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#### HOUSE.

#### Wednesday, February 3rd, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Boothby of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: ORDERED. the House concurring, that the secretary of the Senate be directed and instructed to inform the state printer and the state binder that this legislature is the sole constitutional judge of the necessity, character, quantity and time limit of its printing and binding; that its determination of these questions is final and not subject to the review of any other department or government, that the legislature now in session has not delegated to any person or department, outside of the legislature, any authority or control over its legislative printing and binding, and that in the matter of legislative printing and binding, the state printer and the state binder are expected to promptly respect, obey and execute the orders of the legislature.

In the Senate this order received a passage, and comes to the House Tor concurrent action.

Mr. Clifford of Lewiston moved that the order be laid upon the table.

WESCOTT Bluehill: Mr. Mr. of Speaker, in view of the fact that just so long as this order lays upon the table the state printing is held up and the work of this legislature is retarded, I call for the yeas and nays upon this motion.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the pending question which is the motion to lay this order upon the table. Upon this question the yeas and nays have been ordered. All those in favor of the motion, when their names are called, will answer yes; all those opposed will answer no. The clerk will call the roll.

Yeas-Ballard, Brawn, Brown, Augurn, Gloucester; Brawn, Brown, Augurn, Brown, New Sharon; Clifford, Connellan, Corners Currier, Davis, Descoteaux,

Douglass, Drapeau, Durgain, Fossett, Gallagher, Gerrish, Gilmour, Goldthwaite, Gooding, Goodwin, Greeley, Gr. Haskell, Hill, Hobbs, Hodgkins, Greenleaf. Jameson, Libby, Lord, Maxwell, McCarty, Mc-Corrison, McCurdy, McIntire, Millett, Mullin, Michaud, Neilon, Mulligan, Peabbles, Noyes, Perkins. Newell. Farmington; Pierce. Picher. Pierce. Plerce, Pollaru, Plummer, Pollaru, Plummer, Small, Smith, Tab-Houlton; Russell, Lewiston; butt, Tate, Thib Ward, Wasgatt, Webb, We. Wyman. Welch, Watts, Wheeler, Wilkins, Woo NAYS-Albert, Allen, Woodman, NAYS-Albert, Allen, Ames, Averill, Beal, Benn, Besse, Blake, Oakland; Bon-ney, Bradbury, Bragdon, Campbell, Car-son, Chadboury, Bragdon, Campbell, Carson, Chadbourre, Chaplin, Chamberlin, Clement, Cobb, Coffin, Daigle, Danforth, Dilling, Drummond, Dutton, Edwards, Ellis, Erskine, Evans, Fay, Ford, Grant, Greaton, Greenlaw, Hanson, Saco; Han-Hart, Higs an Littleneid, son, Sanford; Holt, Gouldst Harper. Gouldsboro: Jordan. McNally, Meauer, Nicholas, Lombard, McKinley, Mitchen, O'Connell, Perna. Russell, St. Peterson, O'Con. Ricker, Kuss Calais; Sn Ranney, Ŕyder, Alfred; St. Clair Rockland; Snow. Thombs Tobey. Sanborn, Towle, Tuttle, Varney, Wat-Washburn, erhouse, Wescott, Wilson, ABSENT-Bourque, Br Wise. Brann, Bussey,

Colcord, Corliss, Gould, Haraden, Holt, Skowhegan; Lawrence, Leader, Lewis, Skowhegan; Mansir, Robinson. Yeas, 68.

Nays, 70. Absent, 13.

The Speaker: Sixty-eight having voted in the affirmative, and 70 in the negative, the motion is lost.

The pending question being on the adoption of the order in concurrence with the Senate,

Mr. Thombs of Lincoln moved that the House concur with the Senate in the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the House briefly to this order, in regard to which we are asked to concur with the Senate. I wish the House to consider before deciding to concur with the Senate, what useful purpose the adoption of this order serves.

