

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1911

for the expenditures of government for the year 1911, reported that same "ought to pass."

The reports were accepted and the bills tabled for printing under joint rules.

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to constitute nine hours a day's work for public employees.

An Act relating to equity procedure.

An Act defining the main trunk line of highway.

An Act to amend a certain Act relating to the Phillips Village Corporation.

#### Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to incorporate the town of Merrill.

An Act to incorporate the Westfield Water Company.

An Act relating to the Mount Desert Transit Company.

#### Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of the town of Baileyville.

Resolve in favor of the town of Porter.

Resolve in favor of the town of Hermon.

Resolve in favor of Arlington J. Day.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Mayo of Hancock, Senate Document No. 146, An Act for the better protection of the herring fishery, with Amendment A, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same Senator the Bill and the Amendment was re-committed to the Committee on Shore Fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Oxford, House Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on Bill, An Act to prohibit ice fishing in Virginia lake, was taken from the table.

Upon further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Edwards of Androscoggin, the Resolve relative to the introduction of Hungarian partridges, was recalled from the executive department.

Upon further motion by the same Senator, the vote whereby the Resolve was finally passed, was reconsidered.

Upon further motion by the same Senator, the vote whereby the Resolve was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered and the Resolve was then re-committed to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Kellogg of Penobscot, Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same Senator, the Senate concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of the Resolve.

On motion by the same Senator, Senate Documents Nos. 142, 143 and 144, Resolves in favor of the county commissioners of Franklin county, were taken from the table.

Upon further motion by the same Senator, the Resolves were given their second reading and were passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Allan of Washington asked the unanimous consent of the Senate to present a Resolve out of order, and the same was granted. Upon further motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and he presented Resolve in favor of the town of Dennysville, and the same was referred to the Committee on Claims and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Milliken of Aroostook, House Document No. 252, An Act relating to holidays, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Bill was given its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Washington,  
Adjourned.

### HOUSE.

Friday, March 3, 1911.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The Senate Order directing the

commissioner of highways to investigate in regard to the condition and cost of maintenance of bridges of six feet and over within the State, was tabled on motion of Mr. Peters of Ellsworth.

#### Senate Bills on First Reading.

Resolve in favor of Frank W. Bucknam, secretary of the commission of pharmacy.

Resolve in favor of the town of Addison.

Resolve in aid of building road in New Canada plantation.

An Act to regulate the transportation of fish and game beyond the limits of the State of Maine for breeding, scientific and advertising purposes.

Resolve to accept the J. H. Gregory gift for the promotion of scientific orcharding in Maine.

An Act to repeal Chapter 382 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907 relating to fishing in Wesserunset stream and tributaries in the county of Somerset.

Resolve in favor of Fred A. Chandler.

Resolve in favor of Frank W. Burnham.

Resolve in favor of Charles A. Rolfe

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

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Clearwater of Hallowell—An Act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of the bodies of persons who have died of infectious diseases. (Tabled for printing pending reference on motion of Mr. Morse of Belfast.)

By Mr. Deering of Portland—Petition of L. W. Bates and 63 others against the charter of the Sandy River Power and Development Company;

Also, Petition of Emory S. Bubier and 78 others, against same.

By Mr. LeBel of Westbrook—Petition of Laura Gendron and 50 others of Biddeford to repeal Chapter 151, Private and Special Laws of 1887, and to substitute in its stead an act providing for incorporation of Roman Catholic parishes;

Also, Petitions of the following persons for same:

Octave Lachance and 74 others of Brunswick;

Pierre Vermette and 33 others of South Berwick;

Ludger Toutant and 91 others of Lewiston;

Alfred Mercier and 131 others of Rumford Falls;

Alexis Forcier and 99 others of Biddeford;

Charles Duchesne and 39 others of Biddeford;

Arthur Duchesne and 33 others of Biddeford;

Raymond Dumaine and 84 others of Biddeford;

Joseph L. Tousignant and 92 others of Biddeford;

Joseph Blais and 99 others of Biddeford;

Philippe Delorme and 39 others of Biddeford;

Zoel J. Sylvester and 103 others of Biddeford;

F. J. Tournier and 65 others of Biddeford;

Arthur H. Hevey and 63 others of Biddeford;

Pierre A. Morin and 22 others of Brunswick;

