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STATE OF MAINE

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**HOUSE.**

Friday, February 19th, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Livingston of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be to meet Tuesday, February 23d, 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to abolish the Western Somerset Municipal Court.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on judiciary, and comes from the Senate referred in non-concurrence to the Somerset County Delegation.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was referred to the committee on judiciary, and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference of the bill to the Somerset County Delegation.

**Senate Bills on First Reading.**

Senate 61: An Act for the relief of the needy blind residents of Maine.

Senate 101: Resolve appropriating money for the construction of Lord Bridge over Marsh Stream, in the town of Frankfort.

Senate 102: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing highway in the town of Otisfield, and providing for the future maintenance thereof.

Senate 103: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of bridge across the easterly part of the west channel of Sebec river, in the town of Milo, county of Piscataquis.

Senate 104: Resolve appropriating

money to aid in the construction of a bridge in the town of Montville.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House report of the committee on ways and bridges on resolve for rebuilding a section of Marsh Hill Road in the town of Stockton Springs, the report of the committee being "ought not to pass." This report came from the Senate recommended to the committee on ways and bridges. Yesterday morning this report was accepted in the House in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Besse of Clinton the vote was reconsidered whereby the report was accepted in concurrence, and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: Reports A and B from the committee on legal affairs on bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 221 of the Public Laws of the year 1913, entitled "An Act to provide for nomination of candidates of political parties by primary elections," and amendments thereto; report A, reporting "ought to pass" and being signed by Messrs. Hill, Garcelon, Bartlett, Clifford and Greenleaf; report B, reporting "ought not to pass," being signed by Messrs. Walker, Lewis, Hanson, Thombs and Perkins.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, by arrangement with the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Higgins, I would ask that both reports be tabled, pending the acceptance of either, and be specially assigned for consideration on Thursday of next week.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**Agriculture.**

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to

dogs. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Brann of Winthrop: An Act additional to Section two of Chapter 156 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the packing, shipping and sale of apples.

#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: Resolve in favor of the State Board of Charities and Corrections for the years 1915 and 1916, in lieu of the sum provided by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1913, with statement of facts.

#### **Education.**

By Mr. McKinley of Jackson: Petition of C. C. Clements and 22 others for the distribution of State school funds on the basis of the aggregate attendance as embodied in House Bill No. 79.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Remonstrance of C. M. Morse and 34 others of Rumford against the passage of any bill relating to a resident hunter's license.

By Mr. Wheeler of Brunswick: Remonstrance of A. E. Small and 15 others against same.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Remonstrance of C. E. Leighton and 53 others against same.

By Mr. Wasgatt of Deer Isle: Protest of Winfield Dow and 13 others against same.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Protest of F. M. Burns and 25 others against same.

#### **Judiciary.**

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act conferring on married women the right to enter into partnership relations with their husbands. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Conners of Bangor: An Act to increase the powers of the county commissioners of Penobscot County in regard to making temporary loans additional to Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes of 1903. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Dilling of Easton: An Act to regulate fees of sheriffs and their deputies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Wasgatt of Deer Isle: An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Su-

preme Judicial Court of Knox County. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to loans in anticipation of issue of bonds or notes. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to amend Section nine of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to place for bringing actions. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Robinson of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Hon. D. D. Stewart of St. Athans

#### **Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Millett of Belfast: An Act to amend Chapter 272 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909 entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the city of Belfast." (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Blake of Oakland: An Act to amend Section 65 of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 10 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to burial expenses of war veterans. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to amend Paragraph 12 of Section five of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to certain fees of sheriffs and their deputies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Conners of Bangor: An Act to amend Section 69 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appointment of special Liquor Deputies by the sheriffs of the several counties, and relating to the fees of said Liquor Deputies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 53 of Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 107 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to compensation to be paid agents for investigation of cases for cruelty to animals. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act providing for setting off debts of legatees and distributees against legacies and distributive shares. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to provide for publicity respecting the membership of mercantile partnerships and the identification of individual members in certain cases. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Millett of Belfast: Petition of C. O. Dickey and 69 others in favor of act to incorporate the Northport Village Corporation; also petition of Joseph W. Blaisdell and four others in favor of same; also petition of Board of Trustees of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Association in favor of same; also petition of R. F. Pierce and 19 others in favor of same.

#### **Mercantile Affairs and Insurance**

By Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham: An Act relative to the use of the cinematograph.

#### **Railroads and Expresses.**

By Mr. Blake of New Gloucester: An Act in relation to the operation of street railways.