The order reads this way: "Ordered. the House concurring, that the secretary of the Senate be directed and instructed to inform the state printer and the state binder that this legislature is the sole constitutional judge of the necessity, character, quantity and time limit of its printing and binding." Now, whether the House and the Senate join in such an order, that that is so or is not so, can not affect, and everybody here knows it

cannot affect in one earthly particular article is subject to any the truth of the matter there set forth; hereinafter noted." if the legislature is the sole constitutional judge of those matters, it is and it is that no one but the legislature has no more the constitutional judge of such any authority to make any rules or matters because the legislature passes an regulations about the legislative printorder to that effect. If the legislature ing, the Governor and Council overis not the constitutional judge of the stepped their authority in making this necessity of these matters, the passing of this order saying that it is the constitutional judge can not in any way that the present Governor and Counenlarge, increase or amplify the rights of the legislature, or of the House or Senate, and can in no way diminish or decrease or qualify the rights of the Governor and Council.

The order then goes on to say "that the legislature now in session has not delegated to any person or department, outside of the legislature, any authority or control over its legislative printing and binding." That, as far as this legislature is concerned, is true, but the legislature of 1905 passed an Act giving the Governor and Council authority to contract for the legislative printing, in so many words. I was not a member of the legislature at that time, but undoubtedly the legislature at that time included many good lawyers, and it either had the right or did not have the right to pass any such statute and to a certain extent tie the hands of future legislatures. The fact remains that that statute was passed in 1905, and under the provisions of that statute the last Governor and Council made a contract with Burleigh and Flynt, or I may not be correct in the name of the company, but with one firm here in Augusta for printing, and with another firm here in Augusta for binding: and upon this question of over-time there was this article inserted in the contract which was not limited to any particular kind of printing but covered by its terms all the printing included in that contract which under the authority of the Act included the legislative printing. That contract provides in article seven, as follows: "For over-time, that is, work in the night time and such times as the operatives are entitled by custom to time and a half, when authorized by the Governor and Council, price and one-half will be allowed. This be changed, but for the present the

exceptions

If it be true, as this order states, contract, and that is not the present Governor and Council; but the stand cil have taken on this matter can be justified under this contract made by the last Governor and Council, that is, Governor Haines and his Council.

Now the matter has been taken up, as you know, gentleman, and the Attorney General was called in before the Governor and Council last evening and gave his opinion, I have talked with him this morning over the telephone, and he informs me that this extract from the Kennebec Journal is a proper statement of his opinion. He interpreted the Law as meaning that the legislature was the judge of what printing it needed, and when printed matter should be delivered. Under the contract it was for the Governor and Council to say when over-time was necessary in filling the orders as given by the legislature."

That is the opinion of the Attorney General, as expressed to the Governor and Council yesterday. After that the Governor and Council passed another order, which is as follows: "Voted: That the messenger to the Governor and Council be directed to notify the parties doing the state printing and binding for the legislature under contract with the State that no claims for extra pay in connection with said work will be allowed unless the work for which such claims are made falls within the rules of the contracts existing between the State and the printer and binder as such contracts are construed and understood by the Governor and Council."

Such an order as that must be and cannot be anything else but perfectly proper and right under the circumstances. The legislature is not anauditing board on bills presented; we do not audit bills for our own expenditures, but the Governor and Council in this State are the final auditing board. It has been suggested that that Governor and Council, as we are now organized and under the constitution of this State, is the final auditing board upon questions of this kind; and it must be apparent, gentlemen, that this last message from the Governor and Council which supersedes any other votes passed upon the same subject is a correct and proper statement of the law and the rights and powers of the Governor and Council in the matter are, according to that, a question of the absolute duty of the Governor and Council in the matter as laid down by the laws of this State.

Now, after having had that opinion of the Attorney General, and having had this vote from the Governor and Council, what sensible purpose can be served by the passage of this order? We are not constituted to give legal opinions upon our own rights, powers and prerogatives. If we pass an order which we believe we have a right to pass, and the Governor refuses to abide by it, then you have a question of authority to be settled and decided; but the mere statement in this declaration cannot serve any useful purpose except in the matter of advertising and in the interest of an altercation here.

