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OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

HOUSE

Friday, April 2nd, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to amend Chapter one of the Public Laws of 1907 providing for notice of registers of probate of the names of corporate surety companies qualified to do business in the State, also to amend Section 121 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes.

An Act relative to the employment of minors.

An Act amending Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the abolishment of grade crossings of railroads.

An Act to consolidate and revise the laws relating to State printing and binding.

An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the appointment of guardians by consent.

An Act to enlarge the duties of medical examiners.

An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mechanics' liens on buildings.

An Act to provide for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges.

An Act in relation to certain rights and liabilities of husband and wife.

An Act for the better protection of children and to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, and Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 43 of the Public Laws of 1907 and Chapter 109 of the Public Laws of 1909.

An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 169 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the registration of chattel mortgages.

An Act to create the Anson Water District.

An Act to incorporate the Hartland Water District.

An Act to equalize the salaries of

the clerks of the judicial courts.

An Act additional to Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 27 of Chapter 129 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to corporations for the operation of telegraphs or telephones and other public utilities.

An Act to define county lines in the waters of the State.

An Act to amend Section 17, of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to authority of the county commissioners of Cumberland county to raise money by temporary loans.

An Act to incorporate the Mutual Loan Society of Lewiston.

An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the closed season on fur-bearing animals.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, relating to trial justices.

An Act for the better protection and preservation of the lobster fisheries, authorizing the appointment of a commission.

An Act to incorporate the Bath Water District.

An Act to determine the amounts to be paid for clerk hire in the several counties.

An Act defining "An Act to establish a minimum wage for State House employees."

Finally Passed

Resolve providing a State pension for Mary J. D. Arkett.

Resolve appropriating money to improve a certain road through the property of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded.

Resolve appropriating money for the re-stacking and re-arranging of the main room of the Maine State library. (Tabled by Mr. Pierce of Houlton.)

Resolve in favor of Gardiner K. Heath, for services performed as assistant to Fortunat Belleau while he was acting clerk pro tempore.

Resolve in favor of Edwin S. Austin, document clerk, for preparing weekly printed index.

Resolve in favor of Fred R. Smith of Pittsfield for expenses incurred as

a member of the hospital trustees in investigating conditions at the Augusta State hospital. (Tabled by Mr. St. Clair of Calais.)

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Resolve appropriating money for the re-stacking and rearranging of the main room at the Maine State library be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. PERHAM of Woodstock: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have that matter discussed a little for the information of the House at the present time. I am free to say that I am ignorant of the details.

Mr. ST. CLAIR of Calais: Mr. Speaker, it must be evident to every gentleman of this House who has gone into the library and had any talk with the librarian that the time will come within a few years when the State of Maine will have to erect a separate building for the State library. It does not seem to me advisable to spend any more money for its accommodation in the State House. It seems to me that that would be money thrown away to a large extent. I think the motion of the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Pierce, should prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Pierce, that this resolve be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division being had,

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on bill, An Act to amend Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 35 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the manufacture, transportation and sale of dairy products, and their imitation, reporting that the committee is unable to agree, signed by Senators Conant, Moulton and Bartlett on the part of the Senate and Messrs. Peterson, Brann and McIntire on the part of the House.

The report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to inform the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Smith, that the gentleman from Calais, Mr. St. Clair, has placed upon the table Resolve in favor of Fred R. Smith of Pittsfield. The gentleman from Calais now moves that this be taken from the table.

Mr. SMITH of Hampden: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, briefly, the history of this case is this: On November 4, 1913, an order passed by the council in relation to the hospital investigation contained the following provision, "Voted, the State to be under no expense for counsel or witnesses for either party," that was for this investigation of the institution across the river. January 21, 1914, from the records of the council, "It was voted to pay Joseph Williamson, attorney, \$300 in full for counsel fees for services in behalf of the superintendent and trustees of the Augusta State Hospital, said amount to be paid from the maintenance fund." May 27, 1914, "Voted to pay Fred R. Smith of Pittsfield \$300 for counsel fees in the insane hospital investigation and \$25.50 expense account."

