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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

HOUSE.

Saturday, March 20, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dow of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I wish to state to the House that the matter in connection with the women's reformatory having been arranged satisfactorily to the committee, to the Senate and the Governor, I would request unanimous consent that the resolve establishing the same be returned to the Governor. That seems to be satisfactory to all concerned, and I therefore move that the messenger of the House be requested to return the same to the Governor.

The motion was agreed to, and the messenger was charged with the duty of returning the document to the Governor.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be to meet Tuesday, March 23rd, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the physician at the Maine State prison.

In the House this resolve received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules on March 18th; it now comes back from the Senate in that branch indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Millett of Belfast, the resolve was tabled, pending concurrent action, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week.

From the Senate: An Act to amend

Chapter 47 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to liens on land.

This bill was introduced in the House March 17 and referred to the committee on judiciary; it now comes from the Senate in that branch indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Small of Mt. Desert, the bill was tabled, pending concurrent action, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week.

From the Senate: Resolve relating to distribution of proceeds of the issue of bonds for State highways.

In the House this resolve was introduced out of order on March 17th, under a suspension of the rules, and referred to the committee on ways and bridges; it now comes back from the Senate in that branch indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Mars Hill, the resolve was tabled, pending concurrent action, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on judiciary on bill, An Act to regulate the practice of the system, method or science of healing known as Osteopathy, creating a board of examination and registration for those desiring to practice the same and providing penalties for violation of this act, reporting same in new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass," Senate Doc. No. 131.

Tabled pending the acceptance of the report of the committee on motion by Mr. Wasgatt of Deer Isle.

From the Senate: Majority and minority reports of the committee on insane hospitals, on Resolve in favor of the Augusta State hospital for nurses' home, the majority report of the committee, reporting "ought to pass," signed by Messrs. Fulton, Cole, Grant, Libby, Perkins and Harper; the minority report of the committee, reporting "ought not to pass," signed by Messrs. Garcelon, Durgin, Plummer and Wasgatt.

On motion by Mr. Wasgatt of Deer Isle, both reports were tabled, pending the acceptance of either report in concurrence, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week.

• Senate Bills on First Reading.

Senate 346: An Act to provide aid for mothers with dependent children.

Senate 365: An Act to define and make certain the authority of school boards over school grounds, property and buildings.

Senate 91: An Act to extend the charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company.

Senate 368: An Act to extend and enlarge the charter of the Ocean and Northern Railroad Company.

Senate 369: Resolve appropriating money to aid in rebuilding bridge between the island town of Southport and the town of Boothbay Harbor.

Senate 372: Resolve authorizing the State treasurer and the State auditor to adjust certain accounts in the State treasurer's office.

Senate 373: Resolve in favor of Mrs. Blanche M. Reynolds, Edward J. McWiggin, Thomas Hawkins and William H. Hawkins.

Senate 375. An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Jackson pond, in the town of Concord, in the county of Somerset.

Senate 376. An Act to amend Section 39 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the protection of beaver.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 54 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the qualifications and duties of inspectors of steamboats.

In the House this was read a third time and passed to be engrossed on March 16th; it now comes from the Senate in that branch indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton the bill was tabled, pending concurrent action, and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week.

The following resolves were presented, and on motions made by the gentlemen presenting the same were referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs:

By Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of Miss Jennie M. Lyons, stenographer to the committee on labor.

By same gentleman: Resolve in favor of William C. Hanson, clerk to the committee on labor.

By Mr. Libby of Merrill: Resolve in favor of Fortunat O. Michaud, secretary of the committee on public health.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Nicholas from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the official reporter of the House, with statement of facts.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Dana H. Danforth, secretary of committee on school for feeble minded.

Mr. Ward from the committee on banks and banking reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relative to banks and banking.

Mr. Sanborn from the committee on judiciary reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to confirm the doings of the Forest Avenue Congregational church.

Mr. Conners from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to procedure in court.

Mr. Pierce from same committee reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of conference of commissioners and of the commissioners from Maine for the promotion of conformity of legislation in the United States.

Mr. Conners from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Southwest Harbor Water District.

Mr. Campbell from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 71 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, incorporating the city of Old Town.

Mr. Waterhouse from same committee reported "ought to pass" on Resolve to authorize John G. Fleming to bring suit at law or in equity against the State of

Maine for a balance claimed to be due him on a highway contract.

Mr. Conners from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 199 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act authorizing the city of Bath to levy assessments for street improvements."

