matter for the State to appropriate the money.

Mr. BEYER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I happen to have been up in that territory and I know something about the condition and needs of this bridge. I am heartily in favor of it. This is a special locality where they cannot build it themselves and it is one of those cases where it is right and proper that the State should appropriate money for that bridge. I certainly hope that this resolve will receive consideration at the present time.

The question being on the motion to postpone further consideration of the resolve until next Tuesday—

The motion was lost.

The pending question being the second reading of the resolve—

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker, I shall detain the House but a few moments in setting forth my reasons for moving the indefinite postponement of this resolve. This is a resolve carrying an appropriation of \$20,000. It is for the construction of a bridge from the little town of Medway having a population of 247 and a valuation of \$100,000; and in view of the fact that the schedule of appropriations already before us amounts to nearly \$11,000,000 it seems to me that the expenditure of \$20,000 at this time is not proper. Where are we to stop? Are we to grant every appropriation that people ask for who came in here? It seems to me that we must draw the line somewhere. There is no urgent necessity for the construction of this bridge at this time. It is up there in the wilderness of northern Penobscot county; and I believe that a \$20,000 appropriation can be much better expended in some other manner than in the construction of this bridge. We have

before us appropriations for charitable institutions and for many other matters which are a great deal more pressing than the construction of this bridge; and I ask you, gentlemen, in the interests of economy, to vote for the indefinite postponement of this resolve.

Mr. ROBBINS of Fort Kent: Mr. Speaker, I desire to say just a word as I am one of the committee on ways and bridges. I think I voice the sentiment of every member of that committee when I say that this is one of the fairest and most needed propositions which have been considered before that committee. I see no reason for its indefinite postponement.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, you will see on the back of this resolve a statement of facts. This was brought to our attention in conferring upon this matter. The town of Medway, as the gentleman from Eastport says, is up there in the northern part of Penobscot county, a town with not a large population or much valuation, but it is asking us to build a bridge for them so they can get into the town of Millinocket and can market their produce where they have a large market. The town of Millinocket would like to have this bridge. And this appropriation asked for is not for the whole construction. This county and the towns surrounding have got to put in about dollar for dollar in order to get this bridge there. Now the towns of Millinocket and East Millinocket are growing very fast, growing in population and in valuation, but the little town of Medway is standing still; and as I understand it the town of Millinocket is going to help to build this bridge, otherwise it could not be built. Take it home to yourselves, if you were on one side of the river and the ice was going out and you wanted to get across. I think the people of Millinocket and the people of Medway would like to cross that river, and I think that you, gentlemen, if you happened to be up there would like to do the same thing. When the ice is going out or when the logs are running it is very dangerous to cross. For about four months of the year it is all a man's life is worth to attempt to cross on this ferry. No more worthy a case has been brought before the committee on ways and bridges than this;

therefore I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Eastport will not prevail.

Mr. PETERS of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, I have no personal interest in this matter nor am I a member of the committee which reported the resolve, but I cannot help feeling that from the standpoint of the State there are considerations here which should move us to grant the sum asked for by the resolve. As I understand it, it is not alone one town on one side of this river and one or two on the other that are to be benefited by the proposition, but from the evidence accompanying the resolve there are 11 or 12 towns, plantations and other organizations on one side of the river and a very rapidly growing community on the other, and on account of the present conditions there are no reasonable facilities for communication between these country towns on one side of the river and the rapidly growing manufacturing communities on the other; consequently these farming communities, some 12 towns and plantations, are unreasonably impeded in getting their products to market. There is no bridge over the river. There is a ferry. At times it is impossible to use the ferry. There is ice running in the river at times and there are logs at times and there are conditions of the water and the weather which at times render it impossible to get across at all. Now if the policy of the State is ever to aid local communities in the matter of better facilities of communication it seems to me this is a case where we should act, it seems to me entirely wise and proper to render aid in this case to this community.

It is a very easy thing to raise the cry of economy, but it seems to me that this is one of the things which is entitled to our aid as much as the other matters; it is one of the things we should provide for as well as for the hospitals and the other institutions of the State; it is as important that our large communities like this should have reasonable facilities of communication as it is that our unfortunates should be taken care of; and I see no reason advanced here, nor has any been suggested, why the report of the committee on this matter should not be adopted. The matter of the size of the appropriation we cannot know about. That has been and must be considered

in detail by the committee, and I for one am willing to accept its recommendations; and I also hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone will be defeated.