It seems to me after the opinion of the Governor and Council, and after the opinion of the Attorney General, and after having such a vote by the Governor and Council, that the necessity for any further discussion or debate about this matter should cease; we do not improve the situation one bit by passing this order here; it can not give us any more rights than we had before, and it can not give the Governor and Council any less rights than they had before; it simply amounts to a tacit or expressed conflict between the two different branches of government, a matter which does not do anybody any good; it is something which does not hurt them and does not help us, and we are simply wasting our time in so doing.

The President of the Senate in his remarks in the Senate took occasion to say that the legislative work was held up because of the act of the Governor and Council. In view of that, I wish to call your attention to the testimony of Mr. Reid at the hearing

yesterday, and this will show upon whom the responsibility for the delay, if any delay there be, rests. This question was asked by Mr. Scates, the councillor from Cumberland:

"Mr. SCATES: Why didn't the state's printing get up here this morning?

Mr. REID: It was all ready to come yesterday Mr. Hersey asked me to deliver it this afternoon, after dinner, and as I thought it a question of that being satisfactory to the rest of the legislature, I went to the secretary of the Senate and told him what the Senator had said, to deliver the printing today, and be said it would be satisfactory, so did not take it up to the House. Mr. Hersey went to Mr. Harvey and he said it would be satisfactory to deliver after dinner, you were not here and I had no other way of finding out.

Governor CURTIS: What time was that?

Mr. REID: Some time after dinner, not exactly sure what time.

Mr. SCATES: Was the legislative printing all ready?

Mr. REID: It was ready to be delivered at 8 o'clock, it was held at the request of the President of the Senate."

Now, gentlemen, it is a question of where the responsibility lies for any delay which there may have been. When I came in here this morning my desk was literally covered with legislative printing, and I presume the same condition applied to every other member of the House. I am not conscious that there has been any delay, but if there has been any delay you have the testimony of the state binder to the effect that he was requested to hold it up by the President of the Senate. (Applause) But, gentlemen, other than to aid the President of the Senate in some altercation that he may be in with the Governor and Council, I can see no reason why this House of Representatives should be asked to pass an order that for any legal and useful effect is less worthy than the paper was before it was printed. Certainly, that order if passed cannot help us and can not help the Senate, and can not hurt the Governor and Council, and it seems to me this

House is being asked to do something which can serve no real useful purpose to the people of the State of Maine whose representatives we are. (Applause)

Mr. Edwards of Bethel moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House refused to lay this order upon the table.

Mr. Gooding of Yarmouth seconded the motion.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Edwards, to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to lay this order upon the table.

Mr. Thombs of Lincoln called for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Edwards, that the vote be reconsidered whereby the House refused to lay this order upon the table. All those in favor of the motion that the vote be reconsidered, when their names are called, will answer yes; all those opposed will answer no. The clerk will call the roll.

Blake, Brown, YEA-Ballard, Bernier. Gloucester; Bourque, Brawn, Auburn; Brown, New Sharon bourne, Clifford, Colcord, Sharon; Connel-Currier, Connors, lan, Davis, Desco-Durgain, Drapeau, teaux. Douglass, teaux, Douglass, Drapeau, Durgam, Edwards, Fossett, Gallagher, Gerrish, Gilmour, Goldthwaite, Gooding, Goodwin, Greeley, Greenleaf, Haskell, Hill, Hobbs, Hodgkins, Jameson, Libby, Lord, Max-well, McCarty, McCorrison, McCurdy, McIntire, Millett, Mulligan, Mullin, Mi-chaud, Neilon, Newell, Noyes, Peabbles, Parkins, Dicher, Pierce, Farmington: McInture, Mewell, 1997 Perkins, Picher, Pierce, Farmington, Pierce, Houlton; Plummer, Pollard, Rob-Pierce, Houlton; Small, Smith, Thihodeau, Trafton, ns, hound Russell, Lew, Tate, Thibu and, Wasgatt, Wi erts, Tabbutt, 1667, Ward, riston, Thibodeau, Thibodeau, Watts, Webb, Wilkins, Wilson, Welch. Woodman, Wyman,