Damose Boucher and 52 others of Brunswick;

Patrick Michaud and 24 others of Brunswick;

Marie Belanger and 47 others of Brunswick;

Elzebert Brillant and 53 others of Brunswick;

J. Breton and 57 others of Lisbon;

Joseph Pelletier and 94 others of Chisholm;

Etienne Vaillancourt and 92 others of Chisholm;

Areplas Cloutier and 120 others of Chisholm;

Octave Morin and 100 others of Brunswick;

Romuald Fortin and 29 others of Brunswick;

Dolor Livemois and 45 others of Brunswick;

Jules Normand and 30 others of Brunswick;

Ludger Masse and 29 others of Brunswick;

Willie H. Plante and 114 others of Auburn;

Theophile Dechands and 38 others of Auburn;

Andre Lacroix and 102 others of Rumford Falls;

Joseph Lavoie and 52 others of Lewiston;

Elias Gagnon and 50 others of Lewiston;

D. J. McCoy and five others of Rumford Falls;

Archie Auger and 72 others of Rumford Falls;

Joseph Therrien and 56 others of Rumford Falls;

Joseph A. Paquette and 53 others of Brunswick;

Xavier Durand and 30 others of Brunswick;

Eugene J. Lauzon and four others of South Berwick;

Cleophas Dube and 28 others of South Berwick;

Napoleon Lepage and 44 others of Caribou;

L. P. La Fleche and 54 others of Caribou;

Wilfrid M. Gouzuie and 18 others of Westbrook;

George R. Despardins and 39 others of Old Town;

T. H. Plante and 55 others of Auburn;

Alex Leveille and 61 others of Orono;

John Patnaude and 16 others of North Vassalboro;

Charles B. Micher and 71 others of Biddeford;

Petition of L. L. Cromwell and ten others of Wiscasset, for same;

Petition of Lee Dagget and 11 others of Strong, for same;

Petition of E. H. Smith and ten others of New Sharon, for same;

#### Agriculture.

By Mr. Porter of Mapleton—An Act to provide for the further analysis of commercial fertilizers.

#### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Hersey from the Committee on the Judiciary reported "ought not to pass" on Bill, An Act to amend Sections 24 and 31 of Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to qualifications necessary to practicing law.

Mr. Bogue from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 497 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor.

Mr. Goodwin from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to amend the last paragraph of Section 51 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, in relation to terms of the Supreme Judicial Court in York county.

Majority report of same committee, reporting same on Bill, An Act creating a single board form or presentative government for cities and towns in the State of Maine.

(Signed) L. M. STAPLES,  
JOS. WILLIAMSON,  
GEORGE GOODWIN,  
HERBERT W. TRAFTON,  
JOSIAH CHASE,  
F. BOGUE.

Minority report of same committee, reporting "ought to pass" on same bill.

(Signed) IRA G. HERSEY,  
E. F. GOWELL,  
HOWARD DAVIES,  
ALBERT J. STEARNS.

(Reports tabled pending acceptance of either on motion of Mr. Murphy of Portland.)

Mr. Peters from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought not to pass" on Bill, An Act relative to annual and other reports of city and town officials.

Mr. Wheeler from same committee

#### Education.

Petition of George H. Foster and nine others of Canaan for change in distribution of mill tax for schools;

Petition of W. S. Parker and 33 others of Monroe, for same;

Petition of Melvin L. Wilbur and 12 others of Lamolne, for same;

Petition of W. W. Moore and 11 others of Starks, for same;

Petition of L. E. McIntyre and 13 others of Waterford, for same;

Petition of H. S. Ford and eight others of Danville, for same;

Petition of Herman Corbett and 20 others of Farmington, for same;

reported same on Bill, An Act to facilitate the correct recording of conveyances of real estate.

Majority report of same committee, on Bill, An Act relating to mal-practice insurance, reported "ought not to pass."

(Signed) MESSRS. DUNN,  
PELLETIER,  
WILSON,  
WHEELER,  
FARRINGTON  
DODGE,  
PETERS.

Minority report of same committee, on same bill, reported "ought to pass."  
(Signed) PATTANGALL.