#### **Sea and Shore Fisheries.**

By Mr. Small of Mt. Desert: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, as amended by Chapter 143 of the Public Laws of 1905, relative to seines. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: An Act to provide for the granting of lobster licenses. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of E. L. Gott and 13 others from Gott's Island against any change of law governing the length of lobsters; also remonstrance of Eugene Van Norden and 39 others from Frenchboro against same; also remonstrance of Llewellyn Joyce and 45 others from Swan's Island against same; also remonstrance of Alpha Stewart and 39 others from Swan's Island against same; also remonstrance of C. A. McKay and five others from Bass Harbor against same; also remonstrance of F. A. Young and 28 others from Matinicus against same; also remonstrance of H. A. Delanao and 20 others from Vinalhaven against same; also remonstrance of Nelson T. Morse and 53 others from Swan's Island against same.

By Mr. Small of Mt. Desert: Petition of H. A. Delano and 25 others of Vinalhaven to amend Chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to

seines; also petition of F. S. Young and 27 others from Matinicus in favor of same; also petition of Eugene Van Norden and 30 others of Frenchboro in favor of same; also petition of C. A. McKay and 11 others of Bass Harbor in favor of same; also petition of E. L. Gott and one other of Gott's Island in favor of same; also petition of Nelson T. Morse and 51 others of Swan's Island in favor of same; also petition of Alpha Stewart and 35 others of Swan's Island in favor of same; also petition of W. L. Clayton and 18 others of Vinalhaven in favor of same; also petition of Llewellyn E. Joyce and 37 others of Swan's Island in favor of same.

#### **Special Committee on Revision of Statutes.**

By Mr. Greenleaf of Portland: An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section one of Chapter 186 of the Public Laws of 1907 and by Chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the presentation of claims against estates.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Section nine of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes requiring the consent of Overseers of the Poor to sales of real estate by guardians in certain cases.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 69 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duration of attachments.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings on demurrers.

By Mr. Thombs of Lincoln: An Act relating to the employment of clerks in the State Departments.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 82 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes and Section eight of Chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes, relating to venires of grand jurors.

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to fees by clerks of courts in naturalization proceedings.

By Mr. Clifford of Lewiston: An Act to amend Section 89 of Chapter nine of the Revised Statutes, as

amended by Chapter 184 of the Public Laws of 1907, Chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1909 and Chapter 40 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the choice of assessors of taxes.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to returns of lists of stockholders in banks to the Secretary of State.

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to crossing of rights of way of railroads organized under Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Chapter 63 of the Public Laws of 1907, providing for filing lists of heirs in the Registry of Deeds.

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section three of Chapter 116 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to local sealers of weights and measures.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section six of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes, providing a penalty for neglect of duty by local sealers of weights and measures.

By Mr. Pierce of Houlton: An Act to punish escapes from jails.

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to the payment of legacies.

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to consolidate Sections 14 and 28 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the penalty for unlawful use of containers marked with registered devices, and to amend Section 39 of said Chapter, relating to search warrant therefor.

By Mr. Pierce of Houlton: An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 19 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to obstruction of the drainage of public ways.

#### **State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.**

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: Petition of a resolve by the Neeburban Club of Old Town in favor of a reformatory for women; also petition of W. H. Powell and 39 others of Old Town in favor of same.

#### **Taxation.**

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: An Act to provide for the taxation of interest-bearing deposits in national banks. (Ordered printed and referred.)

#### **Temperance.**

By Mr. McKinley of Jackson: Remonstrance of Charles C. Clements and 34 others, members of North Waldo Pomona Grange, against the sale of intoxicating liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes and for the arts, as embodied in House Bill No. 37.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: Remonstrance of Harriet T. Tupper and eight others against the passage of House Bill No. 37.

By Mr. Snow of Mars Hill: Resolution of W. C. T. U. of Mars Hill and Blaine against same.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: Remonstrance of Machias Valley Grange, No. 390, against same; also remonstrance of Machias W. C. T. U. against same; also remonstrance of John A. Bieler and 24 others against same.

By Mr. Snow of Mars Hill: Remonstrance of W. B. Burns and 246 others of Mars Hill and Blaine against same.

#### **Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Wasgatt of Deer Isle: Petition of B. L. Noyes and 69 others of Hancock County in favor of the Resolve appropriating \$500.00 to build approaches to the State Ferry at Eggmoggin Reach; also petition of P. T. Clarke and 41 others of Hancock County in favor of same.

#### **Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Gerrish from the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An Act to amend Section nine of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 266 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the taking of suckers, eels, hornpouts and yellow perch with eel pots, traps, spears or nets.

Mr. McIntire from the committee on salaries and fees, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 352 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, relating to the judge of Caribou Municipal Court.

Mr. Sanborn from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 393 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, as amended by Chapter 220 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relative to salary of the judge of Millinocket Municipal Court.