Gentlemen, this was given to these people after the order for investigation had been passed with an agreement that the State should be under no expense for counsel or witnesses of either party. The matter then came before Governor Haines and council and they refused to pay this extra bill that you are called upon to accept as a righteous bill today. Mr. Smith claims \$237 more after this investigation, with the understanding that he was to receive nothing. He received \$300 for counsel fees and \$25.50 for expenses. I think, gentlemen, from that fair statement shown in the records of our State that you will regard this matter as already settled and well settled. I move that this resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to take up the time of the House in this matter. This bill came before the committee and there was no opposition to it. I understand people who are well informed in regard to the matter considered it a just

claim and appeared before that committee and recommended that it be paid. It has come in here and been through its several readings without any serious objections. It is a just bill. This investigation of the hospital was a matter of great value to the people of the State of Maine, and if occasion should again arise with that or any other institution in the State of Maine, I believe that the members of this House and the people of the State hope that some man will have the courage to take hold of it and investigate it in order that justice may be done; and I believe if you indefinitely postpone this resolve you will do not only an injustice to Mr. Smith, but an injustice to the people of the State who desire to have these institutions run on sound, sane, honest and reliable methods. I sincerely hope, gentlemen, that in these closing hours of this Legislature you will not do an injustice to anybody and I move that this bill now receive its final passage.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I presume that every member here who has heard these reports and these quotations from the history of the matter will not consider that any great hardship will be done. At any rate, I should go home after voting against this without fearing much trouble from my conscience.

MR. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division of the House.

MR. GRANT of St. Albans: Mr. Speaker, at this investigation there was found to be two doctors practicing and compounding drugs at that institution for over four hundred people,—doctors who had never passed the Maine Board of Medical Examiners. It was also shown by statistics that for the last five months of the year 1913, during Mr. Smith's investigation, there were 24 less deaths than in the same months of 1912. Was not that worth something to the State? Now, Mr. Smith if paid this \$237.05 would still be out personally more than \$300. I sincerely hope that this motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent of the House to present just one word here. The re-

port of that committee shows it was not a unanimous report, and that three voted "ought not to pass" to seven who were in favor of its passage.

MR. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, I believe the statement of the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Smith, that seven voted "ought to pass" and three "ought not to pass" supports the argument that the justice is on the side of "ought to pass." In regard to an understanding that there should be no compensation to Mr. Smith, we have a number of precedents established in the State where men have performed public service with the distinct understanding that there would be no recompense, but, after they had gone ahead and performed a service to the State of Maine, I believe the people of the State in justice have in the past granted them compensation. I understand the commission on the remodeling of the State House, it was understood that they should serve without compensation, but the Legislature in view of the public service rendered by them voted them a compensation of \$3,500, because the State of Maine wants to go on record as paying off its just debts. I believe this is one of the most just bills that has been presented to this Legislature.

MR. PEABBLES of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make one correction of the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Smith. The report of the committee was seven "ought not to pass" and three "ought to pass," I think.

MR. WOODMAN of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct the statement of the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, as to a divided report. A majority of the committee was against the passage.

MR. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to state that the first vote, as I have been informed, was seven in favor of passage and three against; but through some special influence I understand they reversed it and made it seven one way and three the other.

MR. ST. CLAIR of Calais: Mr. Speaker, I do not know much about the merits of the case, but I do know this: it is too late in the session for us to in-

investigate this thing and find out whether it is meritorious or not. It seems to me that as there is some doubt in the minds of the members and a majority of the committee decided that it ought not to pass, the motion to indefinitely postpone should prevail. That only puts this man off a little while and another Legislature can find out whether the claim is meritorious or not. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone will prevail.

The SPEAKER: A division of the House has been called for. Those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Smith, that this resolve be indefinitely postponed will rise and stand in their places until counted.

A division being had, 71 voting in the affirmative and 29 in the negative, the motion prevailed and the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Holt of Skowhegan, unanimous consent was granted and that gentleman presented out of order the following reports from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On Resolve in favor of Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association, reporting "ought to pass".

On Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, for maintenance, reporting "ought not to pass".

On Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, for the payment of current indebtedness, reporting "ought not to pass".

On Resolve in favor of the Androscoggin Anti-Tuberculosis Association, reporting "ought not to pass".

On Resolve in favor of the Old Town-Orono Anti-Tuberculosis Association, reporting "ought not to pass".

On Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis for additional construction and maintenance, reporting "ought not to pass".

The reports were accepted.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer, unanimous consent was granted and that gentleman presented out of order report of the same committee reporting in new draft under same title Resolve in favor of the Maine State Sanatorium

at Hebron, and that it "ought to pass".

The report was accepted.