Mr. PATTANGALL of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to detain the House but a moment on this matter and I shall not do so. The bill which the legal affairs committee reported in the form that the House has become familiar with from the reading of the report, was a bill introduced by myself seeking to forbid a certain form of insurance which I believed to be against public policy and which I still believe to be against public policy. It was the form of insurance known as mal-practice insurance, under which certain companies undertake to indemnify physicians for damages recovered against them because of any mal-practice on their part. We had a hearing before the committee, and the legal affairs committee with the exception of myself were not satisfied that such insurance was against public policy, and so voted. While the report of that committee does not at all change my mind in the matter, I am still of the opinion that I was when I introduced the bill that about the most vicious thing that could exist in the way of insurance is a policy which prevents a man suffering any liability for actual personal negligence of his own in connection with the serious care of the health of the public, at the same time it would be I think absurd for me to ask this House, it not having heard the case and it not being perhaps able or willing to go into the details of the case as the committee has done, to

take my opinion of the matter as against that of the entire body of the committee outside of myself. I make the statement that I have because I do not wish to be placed in the position of having introduced a bill in which I had no faith or which I did not deem to have merit. Under the circumstances there is only one sensible thing for me to do, and that is, having first stated frankly my opinion in the matter, to move that the House adopt the majority report of the committee; and I make that motion.  
The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Otis from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reported "ought not to pass" on Bill, An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State laboratory of hygiene.

Mr. Clark from the committee on inland fisheries and game reported same on Bill, An Act to prohibit bait casting, so called, for black bass in Lake Cobbosseecontee, in Kennebec county.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to prohibit the throwing of sawdust of other mill waste into the lakes, ponds and streams of the State of Maine.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to regulate ice fishing in Lake Cobbosseecontee, so called, and Lake Maranacook, so called, in Kennebec county, also petitions of D. L. Diplock, H. D. Pinkham, E. E. LeClair and others, asking that Cobbosseecontee lake be open to ice fishing one day in each week.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act in favor of the Brewer Lake Protective Association; also petition of K. W. French and 99 others for the repeal of act prohibiting ice fishing in Brewer pond.

Mr. Ross from the committee on temperance reported same on Bill, An Act to carry into effect Article 26 of the Constitution of Maine.

Mr. Pelletier from the committee on legal affairs, on Bill, An Act relating

to Caribou municipal court, reported that the same be referred to the Aroostook delegation.

Mr. Clark from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on Petition of John C. Taylor, P. H. Williams and others, asking that East, North, Great, Long, Snow, McGraw and Ellis ponds be opened to ice fishing one day in each week; also remonstrances of Fred C. Hartford, B. F. Charles, W. T. Haines, E. W. Towle and others against fishing through the ice in Belgrade system of lakes, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same gentleman from same committee, on Petition of John A. Buckley and 124 others for an open time for ice fishing on Snow pond, so-called, one of the chain of Belgrade lakes, in Kennebec county; also remonstrance of James Tebbetts and 59 others against ice fishing in Snow pond, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Mallet from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reported "ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the State Board of Health.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the Waldo County General hospital.

Mr. Kelley from the committee on Resolve in favor of A. J. Cameron. The reports were accepted.

Mr. Hersey from the committee on the judiciary reported "ought to pass" on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 359 of the Special Laws of 1909, relating to the maintenance of a dam across Big Machias stream, in the town of Ashland.

Mr. Goodwin from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Scarborough and Cape Elizabeth Railway Company.

Mr. Chase from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the city of Waterville.

Mr. Trafton from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sentence for maintaining a nuisance.

Mr. Hersey from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Norridgewock Water Company.

Same gentleman from same commit-

tee reported same on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Sangerville Village Corporation.

Mr. Trafton from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Franklin Water Company.

Mr. Chase from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Cherryfield Water Company.

Mr. Bogue from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to ratify the change of name of the Brunswick Power Company.

Mr. Peters from the committee on legal affairs reported same on Bill, An Act to incorporate the David Improvement Company.

Mr. Wheeler from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act relating to the solemnization of marriages.

Mr. Wilson from same committee reported same on Bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 137 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to the charter of the city of Auburn and the creation of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Libby from the committee on agriculture reported same on Bill, An Act to amend Sections 11 and 13 of Chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the licensing of dogs.