Mr. DORR of Dresden: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Eastport in giving the number of population of the town of Medway quoted the year 1900 when the population was 297 according to the Maine Register. There is no later population given in this book, but you will notice that the polls in 1900 were 107 and in 1904 they were 143. Evidently there has been quite an increase in population during the past nine years. At our public hearing, at which time we thoroughly investigated this matter, those appearing there claimed that there was a population there now of 600 people; and evidently this is far more deserving now than it would have been in the year 1900. The committee after careful investigation have deemed them worthy. They desired an appropriation of \$30,000; we considered that \$20,000 was sufficient and recommended that sum. I hope that this resolve will have a passage.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker, just one word more. The original resolve asked for \$30,000 for the construction of this bridge, and I doubt if it could be constructed for that amount of money. Finally it was reduced to \$20,000 with the provision that those towns may contribute to its support; but, gentlemen, these towns are so small that they cannot contribute a dollar toward the construction of this bridge. The testimony before the committee on ways and bridges was to the effect that the town of Medway could not contribute any appreciable amount to its construction. Now \$20,000 will not construct that bridge. In two years from today these men will be here before the next Legislature asking for an additional appropriation to complete the construction of this bridge. When the State once undertakes to construct a bridge of course it must carry it out; and I submit, gentlemen, that we ought not at this time to grant this appropriation.

Mr. STRICKLAND: Mr. Speaker: May I ask the gentleman from Eastport a question?

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman

from Eastport yield to the gentleman from Bangor for a question?

Mr. PIKE: Certainly.

Mr. STRICKLAND: Were you ever at Medway at the mouth of the East Branch of the Penobscot river where they propose to build this bridge?

Mr. PIKE: If I were there I should should never expect to get back without a guide.

Mr. STRICKLAND: I suppose you never were there; I judge so.

Mr. LIBBY of Amity: Mr. Speaker: I think the very fact that those people who live up there in the northern part of that county and are trying to make a living are not able to build their bridge themselves is a good reason why this State should take hold and help them build it. It is vastly different living in the northern part of that county in a poor town where you are not able to help yourselves and living out around these cities where you have good bridges; and I do hope that this House will see fit to help those poor people who live up there so far away that the gentleman from Eastport could not get back without a guide. I hope you will give them this aid to build this bridge.

Mr. BEARCE of Eddington: Mr. Speaker: I feel it my duty to appear on this question for the farmers. It has been my good fortune to visit that part of the backwoods and investigate conditions there, not in regard to a bridge but for other purposes. In the town of Medway they have two ferries, one crossing the main river and one crossing the East Branch. Across the East Branch they ask for this bridge. Now the farmers when going to market, as the principal farms are upon the west side of the main river, must pay two ferriages to get to Millinocket or East Millinocket, and I claim that it is right that we should help them in some way, and I claim that it is opening up a new country, it is developing better farms and better farmers, if we will but take hold and help them build this bridge. I think it is right to do so.

The question being on the motion to

indefinitely postpone the resolve, Mr. Pike called for a division of the House.

A division was had and one voted in the affirmative and 79 in the negative. (Applause).

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost.

The resolve was then read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

Unfinished business: Resolve in favor of a memorial statue of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. HALL of Caribou: Mr. Speaker: As it seems probable that this building may be remodelled by the time another Legislature convenes, I move that this resolve be referred to the next Legislature.

The motion was agreed to.

Unfinished business: Resolve in relation to the early York county deeds.

On motion of Mr. Marshall of Portland the vote was reconsidered whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and pending the passage of the resolve to be engrossed it was tabled on motion of Mr. Wing of Auburn and Tuesday next was assigned for its consideration.

Resolve relating to the documentary history of the State of Maine.

On motion of Mr. Marshall of Portland the House concurred with the Senate in recommitting this resolve to the committee:

Special assignment: An Act to prohibit automobiles from entering the towns of Eden, Mt. Desert, Tremont and Southwest Harbor on the Island of Mt. Desert.

The bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Special assignment: An Act relating to the appointment of school physicians.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth the consideration of this bill was assigned for Tuesday of next week.

Special assignment: An Act to extend

the charter of the Ossipee Valley Power Co.