On further motion by Mr. Higgins, the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the order passed in the House yesterday relating to investigation of railroads, the order and amendments having been printed and appearing as Senate Docs. 447, 448 and 449. Senate Doc. 447 appears to be the amended order as passed by the House yesterday; Senate Doc. 448 appears to be the resolve accompanying the report of the judiciary committee; Senate Doc. 449 appears to be the resolve as recommended by the judiciary committee, being the new draft of the original order. This comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed in that branch as amended by Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Hampden, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

On further motion by Mr. Smith, the vote was reconsidered whereby the order received a passage.

Mr. CONNELLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the order and amendment be indefinitely postponed, and upon that question I ask for the year and nays.

A sufficient number having arisen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, this order if passed in the shape it is in now, allowing a reasonable counsel fee, will leave the matter in a very uncertain state. As was stated here yesterday by the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. Thombs, reasonable counsel fees in conducting an investigation such as is contemplated by this measure could not be secured for less than \$50 a day, and there is nothing certain as to how much will be necessary to pay the expenses of an investigation of a matter of this kind. On the question of tariff rates, what do you think would be the cost of going into that matter? We all know that this is a very complicated affair and must necessarily occupy considerable time to go into the tariff rates of a railroad company. Then the order follows with an investigation

into the capitalization of said company and requiring the investigation into when and to whom and for what purposes its stock and bonds have been issued, what properties or other values it has received for the same, ascertaining the cause of the depreciation of the value of its capital stock, what, if any, of its properties are unprofitable and whether or not the same should be disposed of. It also provides that they shall investigate the management of said company and its subsidiary companies and outside companies. So you can see, gentlemen, what will be required if the investigation should proceed along all these lines. The majority of these things are of interest to the stockholders of the Maine Central Railroad Company. I do not know who the stockholders of the Maine Central Railroad are, but I know that they are largely scattered through this State; and I will ask you to remember when you vote upon this matter that the public has an interest and a large interest; this is of interest to the everyday people who have got their money in the Maine Central Railroad and who own some of this stock, and these are not rich people, and if you pass this measure it is a direct slap in the face to the Maine Central Railroad, and don't you suppose that those people have to stand a large part of the damage and loss in value of the property caused by this investigation? It is not necessary for me to tell you that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad has no present connection with the Maine Central Railroad, and that the Maine Central Railroad is controlled in the State of Maine and that its board of directors has been absolutely changed within the last two years. You have now a board of directors composed practically of Maine men, like Gov. Cobb, Weston, Lewis and the Hon. John Hyde of Bath; and are you going to assume absolutely that the Public Utilities Commission is so much superior and so much greater in intelligence and integrity than men of that standing, whom this State has honored with high offices, and that the Public Utilities Commission necessarily is going to set aside things which these men have done

and establish in their place another rule and condition which is bound to be in itself greater and better? It seems to me that is an assumption which can not be borne out by the men who are now engaged in the management of affairs of the Maine Central Railroad.

Now, gentlemen, you single out of all the railroads in the State of Maine this one corporation and you, so to speak, indict them by the Legislature of this State. Perhaps some of you have seen the headlines in the newspapers since this thing was brought up. Don't you suppose that those things have a bad effect upon the people who have their legitimate and hard-earned money invested in the Maine Central? As I say, the management has changed hands and the people who are there now are making a legitimate effort to run this railroad fair and right. There is nothing to show that they are not doing it; and in the face of that will the Legislature of this State give them so little encouragement as to deliberately order them to be indicted and tried before the Public Utilities Commission?

This order is capable of tremendous harm to innocent investors; it is capable of tremendous harm in the future development of this corporation. It comes at a time which is peculiarly inopportune, and I can not believe that the Legislature of this State, despite what has been said about the old management, despite the fact that the railroad has tried to reform and that we have a new board of management in control, it does not seem right that the Legislature of this State will turn around and attempt to discourage these men in the effort they are making to bring the property back upon its feet.

Mr. SMITH of Hampden: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Pierce, speaks about the inquiries asked for in this measure, about the tariff rates, for instance. Any ten men of this State have a right to go before the Utilities Commission asking that any railroad rate be construed and the Utilities Commission is obliged to act upon the freight rates, even for a short haul. We allow that the corporation should earn six per cent on its investment, and in order for the Public Utilities

Commission to act intelligently they must know the amount of capital that is there invested. This matter does not end with this proposition; it becomes a part of the holdings of that commission to be used whenever anyone shall require an investigation of any seeming inequality of freight rates.