Mr. Williamson from the committee on the judiciary, on Bill, An Act to authorize the removal of bodies of deceased persons from the old cemetery in the Plantation of Elliottsville, reported the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Goodwin from same committee, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 625 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to the Board of Police of the city of Biddeford, reported the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee, on Bill, An Act relating to the Vassalboro, Windsor and China Light and Power Company, reported the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Peters from the committee on legal affairs, on Bill, An Act granting a new charter to the Farmington

Village Corporation, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft accompanying.

Mr. Wheeler from same committee, on Bill, An Act in relation to the Rumbold Falls municipal court, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft accompanying.

Mr. Dunn from same committee, on Bill, An Act in relation to employment agencies, reported that the same ought to pass in new draft accompanying.

Mr. Mayo from the same committee, on shore fisheries, on Bill, An Act relating to the protection of smelts along the coast of Maine, reported the same in a new draft under the title of "An Act relating to the protection of smelts along the coast of Maine from Casco bay to Penobscot bay," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Mace from the committee on claims reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Free High school precinct in the town of Dumont known as North Dumont precinct, District No. 1.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Frank M. Colby.

Mr. McCready from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the counties of Kennebec and Somerset.

Mr. Clearwater from same committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Albion.

Mr. Colby from the committee on Taxation reported same on Resolve for the appointment of delegates to the conferences of the International Tax Association.

Mr. Libby from the committee on agriculture, on Resolve providing for an appropriation for the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, reported the same in a new draft under title of "Resolve providing for an appropriation for the protection of trees and shrubs

from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, for the year 1912," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Libby from the committee on agriculture, on Resolve providing for an appropriation for the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases, reported the same in a new draft under same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Hastings from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Resolve in favor of the town of Milinocket, reported that the same be referred to the committee on State lands and State roads. (Report accepted.)

Mr. Mace from the committee on claims, on Resolve in favor of John A. McDonald, reported that same be referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds. (Report accepted.)

Mr. ALLEN of Jonesboro: Mr. Speaker, I ask for the privilege of explaining the action of the committee on temperance in reporting ought not to pass on the measure known as the Otis bill. The committee gave this bill a careful hearing, and after due consideration they thought that while there were features of merit attached to the bill, there were also imperfections which in view of the limited time given to perfect them made it inexpedient to report otherwise than the committee did report. I was requested to say this or to make this word of explanation in behalf of the committee, and also in behalf of the gentleman from Rockland.

Mr. OTIS of Rockland: Mr. Speaker, I am aware that I am not strictly in order but I hope the House will pardon me one word. It was my in-



tion at this time as the author of that bill to deliver a very brief oration upon it, but in view of what the member of the committee has stated I think perhaps it is unnecessary. I did not present the bill as perfect. I know it was crude, but I only wished to call the attention of the House to two things. In the first place, as that bill shows, there can be for the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors a bill produced that is workable, which after being properly protected is a workable law which is neither license nor prohibition but contains the good features of both, and that can be substituted for them so that if we repeal the prohibitory law of Maine it does not mean, as is so frequently claimed, that we must follow the example of any other State. The motto of Maine still holds true. We have it in our power to give a better bill and a better liquor law than any other State has. I introduced that bill to show that it could be done, not that that bill does it but that it could be done, that we were not tied down to these alternatives.

Secondly, I wish to call the attention of the members and the public to the fact as shown by this measure, if any one will take the pains to read it, that it demonstrates the fact that under our present Constitution, the Constitution as it stands with the prohibitory provision in it, it is possible to draw a law and that this Legislature might pass a law if it chose and have it become a law that would be the loosest kind of a law to draw and not even a license law, but almost anything, under that provision of the Constitution which provides that liquor can be sold for medicinal and mechanical purposes. It is entirely competent for the Legislature at any time to pass the most loose and liberal kind of a liquor law that could be thought of, and consequently, if they vote down resubmission it don't help their case one mite. The prohibitory constitutional article as it stands amounts to nothing for the cause of prohibition. I wish to call the attention of the House to those two things.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills.

An Act relating to the payment of damage to growing crops by deer.

An Act giving Rumford Falls Village Corporation additional powers to raise money.

An Act to authorize the mayor of the city of Portland to appoint commissioners of cemeteries and public grounds.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Title Insurance Company.

An Act relating to the board of overseers of the poor of the city of Portland.