Mr. Welch from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to increase the salary of the probation officer for the county of Cumberland and to create office of assistant.

Mr. Wilson from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to fix the salary of the judge of the Belfast Municipal Court.

Mr. Drapeau from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act in relation to the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Portland.

Mr. Holt from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 444 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to clerk hire for the municipal court of the city of Lewiston.

Mr. Sanborn from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 274 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 360 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland.

Mr. Pierce from the committee on education, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal School, for the purchase of land.

Mr. Washburn from the committee on Indian Affairs, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve relating to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the years 1915 and 1916.

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

Mr. Ford from the committee on salaries and fees, on bill, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to fees of recorder of Houlton Municipal Court, reported that same "ought not to pass,"

as the subject matter is covered by another bill.

Mr. McIntire from the same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 166 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to salaries of judge and recorder of the Piscataquis Municipal Court.

Mr. Jameson from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taking alewives in Damariscotta River.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to open the east side of Damariscotta River, to the middle thereof, above the bridge along the shore in Damariscotta to alewife fishing with nets, etc.

The reports were accepted.

### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 202: An Act to amend that part of Section five of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to regular sessions of the county commissioners in Oxford County.

House 203: An Act to repeal Chapter 263 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, entitled "An Act to regulate the use of the roads in the town of Castine."

House 212: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1912, relating to fishing in Fresh Pond, so-called, in the town of North Haven, in the county of Knox.

House 201: Resolve memorializing Congress in the interest of universal peace.

House 204: Resolve in favor of a bridge across Mattagoodus Stream in the plantation of Webster, Penobscot county.

House 205: Resolve in favor of building a road through Lowell's Woods, so-called, in the town of Penobscot.

### Passed to Be Engrossed

House 194: An Act relating to trespass upon grounds of agricultural societies.

House 193: An Act to extend the time in which the Maine Title Guarantee

Company is authorized to commence business.

House 192: An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Baker and Spencer Brook Dam and Improvement Company.

Senate 90: An Act to incorporate the Mopang Dam and Improvement Company. Tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Welch of Machiasport.)

House 191: Resolve in favor of Salathiel D. Seeley of Perry, in the county of Washington, for increase of pension.

House 190: Resolve in favor of Mary E. Ellwell of Chesterville, for a state pension.

House 189: Resolve in favor of Lester Patten of Hermon, for a state pension.

House 188: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Forest City in repairing a bridge across the arm of Grand Lake.

House 186: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair and maintenance of the Gardiner and Randolph bridge, between Gardiner and Randolph.

House 185: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair of the Machiasport and East Machias bridge.

Senate 56: Resolve providing for co-operative work with the United States Geological Survey under the direction of the Public Utilities Commission.

Senate 54: Resolve in favor of the joint special committee on salaries and fees of the 76th Legislature.

Senate 89: Resolve providing for the completion of the book of plans for Knox County, and appropriating money therefor.

#### Finally Passed.

Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of a road in the town of Moscow.

#### Orders of the Day

MR. THIBODEAU of Fort Kent: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask unanimous consent of the House to present a bill which came to me this morning from Fort Kent. It is An Act to amend section 2 of Chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford moved that unanimous consent be given.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that this, of course, is contrary to the order that has been adopted by the House, and it can only be received by unanimous consent; and the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, moves that unanimous consent be given.

Mr. BONNEY of Bowdoinham: Mr. Speaker, I want to courteously object to the introduction of any more bills not of a public nature. I am very sure that no member of this House wishes to impose any hardship on any other member, and I am also very sure that the House as a body does not wish to impose injustice or hardship on any one of its members. Now yesterday we gave unanimous consent to the introduction of two resolves, and it seemed to be proper that this should be done as the bills were received by the members too late the day before to be put into the box. As I understand it, we have extended this open-time once. We have been in session here for seven weeks, and, in connection with some vaudeville, we have accumulated a large amount of business which must be attended to. While I personally would not wish to object to the introduction of any measure, it seems to me that it is about time for the House to take hold and run its business, and not let the business run us.

Mr. GALLAGHER of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I had intended to make a motion asking unanimous consent to the introduction of the bill in controversy, but Mr. Descoteaux "beat me to it." I realize now, and believe, that it would be a mistake to do this. I feel, as Mr. Bonney does, that I would hate to do anything that would deprive anybody of their privileges; but I also realize that, if we let down the bars in any one case today, it will mean a letting down in the future. Therefore, although it may appear harsh to object to giving unanimous consent, I shall ask to be counted with Mr. Bonney.

Mr. SMITH of Hampden: Mr.