Now in regard to the amount of time we wish to cover in this matter. When Mr. Carter treated this matter in the gray book how much capitalization did he cover? Capitalization from the Maine Central Railroad from June 30th, 1911, to June 30th, 1914. There has also been some suggestion here about an association with the New York, New Haven and Hartford. It is that very question, that very association that has put this railroad upon the rocks. We haven't seen the other railroads here asking for a reorganization, and there was plenty of time while they had this matter in their control and were carrying it along, and that is what brought them to ruin. I want to state to you fairly that I hope everything is all right here. It is a new matter entirely to me that we have got a new board of directors within that time. This covers quite a good many years, and I think I can assure you that there is no new board. I read to you this morning from a letter written by Mr. McDonald, the president of the railroad, and he himself asks for an investigation, and he said he was in favor of an investigation; and if there are new members on the board there is nothing we can do for them except to say that at the time they took the management it was all right and clean. I have been told by a broker that he had funds waiting belonging to clients of his, and as soon as he was assured that this stock was all right he wanted some of it. There is money enough in our savings banks belonging to the farmers of Maine so that they could invest something in the stock of the Maine Central Railroad if they could be assured that it was all right. We have seen the stock of this road go down from 195 to 95; for years they paid eight per cent and then went down to six per cent, and last year there was a deficit even from the six per cent.

Now, speaking of the directors of the road. When Mr. Scates was speaking about the Boston and Maine reorganization he said that the troubles with our corporations today are these, "Too small holdings and too small a personal interest on the part of directors in the companies they represent." Do you know, gentlemen, that the directors of the Maine Central Railroad today, the people who handle the business of that corporation, own 1.41 per cent of the holdings. Does that mean anything to you, that they only own that small fraction, and they have got their place in perpetuity by the Maine Railways Company holding this large block of stock? It is an honest effort on the part of people that we should know where we stand. If the Maine Central is entitled to these rates we have no fault to find, if they are doing the best they can; and if this management at the present time is such or in the future is such as to handle this road properly, then we, without any protest, will pay the rates that are made against us, but in the last analysis, the farmer pays the freight, and we are interested.

Now in regard to this question of a reasonable fee. Judge Cleaves said that he thought \$1,500 was sufficient, and perhaps less, but it was felt that it would be a bad precedent to establish that \$1,500 and no more should be expended for that, to limit it to that amount. You must remember that the Governor and Council are to approve this matter.

The Maine Central Railroad wants to put themselves right with the people; they have got a block of stock amounting to 641-2 per cent, representing the whole of that railroad, and they want the people to know that the railroad is right; we want to know if it is right, and then that stock can be owned here in Maine and the stock will sell better, and it would be worth more per share than before this investigation. I trust, gentlemen, that you will give me the vote you did when this matter originally came before the House.

Mr. THOMBS of Lincoln: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, I think you should consider well this matter before you make a start upon it. I believe the present

legal remedies sought to be obtained by this railroad have not been exhausted up to the present time, and I am perfectly willing and I would like to see the legal machinery of this State of Maine set in motion for the clearing up of this matter, and I say I believe that all that machinery will have to work over time for the next two years before you get to the bottom of this matter; and then the 78th Legislature would have to take hold and provide special appropriation and put on more crew to finish it.

I had the honor the other day to stand up here in this House and ask you to pass a resolve appropriating some \$30,000 for the widows and orphans throughout the State of Maine. I want to call your attention to the fact that those widows and orphans are mentioned because they are stockholders; and when I stood up here the other day and asked for \$30,000 for the widows and orphans of this State, you said me nay. Now, are you going to be consistent? Are you going to do the honest thing, the right thing between the widows and orphans in these two classes? If that is what you want to do, then it seems to me your duty is plain this morning. Much as I desire an investigation of this kind, still more do I desire that the penniless widows and orphans be the recipients of the bounty of the State of Maine until such time as the necessity for a special appropriation for the investigation of this matter is made more plain to me than it has been up to the present time.