NAY-Albert, Allen, Ames. Averill. Beal, Benn, Besse, Blake, Oakland; Bon-ney, Bradbury, Bragdon, Campbell, Car-son, Chaplin, Chamberlin, Clement, Cobb, Coffin, Daigle, Danforth, Dilling, Drum-cand Durtor Ellie Errbing, Drummond, Dutton, Ellis, Erskine, Fay, Ford, Gould, Grant, Greaton Evans. Green law, Hanson, Saco; Hanson, Sanford; Harper, Hart, Higgins, Holt, Goulds-boro; Jordan, Lawrence, Littlefield, Lom-bard, McKinley, McNally, Meader, Mitchell. Morrison, Morse, Nicholas, O'Connell, Peterson, Perham, Ranney. St. Clair, Rocking, Tobey, Towie, "hombs, Tobey, Towie, "rn, Waterhouse, Ricker, Russell, Alfred; Ryder, St. Clair, Calais; St. C., Cnow, Thombs, Wash Sanborn Tuttle, Varney, V cott, Wise. Wes-

ABSENT-Brann, Bussey, Corliss, Har-

aden, Holt, Skowhegan; Leader, Lewis, Mansir, Robinson. Yeas, 73. Nays, 69.

Absent, 9.

Mr. THOMBS of Lincoln: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. THOMBS: I would like to inquire through the Chair who moved for the reconsideration of the vote.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. Thombs, that the gentleman from Bethel Mr. Edwards, made the motion.

Mr. THOMBS: I would like to inquire through the Chair whether the gentleman voted with the majority or with the minority.

The CLERK of the HOUSE: The gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Edwards. voted with the minority; Mr. Edwards voted, no.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bethel. Mr. Edwards, voted no, on the first ballot.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. Speaker, according to my understanding of parliamentary law he could not move its reconsideration; he must have voted with the majority.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that he did.

Mr. THOMBS: That the gentleman voted with the majority?

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bethel, Mr, Edwards, on the first ballot voted no, and that motion was lost; therefore the gentleman voted with the majority on the first ballot. Seventy-three having voted in the affirmative and 69 in the negative, the motion prevails, and the order is thereby laid on the table.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented and, on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Colcord of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind, with statement of facts.

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By Mr. Haskell of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary maintenance. with for statement of facts.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Good Samaritan Home Association of Bangor, with statement of facts.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of the Androscoggin Anti-Tuberculosis Association for maintenance, with statment of facts.

By Mr. Meader of Chelsea: Resolve in favor of Patrick Haves, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Morrison of Eden: Resolve in favor of the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital to partially defray running expenses, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Perkins of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Thomas M. Rollins.

#### Claims.

By Mr. Clifford of Lewiston; Resolve in favor of Alfred Yankauer. with statment of facts.

By Mr. Perkins of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Michael Burns.

#### Cumberland County Delegation

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the powers of the County Commissioners of Cumberland county.

#### Education.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Portland: Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary for a central heating plant at said institution, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Morrison of Eden: Remonstrance of C. B. Pineo and 141 others against an Act to amend Chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to common school fund and its distribution.

#### Inland Fish and Game.

By Mr. Besse of Clinton: Petition of C. E. Wilson and 37 others, residents of Kennebec county. asking that Fifteen Mile stream and its tributaries, in Albion, be closed to trout fishing for four years.

By Mr. Varney of Windham: Peti-

others. residents of Cumberland county, asking that the law which prohibits fishing in Forest lake, in the towns of Cumberland, Windham and Gray, be repealed.

By Mr. Beale of Cornville: Petition of Fred C. Dunlap and 12 others, residents of Pittsfield and vicinity, asking that the tributaries to Sibley pond, in Canaan and Pittsfield, Somerset county, be closed to all fishing except for suckers.

By Mr. Ames of Stockton Springs: Petition of M. M. Grant and 38 others, residents of Waldo county. asking that Meadow Brook and its tributaries, situated in Stockton Springs and Prospect, be closed to fishing.