Mr. Campbell from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 133 of the Revised Statutes, relating to jurisdiction of municipal courts.

Mr. Pierce from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to Vinalhaven Lighting Company.

Mr. Sanborn from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Inter-Urban Ferry Company.

Mr. Pierce from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the State Young Men's Christian Association of Maine, and to increase its powers.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Presque Isle Sewerage Company.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 161 of the Private Laws of 1913, relating to payment of small legacies to minors under decree of court.

Mr. Sanborn from same committee, on bill, An Act to amend the charter of South Portland, reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Pierce from same committee, on bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 158 of the Public Laws of 1911, relative to annual examination and verification of savings accounts, reported same in new draft under title of "An Act amendatory of an additional to Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to annual examination of savings banks and trust companies and verification of savings deposits, as amended by Chapter 158 of the Public Laws of 1911" and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Campbell from same committee, on bill, An Act to amend Sections

56 and 57 of Chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to rights of minority stockholders, reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Sanborn from same committee, on bill, An Act to incorporate the Bath Water District, reported same in new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Hanson from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of cruelty agents.

Mr. Hill from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to provide for the disposition of contraband liquors.

Mr. Hanson from same committee, on bill, An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to arrests and disclosures on leaving the state, reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Holt from the committee on public buildings and grounds, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve providing for steel filing cases in the office of the State Treasurer.

Mr. Colcord from the committee on ways and bridges, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act for the temporary licensing of automobiles and motor vehicles.

Mr. Besse from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act amending Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to abolishment of grade crossings.

Mr. Cobb from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to provide for the systematic maintenance of the principal thoroughfare in each municipality in the State.

Mr. Pollard from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the State Highway Commission.

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

Mr. Connors from the Judiciary Committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act for the protection of life

or property against loss or damage from steam boilers and steam engines operated by incompetent persons."

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act relating to the establishment of a Superior Court in the Counties of Cumberland, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Penobscot and Aroostook."

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to annex the Suburban Water District and West Farmington Water District to the Farmington Village Corporation."

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 227 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to voting in Bayville Village Corporation."

Mr. Pierce of same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, relating to nuisances."

Mr. Sanborn from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to authorize the City of Waterville to acquire, own and maintain and operate an electric plant."

Mr. Waterhouse from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act entitled an Act to prevent procreation of confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles and rapists."

Mr. Sanborn from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to regulate partnerships."

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 429 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 relating to the establishment of a Municipal Court in Winthrop."

Mr. Campbell from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 229 of the Public Laws of 1909, also to amend Sections 10 and 13 of said Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes, relating to registration of physicians and surgeons."

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to define and make plain the meaning of Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 328 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913,

relating to the construction of the eastern span of the Old Town-Milford bridge."

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill "An Act to make uniform the law of acknowledgments taken outside the United States."

Mr. Sanborn from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to establish the West Washington municipal court."

Mr. Campbell from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of masters in chancery to include the hearings upon libels for divorce."

Mr. Sanborn from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to establish a superior court for the county of Penobscot."

Mr. Waterhouse from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act amendatory of Sections 67 and 68 of Public Laws of 1907, relating to reporter of decisions."

Mr. Conners from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court of Knox county."

Mr. Sanborn from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act to correct and protect helpless, neglected and offending children, to be known as 'The Children's Act.'"

Mr. Pierce from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, "An Act amending Section 12 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the registration of physicians and surgeons."

Mr. Waterhouse from the same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to establish the Presque Isle municipal court.

Mr. Hill from the committee on legal affairs reported "ought not to pass" on bill, 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.

Mr. Clifford from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to make part of each election day a holiday.

Mr. Lewis from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to regulate cold storage of certain articles of food.

Mr. Thombs from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to provide for the confirmation of deputy sheriffs.

Mr. Greendeaf from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Paragraph 12 of Section 5 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to certain fees of sheriffs and their deputies.

Mr. Thombs from same committee, on bill, An Act to incorporate the Allen Lumber Company, reported that the parties ask leave to withdraw the bill.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill, An Act relative to untrue and misleading advertisements, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. Cobb from the committee on ways and bridges reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge by the county of Cumberland.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, to provide for a more equitable distribution of funds for State aid roads.

The reports were accepted.