Mr. PERHAM of Woodstock: Mr. Speaker, I do not consider this proposed investigation a slap in the face of this railroad. We are giving them what they ask for. They came before this committee and asked for an investigation by the Public Utilities Commission. The proposition then was for a special committee, and they did not like that, and they wanted it conducted by the Public Utilities Commission; and I say to you that we have confidence in our Public Utilities Commission, and we have confidence in their judgment. When the matter of \$1,500 for additional counsel was brought up it seems that the Senate thought that was not

right, and after consultation with them the commission seemed to think that \$1,500 was ample, inasmuch as these bills are subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

We will take it for granted that this present management is honest, but it seems to me that they are trying to get themselves out of difficulties. I think there is nothing that will free them from the suspicion that is cast upon them at this time as an investigation of this kind by their friends. We are not standing here as enemies to this railroad corporation; we are their friends, and we offer to do for them just what they have asked for themselves; and I trust that this House will stand by their verdict of yesterday when this vote was taken.

Mr. HIGGINS of Brewer: Mr. Speaker, I take the same position upon this matter that I took yesterday. I think this is an irregular way to go about it. I think the proper way would be through the Public Utilities Commission, and under the act creating that commission a petition signed by any ten or twenty men in this State will receive consideration at the hands of this commission. You talk about \$1,500 or \$15,000,—in my opinion, it will cost as much as \$50,000, and then some; and I trust that this motion to indefinitely postpone will prevail.

Mr. PERHAM: Mr. Speaker, at the time of the hearing before the committee Hon. Seth M. Carter stood before that committee and said, "We would welcome an investigation; we have nothing to cover up; we will assist you all we can in this investigation," and if they will approach it in that manner it will cost but a fraction of what has been suggested.

Mr. CONNELLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I wish to say in regard to the motion which I made that I did not make it for the benefit of the Maine Central Railroad, with which I have no connection, but from another point of view entirely. We have sat here for almost or quite thirteen weeks and we have seen appropriations pared for humane purposes and pared and pared until we were almost sick at heart;

and now I say to you, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House, in the name of Heaven, if you have got any money to spend, spend it on your crippled children and on your sick and infirm and on your academies and schools and not in an investigation which at the present time no one knows whether it is warranted or not. For that reason, I object. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Connellan, that this order be indefinitely postponed. On 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.

YEA—Albert, Ames, Ballard, Bernier, Besse, Blake of New Gloucester, Blake of Oakland, Bonney, Bourque, Bragdon, Brann, Brawn, Brown of Auburn, Brown of New Sharon, Carson, Chadbourne, Clifford, Connellan, Connors, Drapeau, Ellis, Erskine, Fay, Ford, Gallagher, Gerrish, Goodwin, Gould, Greeley, Hanson of Saco, Higgins, Hill, Hobbs, Hodgkins, Holt of Gouldsboro, Holt of Skowhegan, Lewis, Littlefield, Lombard, Maxwell, McCarty, McCurdy, McNally, Mitchell, Morrison, Morse, Mulligan, Nicholas, Noyes, O'Connell, Perkins, Peterson, Pierce of Farmington, Pierce of Houlton, Plummer, Ranney, Ricker, Roberts, Russell of Alfred, Ryder, St. Clair of Calais, St. Clair of Rockland, Small, Thombs, Towle, Turner, Ward, Wasgatt, Washburn, Wescott, Wheeler, Wilkins—72.

NAY—Beal, Benn, Bradbury, Bussey, Campbell, Chaplin, Chamberlin, Clement, Cobb, Coffin, Colcord, Corliss, Daigle, Danforth, Descoteaux, Dilling, Douglass, Drummond, Dutton, Edwards, Evans, Gilmour, Gooding, Grant, Groaton, Greenlaw, Hanson of Sanford, Harper, Jameson, Lawrence, Leader, Libby, Lord, Mansir, McIntire, McKinley, Meader, Millett, Newell, Peabbles, Perham, Picher, Sanborn, Smith, Snow, Tabbutt, Tate, Tobey, Trafton, Tuttle, Varney, Waterhouse, Welch, Wilson, Wise, Woodman—56.

ABSENT—Allen, Averill, Currier, Davis, Durgain, Fossett, Goldthwait, Greenleaf, Haraden, Hart, Haskell, Jordan, McCarrison, Michaud, Mullin, Neilon, Polard, Robinson, Russell of Lewiston, Thibodeau of Fort Kent, Watts, Webb, Wyman—23.

The SPEAKER: Seventy-two having voted in the affirmative and 56 in the negative, the motion prevails and the order is indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Connellan of Portland then

moved that the vote be reconsidered whereby this order was indefinitely postponed.