Mr. Rounds of Portland offered House Amendment A by inserting in Section 10 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907 after the word "gas" in line seven the words "or water."

The amendment was adopted, the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Special assignment: An Act to provide for the removal of foreign paupers.

Mr. ANDREWS of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed. It provides for the removal of paupers by the State board of charities and corrections and the Senate has decided that such a board should not be organized.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Marshall of Portland House Doc. No. 240, An Act to authorize the city of Portland to acquire land for a police station and a central fire station, was taken from the table and on further motion by Mr. Marshall it was referred to the Portland delegation.

On motion of Mr. Beyer of Portland the votes were reconsidered whereby bill, An Act to incorporate the Sandy Stream Dam and Improvement Co. was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Beyer offered House Amendment A by adding Section 8: "Nothing in this act shall impair any right acquired by abutters or riparian owners on this stream under the mill act of this State."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Houlton the vote was reconsidered whereby the House accepted the report of the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence reporting "ought not to pass" on Resolve to aid in the extension of the Kineo road from the Smith farm to the Northeast Carry, and on further motion by Mr. Hersey the Resolve was

referred to the committee on State lands and State roads.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth House Doc. No. 200, An Act to prevent the desecration of the 30th day of May, commonly known as Memorial day and providing penalty for violation, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Davies the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion of Mr. Davies House Doc. No. 257, An Act to reduce the salary of the register of deeds in Cumberland county, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Davies it was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

On motion of Mr. Beyer of Portland House Doc. No. 320, An Act to ratify the organization, acts and doings and extend the powers of the Limerick Water and Electric Co. was taken from the table.

The bill then received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Beyer House Doc. No. 238, An Act to incorporate the Maine Power and Light Co. was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Beyer it was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow of Portland House Doc. No. 199, An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes relating to the terms and appointments of the clerk of courts in the counties of Cumberland, Kennebec and Penobscot, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Bigelow it was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Pattangall of Waterville the report of the committee on agriculture reporting "ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Fair Association, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Pattangall its consideration was assigned for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hersey of Houlton House Doc. No. 251, Resolve in favor of the Aroostook Central Institute was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Hersey it was referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Eastport House Doc. No. 288, An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to hours of labor of women and children was taken from the table and on further motion by Mr. Pike House Amendment A was adopted.

The bill then received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth, House Doc. No. 208, An Act to regulate the practice, system, method of science of treating diseases known as osteopathy and creating a board of examination and registration for the regulation of the same and providing penalties for the violation of this act, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Davies it was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Davies, House Doc. No. 233, An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of smelts, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Davies it was referred to the committee on shore fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Redlon of Portland the rules were suspended and he introduced out of order a remonstrance of E. Richardson and 66 others against the passage of an act to authorize the Trunk Line Power Company to distribute electricity in the towns of Farmington and New Vineyard. (Referred to the committee on judiciary).

On motion of Mr. Trimble of Calais the rules were suspended and he presented out of order an act to incorporate the Calais Water Company, and on further motion by Mr. Trimble the bill was tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Rounds of Portland, House Doc. No. 253, An Act additional to Section 42 and amendatory of Section 49 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appropriation in aid of school superintendent, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Rounds it was referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Wing of Kingfield the

rules were suspended and he presented out of order the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the committee on taxation is hereby directed to inquire into the advisability of modifying the provision of Section 42 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the advertising of list of assessments of wild lands.

The order received a passage.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Caribou, House Doc. No. 321, An Act to legalize and make valid certain acts and doings of the town of Whitneyville, was taken from the table.

Mr. Hall offered House Amendment A by striking out the enacting clause and substituting the following: "Be it enacted by the people of the State of Maine as follows."

The amendment was adopted, the bill received its two readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Frost of Lewiston,

House Doc. No. 322, An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Lakes and Megantic Railroad Company, was taken from the table.

The bill then received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Harmon of Stonington the rules were suspended and he introduced out of order an act for the protection of smelts in Benjamin's river in Hancock county. (Referred to the committee on shore fisheries.)

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth, House Doc. No. 296, An Act changing the name of the board of railroad commissioners to public service commission and providing for the supervision of railroads, street railroads, gas plants, electric light plants, telegraph and telephone lines and express companies, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Davies it was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Fortier of Waterville, Adjourned.