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: Petition of A. W. Walker and 18 others, citizens of Oxford county, asking for additional restrictions upon fishing in Shagg, Abbott and Little Concord Ponds, in the towns of Woodstock and Sumner, Oxford county.

Βv Mr. Jordan of Baileyville: Petition of A. O. Fish and 37 others, citizens of Maine, relating to the taking of pickerel in Baskahegan Lake and stream, and tributaries to said stream.

By Mr. Chadbourne of Baldwin: Petition of Oliver Dole and 52 others, citizens of Maine, asking for the passage of a resident hunter's license law.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Petition of G. W. Stearns of Millinocket and 90 others. favor in റ് same.

By Mr. Blake of New Gloucester: Petition of Harry Merrill and 75 others, citizens of Maine, in favor of same.

By Mr. Varney of Windham: Petition of Leroy B. Nason and ten others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Hanson of Sanford: Petition of Charles C. Chadbourne of Sanford and 114 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Cobb of Denmark: Petition of Still man F. Barker and 24 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Waterhouse of Kennebunk: tion of W. W. Thurston and eight Petition of Charles C. Cole of Kensame.

By Mr. Ward of Augusta; Petition of George F. Snow and 43 others, citizens of Androscoggin and Kennebec counties, in favor of same.

By Mr. Cobb of Denmark: Petition of Almon F. Johnson of East Brownfield, and 23 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Wise of Guilford: Petition of C. A. Skillings and 17 others, residents of Piscataquis county, asking that Whetstone Pond, in Piscataquis tion of Galen M. Woodcock, M. D., county, be closed to ice fishing.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of C. R. Scales and George B. Fogg and 72 others, residents Piscataquis county, against closing Whetstone Piscataquis for same. Pond. in county, to ice fishing.

#### Interior Waters.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: An Act to enable Newcastle Lumber Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in Big Wood Pond, in Somerset county.

By Mr. Ford of Whitefield; Peti tion of M. L. Hopkins and 16 others, residents of Lincoln county, asking libraries suitable for high schools in for a law to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste into Dyer's River, in Lincoln county.

#### Judiciary.

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: A. Act relating to the records of instru- Title Insurance Company is authorized ments relating to real estate in the to commence business. county of Knox, now recorded in other counties.

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to abolish the January term of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Washington.

By Mr. Conners of Bangor: An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Bangor.

By Mr. Corliss of Bath: Petition by City of Bath for an Act to create the Bath Water District, with draft of a bill.

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Littlefield of Wells: An Act to authorize Mousam Water Company to increase its capital stock.

By Mr. Hanson of Sanford: An Act Court.

nebunk and 14 others, in favor of to amend Chapter 522 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, establishing the Sanford Municipal Court, as amended by Chapter 340 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909.

> By Mr. Thombs of Lincoln: An Act to extend the charter of the Lincolu Light and Power Company.

> By the same gentleman: An Act to extend the charter of the Lincoln Sewerage Company.

By Mr. Conners of Bangor: Petiand 35 other physicians of Penobscot county, for passage of an act to procure State registration for nurses; of also petition of Ida Washburne and 57 other nurses of Penobscot county

By Mr. Millett of Belfast: Petition of C. H. Stevens, M. D., and six other physicians of Waldo county, for same; also petition of Bessie Cox Lowell and five other trained nurses of Belfast for same.

#### Library.

By Mr. Plummer of Lisbon: Resolve for appropriation for traveling towns having no public libraries, with statement of facts.

#### Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Perkins of Augusta: An act to extend the time in which the Maine

By Mr. Lombard of Old Orchard: An Act to amend section 25 of chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1903. relating to appointment of inspector of buildings.

#### Public Health

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: An Act to regulate the construction of Mausoleums or tombs to be used for permanent burial.

#### Salaries and Fees

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: An Act providing for clerk hire for the Register of Deeds in Oxford County. By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: An Act relating to the compensation of Justices of the Supreme Judicial

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An Act By the same gentleman: to amend section 69 of chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the remuneration of Deputy Sheriffs.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Lombard of Old Orchard: Petition of Palmer A. Twambly and 55 others, relating to amending lobster law.