Majority and minority reports of the committee on ways and bridges on bill, An Act to repeal Section one of Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the appointment of road commissioner, majority report reporting "ought not to pass," signed by Messrs. Conant, Burleigh, Colby, Cobb, Colcord, Besse and Perham; minority report, reporting same in new draft under title of "An Act to amend Sections 13 and 14 of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to road commissioners" and that it "ought to pass," signed by Messrs. Wilkins and Pollard. (Tabled pending the acceptance of either report and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week on motion by Mr. Grant of St. Albans.)

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House a bill which has

just been received from the Senate, being bill, An Act for the reorganization and consolidation of the railroad companies constituting the Boston & Maine railroad system. This bill was received in the Senate yesterday and laid on the table for printing pending its reference to a committee. This morning the Senate has referred this matter to the committee on railroads and expresses.

The House voted to concur with the Senate in its reference.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

Senate 283: An Act to repeal the provisions of Chapter 87 of the Special Laws of 1903, relating to the taking of lobsters within three miles of the islands of Matinicus and Cribhaven.

House 756: An Act providing for the enumeration of neat cattle, sheep and swine.

House 766: Resolve in favor of the Madigan Memorial Hospital at Houlton.

House 769: Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

House 812: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Booker Brook, in Levant, in the County of Penobscot.

House 814: Resolve for the completion of the fish screen at the outlet of Beech Hill lake, in the town of Otis, Hancock County.

House 815: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the taking of fish in certain waters in Washington and Aroostook Counties.

House 816: An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the protection of game birds.

House 817: An Act to regulate the taking of frogs from Big Fish Lake, Portage Lake, Square Lake, Eagle Lake, Long Lake, Soldier Pond, and in the tributaries to said pond and lakes, in Aroostook County.

House 818: An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the registration of guides.

House 819: An Act additional to and 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 Kennebago Lake, Little Kennebago Lake, and the outlets of said lake.

House 820: An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Belgrade Stream, a tributary of Snow Pond, in the County of Kennebec.

House 821: Resolve to provide for screening the outlet of Schoodic Lake, in Piscataquis County.

House 822: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Shagg, Abbott and Little Concord ponds, and their tributaries, in Oxford County.

House 823: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Stratton brook and in the tributaries to said brook and in the Mount Bigelow ponds, in Franklin county.

House 824: An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Carrabassett river, and its tributaries, above the bridge at Bigelow.

House 825: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Mud pond, Mirror lake, sometimes called Parkis pond, and their tributaries, down as far as North Pond stream, in Franklin and in Kennebec counties.

House 826: An Act to amend the charter of the Carrabassett Dam Company.

House 827: An Act to provide safety appliances for cars running on street railways.

House 828: An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to the Maine School for Feeble-Minded.

House 829: Resolve in favor of the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to provide markers for the unmarked graves of the soldiers of the Revolution.

House 830: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 209 of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act to regulate the business of dealing in securities."

House 831: Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 343: An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water.

Senate 344: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta. (Tabled pending its third reading and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week on motion by Mr. Perkins of Augusta.)

Senate 350: An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3 and 20 of Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the regulation of speed of motor vehicles.

Senate 353: Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic asylum, Portland.

Senate 354: Resolve in favor of the Hayes Young Women's Home of Lewiston for assistance in carrying on its work.

Senate 355: Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine General hospital.

Senate 356: Resolve in favor of the Children's hospital, Portland.

Senate 357: Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General hospital, Lewiston.

Senate 358: Resolve in favor of St. Mary's General hospital, Lewiston.

Senate 359: Resolve in favor of the Holy Innocents Home for Infants, Portland.

Senate 360: Resolve in favor of the Knox County General hospital.

Senate 361: Resolve in favor of the Maine General hospital.

Senate 362: Resolve appropriating money for the construction of one brick dormitory for inmates at the

Maine School for Feeble-Minded. (Tabled pending its second reading and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday of next week on motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton.)

Senate 363: An Act additional to chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, relating to fishing in Ellis Pond, in Somerset County.

House 757: An Act to protect agricultural and horticultural societies against fraud.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, at this time I wish to offer for the consideration of the House bill, An Act to establish a state reformatory for women. In regard to this matter I will say that the Senate this morning reconsidered its action whereby it voted to pass this bill to be enacted, also whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Also in that branch two amendments have been adopted. These two amendments are satisfactory to the friends of the measure and satisfactory to the Chief Executive, and for that reason I would ask unanimous consent of the House that this matter may be considered at this time in order that it may be taken to the engrossing clerk and be engrossed over Sunday. I therefore move that the vote be reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted in the House.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pierce then moved that the vote be reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed in the House.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pierce then moved that the House concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

The motion was agreed to, and Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence.