Speaker, I am only concerned in this matter in the interest of fair play. Yesterday a member from a near-by town as compared with the distance to the home of our brother legislator from Aroostook County, introduced a bill in this House. Today this matter has come in the mail from the borders of our State, and it appears to me that, because of the distance from this man's home to the capitol, an extension of one day should be granted. I would agree to the stopping of this business right here; but it seems in fairness to this man and to his constituents because of their distance from Augusta that he should have the same privilege today that the dweller in the near-by city had yesterday, through our courtesy if you may so call it, and that this bill should be permitted to be introduced out of order.

MR. BONNEY: I would like to inquire, through the Speaker, of the member from Van Buren the date of mailing.

MR. THIBODEAU of Fort Kent: Mr. Speaker, I do not know as I can answer that; but I will say that it came too late to be introduced until this morning. This bill gives the village corporation the right to contract with the Fort Kent Railway Company to light our streets. I understand that the contract under which we have been lighting our streets is now void, and that our streets are not being lighted. Now if we cannot present this act at this time, it will simply mean that we will have to go without lights on our streets for two more years. I am very sorry that this could not have been mailed before.

MR. THOMBS of Lincoln: Mr. Speaker, I think I am inclined to agree with the gentleman from Hampden in view of the distance from the northern part of the State to Augusta. It seems to me that the bill yesterday must have been practically in the hands of the gentleman from Fort Kent, (Mr. Thibodeau) although in transit in the mail; and I do think that the gentleman from Hampden (Mr. Smith) made a very fair statement when he said that he thought he ought to be accorded the same

privilege that we extended to the other gentleman in the House yesterday. I quite agree with what he said, and I rather hope that the two gentlemen who have opposed this request this morning will in this particular instance withdraw their objection. Let us take into consideration that we are here to do the State's business; that is what we undertook to do. Let us not be too harsh or too radical in the time limit which we have set. Let us take into consideration the distance, as well as the fact that perhaps gentlemen in other sections of the State are not yet aware of the conditions we have imposed; and it seems to me that, if we accord our brother this privilege this morning, before the House meets again sufficient time will have elapsed so that there will be no excuse for asking a further extension. I rather hope, as I have said, Mr. Speaker, that the gentlemen in this particular instance will withdraw their objection. This seems to me only fair.

MR. BONNEY: Mr. Speaker, as a matter of curiosity I would like to inquire if the Chair will ascertain how many members have bills to be introduced this morning by unanimous consent. I feel personally like withdrawing my objection, and I would certainly do it as quickly for my brother from Fort Kent as for anybody.

MR. THOMBS: I rather thought Mr. Mulligan had one to present from his attitude.

MR. MULLIGAN of Nobleboro: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask unanimous consent to present a bill out of order.

THE SPEAKER: I will say that the gentleman is not in order now, and the Chair is informed that the gentleman from Nobleboro, Mr. Mulligan, has a similar request to present later.

MR. THOMBS: Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the rules and that Mr. Mulligan be given the right to present his matter at this time. Let us consider the two together.

The motion was seconded by Mr. St. Clair of Calais.

MR. MULLIGAN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask unanimous consent to

present a bill out of order, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, entitled "An Act to protect the cod and other ground fish in the waters off the coast of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties." Now I wish to say that while this law is printed in the Private and Special Laws, in nature it is a public law inasmuch as it affects two counties; and I wish further to say that this bill did not come from any individual, but it came to me from the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the matter is very properly a public one, so that I do not see that we can consider that along with the other.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will rule that this is a public act and that it might be received in the ordinary course.

Mr. BONNEY: If I am in order, Mr. Speaker, I wish to state that I will gladly and willingly in this matter join with my friend from Bangor in withdrawing my objection if he will do the same thing.

Mr. GALLAGHER: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen: I am not only glad to be agreeable in this matter, but I am more than pleased to be able to assist Brother Thibodeau, after his explanation; and I withdraw my objection.

Unanimous consent was given, and the bill an Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Fort Kent Village Corporation, was received under a suspension of the rules, and on further motion by Mr. Thibo-

deau the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Mars Hill, the report of the committee on inland fisheries and game, reporting "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Burnt Land brook, so-called, a tributary to Presque Isle stream, in the county of Aroostook, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the report of the committee was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands from the action of the House this morning in receiving the matter of private legislation presented by the gentleman from Fort Kent that this is not to be considered as a precedent, and that the door is now closed finally.

Mr. THOMBS of Lincoln: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlemen of the House for what I consider the courtesy extended to the gentleman from Fort Kent this morning, and I suggest that the members of the House make a covenant among themselves here this morning that they will not ask for the introduction of any further private matters, and when private matters are presented you may explain the situation to those presenting them, and in that way you would not embarrass the House at all.

On motion by Mr. Hobbs of South Berwick,

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, at 10 o'clock.