#### State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Morrison of Eden: An Act for the protection of forests on the island of Mt. Desert.

#### State Prison

By Mr. Fossett of Portland: Resolve in favor of altering and enlarging the State Prison at Thomaston.

#### Taxation

By Mr. Millett of Belfast: Resolve to amend article 22 of the Constitution, relating to limitations of municipal indebtedness.

#### Towns

By Mr. Wescott of Bluehill. An Act to change the name of Mark Island, lying in Penobscot Bay, in the county of Hancock, about two miles east-southeast of Dark Harbor in Islesboro, in the county of Waldo, and in latitude 44 degrees, 15' 30" N., and longitude 68 degrees 52, W., to Resolution Island.

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Greaton of Starks: Resolve in favor of citizens of Concord and vicinity, to aid in repairing road.

By Mr. Ryder of Brownville: Resolve in favor of a roadway in Townships No. 5 and 6, Ninth Range, N. W. P., in county of Piscataquis, with statement of facts.

in favor of repairing County Road tion of the legislature, and to report the leading through Brewer, Holden and results of its findings to this legisla-Dedham to Ellsworth, with statement ture or a subsequent legislature. (Tabled of facts. (Tabled for printing pending for printing on motion by Mr. Smith.) reference and 500 copies ordered printed on motion by Mr. Higgins.)

in favor of town of Harmony for a tend the charter of the Mousam Water bridge across Higgins Brook, with Company, reported that the same "ought statement of facts.

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: Petitions in favor of repairing County Road leading through Brewer, Holden and Dedham to Ellsworth.

By Mr. Greaton of Starks: Petition of Royden V. Brown and 50 others of Concord and vicinity, for appropriation to aid in repairing road.

#### Orders.

Mr. Smith of Hampden offered the following order:

Ordered: The Senate concurring, that a special joint committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the tariff rates, rules and regulations now in vogue among the steam railways in Maine, to ascertain the methods whereby that percent capitalization was obtained and what portion of the same may be watered stock, and to make diligent inquiry into the apparent depreciation of their stocks and bonds. and the cause or causes to which the same may be attributed, compare the amounts paid at the present time with those of the past by the railroads for salaries and attorneys' fees ,to ascertain the past and present business relations between the Boston & Maine Railroad and the Maine Central Railroad, to ascertain to what extent the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad has been or is an interested party in the Maine railroad, to ascertain whether of not any of the Maine railroads have been or are now being aided by any of the Wall Street banking firms, and or the purpose of carrying out the objects of this order the committee is hereby authorized to employ counsel, a stenographer, and to summon witnesses to appear and produce books and papers and other documents, and to give evience pertinent to the inquiry with which the committee is charged. This commit-By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: Resolve tee is empowered to sit during the vaca-

#### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Thombs from the committee on By Mr. Grant of St. Albans: Resolve legal affairs, on bill. An Act to exto pass".

Mr. Besse from the committee on ways and bridges, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" resolve in favor of repair of highway in Caratunk Plantation.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" resolve in favor of the construction of road in the town of Moscow.

Same gentleman nfom same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" resolve in favor of repair of the River Road in Pleasant Ridge Plantation, in the county of Somerset.

The reports were accepted, and the bill and resolves were tabled for printing under the joint rules.

#### Orders of the Day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair announces the receipt of the following communication:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, in legislature assembled:

At elections held by the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians at Peter Dana's Point, October 13, and at Pleasant Point, October 15, 1914, for the purpose of electing a representative to the legislature for the years 1915 and 19916, Mr. Frank N. Francis of Pleassant Point, having received a majority of the votes cast for candidate for that office, was declared to be the legally chosen member of the tribe to represent them in the State legislature, and this certificate shall be his credentials.

#### JUSTUS E. GOVE,

Agent, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians. Dated at Perry, Maine, this fifteenth day of January 19915.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Thibodeau of Fort Kent,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.