Mr. Pierce then moved that the House concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment B.

The motion was agreed to and Senate Amendment B was adopted in concurrence.

On further motion by Mr. Pierce, the

bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to repeal Chapter 281 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 120 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the protection of the golden eye or whistler in the county of Hancock.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the hunting of water fowl and other wild birds in Back Bay, in Portland, in the county of Cumberland.

An Act to repeal certain private and special laws relating to use of motor boats in hunting sea birds, duck and water fowl on the coast of Maine.

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the closed season on wild hares or rabbits.

An Act to repeal Chapter 56 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to regulate the use of certain roads in the town of Bluehill."

An Act to repeal Chapter 373 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the protection of ducks in Lincoln County.

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 ice fishing in Lake Kezar, in the towns of Lovell, Stoneham and Stowe, in Oxford county.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in Overset pond, in the town of Greenwood, in Oxford county.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in the tributaries to Upper and Lower Wilson ponds, in the county of Piscataquis.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in the tributaries to Lake Ke-

zar, and in the tributaries to Kezar river, in the county of Oxford.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the taking of smelts in Bryant's pond and its tributaries, in the towns of Woodstock and Greenwood, in Oxford county.

An Act to repeal Chapter 163 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the hunting of water fowl and wild birds in Back bay in Portland, in Cumberland county.

An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the proceedings where the owner of a vicious dog fails to comply with an order of the court to kill such dog.

An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to the policeman of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the place for bringing actions upon non-negotiable choses in action by assignees.

An Act authorizing Seboeis Plantation to build and maintain its roads and bridges and to raise money therefor.

An Act authorizing Barnard Plantation to build and maintain its roads and bridges and to raise money therefor.

An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Public Laws of 1913, by providing for the appointment by the Public Utilities Commission of a chief inspector of utilities.

An Act confirming the official acts of Frank D. Fenderson, acting as register of deeds for York county.

An Act to incorporate the Libby Homestead Corporation.

An Act to revive and extend the powers of the Kingman Developing Company.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Tufts, Dutton and Grindstone ponds, in the town of Kingfield, in Franklin county.

An Act to repeal Section 45 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the jurisdiction of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in portions of Rangeley

Stream and Little Kennebagog Stream, in the counties of Franklin and Oxford.

An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Horse Shoe Pond, in West Bowdoin College Township, in the county of Piscataquis.

An Act to amend Sub Division "Third" of Section 23 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, permitting savings banks and institutions for savings to invest their deposits in the first mortgage bonds of certain bridge companies.

An Act to amend Section 89 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the licensing of foreign investment corporations.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Morse of Rumford presented the following order:

Ordered, That the use of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on railroads and expresses Thursday afternoon, March 25th, for a hearing upon the re-organization of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

The order received a passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, a matter has been considered at the session this morning relating to the distribution of the State bond issue for highways among the different counties. It was introduced yesterday in the House under a suspension of the rules by the gentleman from Woodstock, Mr. Perham, and referred to the committee on ways and bridges. The matter was sent to the Senate, and, as I understand it, either by an accident or by an oversight, the Senate voted to non-concur and indefinitely postpone the measure. In the House this morning this matter was tabled and specially assigned for consideration on Tuesday of next week. By request of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Colby, I would ask that the House reconsider its vote whereby this matter was tabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday.

The motion was agreed to, and the vote was reconsidered.

On further motion by Mr. Pierce, the House voted to insist upon its action in the reference of the bill to the committee on ways and bridges, and ask for a committee of conference.

The Speaker thereupon appointed as

such committee on the part of the House Messrs Perham of Woodstock, Pierce of Houlton and Wescott of Bluehill.

Mr. PERKINS of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I move that that bill, An Act to provide for semi-monthly payments on account of State contracts, be taken from the table. I will say that this matter was tabled yesterday by the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Higgins, and I would like to have it taken from the table and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Perkins, that it would be rather an unusual proceeding to take action of that

kind upon a matter which has been tabled by a gentleman who is absent, unless the same is done by arrangement with the gentleman who tabled it.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, I have not made any such arrangement with the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Higgins, and I thought the gentleman would be present today. The only reason for my making this motion is that there will be a report filed on Tuesday of next week in all probability, and at that time the matter may be taken up for consideration. I will withdraw my motion.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Mars Hill,

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, March 23d, at ten o'clock.