An Act in relation to the appointment of guardians by consent.

An Act relating to the assessment of taxes in organized plantations, included in the Maine Forestry District.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Fort William Henry in the town of Bristol.

Resolve relating to an equestrian statue of Major General Oliver O. Howard.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Portland.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General hospital at Portland.

Resolve in favor of the Holy Innocents Home for Infants in the city of Portland.

Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Asylum of Portland.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Maine Institution for the Blind.

Resolve in favor of Roy Morrison.

Resolve, constituting the State treasurer the trustee of the Isaac Sanford legacy for the deaf, dumb and blind, and providing for the expenditure of the interest thereon.

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

House Bill, No. 312, An Act relating to fishing in Fenderson brook.

House Bill, No. 313, An Act to regulate fishing in Whetstone pond.

House Bill, No. 314, An Act to regulate fishing in Hall pond.

House Bill, No. 318, An Act relating to fishing in Spear stream.

House Bill, No. 319, An Act to regulate fishing in Big Concord pond.

House Bill, No. 320, An Act to prohibit throwing sawdust in Piscataquis river.

House Bill, No. 321, An Act to prohibit throwing sawdust into Duck Puddle pond.

House Bill, No. 322, An Act relating to fishing in Royals river.

House Bill, No. 323, An Act relating to the taking of white perch.

House Bill, No. 324, An Act relating to ice fishing in Eagle lake.

House Bill, No. 326, An Act to prohibit the catching of eels in Georges river.

House Bill, No. 327, An Act relating to fishing in Webb's river.

House Bill, No. 329, An Act relative to the Bangor and Brewer bridge.

House Bill, No. 269, An Act to construct a building for registry of deeds at Van Buren.

Senate Bill, No. 123, An Act relating to merger of Somerset, Washington County and Sebasticook & Moosehead Railroads with Maine Central Railroad.

#### Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to amend Section 97 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the appropriation for schooling in unorganized townships.

An Act to amend Chapter 219 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to the appointment of a recorder to the Eastport municipal court.

An Act to repeal Chapter 404 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the reconstruction of Portland bridge.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, relating to order of notice by the supreme judicial court.

An Act requiring proprietors, managers and persons having charge of establishments or places where women or girls are employed to permit the use of chairs, stools or other contrivances for the seating of such employes for rest when not actively engaged in du-

ties inconsistent with such requirement, and providing penalties for violation thereof.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment and fees of masters in chancery.

An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of witnesses.

An Act to amend Section 91 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liability of towns in not maintaining guide posts at crossings of ways.

An Act to incorporate the Cold Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

An Act to authorize the city of Lewiston to take ice from the Androscoggin river, Lake Auburn and other ponds in Androscoggin county and sell the same at cost to its inhabitants.

An Act relating to the merger of the Portland Trust Company into the Fidelity Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Company.

An Act additional to Chapter 406 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled "An Act creating the Norway Village Corporation, as amended by Chapter 451 of the Private and Special Laws of 1851, Chapter 314 of the private and Special Laws of 1870, Chapter 185 of the Private and Special Laws of 1875, Chapter 309 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, relating to a public sewer for said corporation."

An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 352 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, relating to the salary of judge of the municipal court of Caribou.

#### Finally Passed.

Resolved in favor of the acceptance of gifts from Ex-Governor Frederick Robie.

#### Orders of the Day.

Mr. Heffron of Eastport introduced an order relating to the investigation of the herring fishery, and on motion of Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven the order was tabled for printing.

Mr. PATTANGALL of Waterville:

Mr. Speaker, I have a resolve which I would like to introduce under a suspension of the rules, a resolve in favor of the towns of Solon and Emden in Somerset county calling for an appropriation for the erection of a bridge between those towns in the sum of \$13,645. I want to say a word in explanation of it. The Legislature in 1909 appropriated \$20,000 to build a bridge between Solon and Emden conditional upon the county of Somerset contributing \$5000. The county was unable in 1909 to vote \$5000 on account of then being up to its debt limit for some other matters, and the two towns, Solon and Emden contributed the part which the county should have contributed, \$5000, and the bridge was started in the fall of 1910. Some six thousand odd dollars worth of work was done there and paid for by the State besides the work done on account of the \$5000 paid by the towns. When the last administration was coming to a close, December 31, 1910, it was thought that the appropriation would lapse unless some action was taken. The bridge was then only partially completed and is not now entirely completed; and there were no bills in the treasury for the last \$13,645.22. Now the Governor and Council drew a warrant for that amount of money, and permitted one member of the Governor's Council to cash that warrant in the State treasury, or rather to get checks for it, which was the same thing, and the checks were deposited with him with the understanding that when the bridge was done he would pay for it. That idea was not considered any irregular way of doing business at that time. It has been said that that has been done a good many times before. I don't know anything about the precedents for it; but at any rate the incoming administration was not satisfied with that method of doing business, and called upon the party who held the checks to return them to the State treasurer. I presume that the present administration felt that the State treasurer was the proper custodian of such funds. Now I am not relating these matters for the purpose of crit-

icizing anybody but simply to explain why it is necessary to pass a resolve. That money having been turned back to the State treasurer there is no authority on the part of anybody at the present time to pay for this bridge when it is completed, and I understand it will be completed this spring; and out of fairness and decency towards the towns of Solon and Emden which have put in some money and have contracted for the expenditure of more money on the strength of the old resolve, the State ought to be placed in a position to pay the bill. The only way that can be done is by the passage of a new resolve; and at the request of the gentlemen who have investigated the affair, the treasury department drew this resolve, and I desire to submit it under a suspension of the rules; and I ask that it be received and referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. STRICKLAND of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, yesterday this House passed an order directing that a schedule showing the amount of appropriations already passed and pending before committees be returned in a tabulated form to this House on next Wednesday. On the 14th day of February an order was introduced into the House and passed on the 15th, and passed in the Senate on the 16th, which says "No Act or Resolve involving any appropriation of money shall be engrossed without having indorsed thereon in addition to the usual indorsements by the officers of the Senate and House, the following: 'Examined and recorded by the committee on appropriations and financial affairs,' and it shall also be signed by the chairman."

I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that with few exceptions the committees have paid no attention to that order, and the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in order to get at the amount of money that has been appropriated have been obliged to go to the engrossing clerk to get those figures, and I think, representing the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, that this order should

be obeyed and that we may get from these committees the amounts of money which they have appropriated, and unless we do we shall be unable to make up and prepare any such tabulation as this House ordered prepared yesterday. I cannot make it too emphatic because this retards our work to a great extent, not knowing these things.

The SPEAKER: The matter has been called to the attention of the House and the clerk is directed to carry out to the letter the terms of the order, and any appropriation or resolve that does not receive the indorsement of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, until this House should change the rule, will be held in abeyance.

On motion of Mr. Strickland of Bangor, bill, An Act relating to the duties of the State and local assessors, was taken from the table.

The bill then received its two readings and was assigned for Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Pelletier of Van Buren the rules were suspended and he introduced a bill, An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Bridge Company, and on further motion by Mr. Pelletier it was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Bisbee of Rumford the rules were suspended and he introduced two bills, An Act to incorporate the Rumford Water District, and An Act in relation to the Rumford Falls Village Corporation and to establish a municipal water system for said corporation.

On further motion by Mr. Bisbee these bills were tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Bogue of East Machias, bill, An Act to regulate the number, also the number of pounds, of landlocked salmon, trout, togue and white perch which can be taken and had in pos-

session in any one day by one person, was taken from the table.

The bill then received its two readings and was assigned for Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Bearce of Eddington, bill, An Act regulating fishing in Fitts pond, was taken from the table.

Mr. Bearce offered an amendment to Section 1 by adding after the word "Clifton" in the third line the word "Eddington."

The amendment was adopted, the bill then received its second reading as amended and was assigned for Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. Murphy of Portland, bill, An Act relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Murphy it was recommitted to the committee on Indian affairs.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, bill, An Act for the equalization of school privileges, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Williamson of Augusta, Senate Amendment A to House Document 145, An Act granting additional powers to the Lubec Sardine Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Williamson the amendment was adopted in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, bill, An Act relating to the hunting of deer in the town of Searsmont, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Williamson the House concurred with the Senate in indefinitely postponing the bill.

On motion of Mr. Weymouth of Saco, bill, An Act relating to tuition in High schools, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hedman of New Sweden,

Adjourned.