The motion was lost.

On motion by Mr. Clifford of Lewiston, the rules were suspended and unanimous consent was given for that gentleman to introduce out of order Resolve in favor of the stenographer for the secretary of the workmen's compensation committee.

On further motion by Mr. Clifford, the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two readings and was passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the report of the conference committee on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve authorizing John G. Fleming to bring a suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine for a balance claimed to be due him on a highway contract, reporting that they are unable to agree, signed by Senators Peacock, Dunton, and Ames on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. Thombs, Pierce and Sanborn on the part of the House.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Lincoln, the House voted to adhere.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House bill, An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditure of government for the year 1915. The pending question is the passage of the bill to be enacted. This bill carries the emergency clause and under the provisions of the Constitution requires the vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to this House. All those in favor of the passage of this bill to be enacted will rise and stand until counted.

A division being had, 124 voted in favor and none opposed.

So the bill was passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the legislature on Resolve for the con-

struction of two brick dormitories for inmates at the School for Feeble-Minded, reporting that they are unable to agree, signed by Senators Boynton, Garcelon and Jillson on the part of the Senate and Messrs. Pierce, Plummer and Perham on the part of the House.

The report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to use any unexpended balance in the Treasury for the care of inmates at the school for Feeble-Minded at Pownal. This resolve was introduced in the Senate under a suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton, the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two readings at the present time and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Resolve on the payroll of the Senate. In the Senate this resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that 500 copies of Senate Bill No. 99, An Act for the preservation, perpetuation and increase of the forests of the State of Maine, be printed for use of the joint special committee appointed to inquire into the subject matter contained in said bill, and that said copies be sent to the chairman of said committee.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reporting "ought to pass" on Resolve appropriating money for indexing the papers left by this Legislature and for the proof-reading and indexing of the Senate Journal.

In the Senate this resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer the rules were suspended, the resolve re-

ceived its two readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer the House voted to take a recess until 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Afternoon Session

Mr. Washburn of Perry received unanimous consent to introduce the following order out of order:

Ordered: That J. L. Muldoon, postmaster of the House of Representatives, be excused from further attendance, as he has another who has agreed to fill his position.

The order received a passage.

The SPEAKER: On March 17th the following order was passed in the House:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that there be and hereby is created a commission of five, consisting of the President of the Senate and one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and two members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, this commission to serve without pay except actual expenses. The duties of the commission shall be to report to the next Legislature recommendations for suitable legislation to open up the timber lands and wild lands of the State of Maine to settlers and home-makers. This order was presented by the gentleman from Island Falls, Mr. Campbell, and received a passage in the House, and afterwards the concurrent action of the Senate. On this commission the Chair will appoint Messrs. Campbell of Island Falls and Edwards of Bethel.

Mr. Higgins of Brewer received unanimous consent to introduce out of order Resolve carrying the payroll of the House of the 77th Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Higgins, the rules were suspended, and the resolve had its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair calls the attention of the House to resolve to provide for a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the State of Maine, and the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of

the Pilgrims, House Doc. 752, providing for a committee of seven persons, three to be appointed by the President of the Senate and four by the Speaker of the House, to be known as the Maine 1920 Legislative Committee, whose duty it shall be to confer with the State Board of Trade 1920 Commission, with the view of devising a plan of celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State into the Union and the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. The Chair will appoint on that committee the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Greenleaf, the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Bragdon, the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Higgins, and the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Ward.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to amend Chapter seven of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to the Bar Harbor Municipal Court.

An Act to authorize the town of Eden to own, maintain and operate an electric lighting plant.

An Act to amend Section 54 and 65 of Chapter eight of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 49 of the Public Laws of 1909, relative to the taxation of mortgages on real estate in savings bank and trust and banking companies.

An Act additional to Chapter 408 of the Private and Special Laws of 1855, as amended, relating to the charter of the city of Biddeford.

An Act to amend Section 82 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, and Sections 8, 9 and 14 of Chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes, relating to venires for grand jurors.

An Act additional to Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the pleadings in actions at law on insurance policies.

An Act relating to the use of automobiles in the town of Mount Desert, in Hancock County.

An Act to amend Chapter 215 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to municipal elections in the town of Eden.

An Act to authorize the Maine Water Company to take water from cer-

tain lakes in Washington county.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

An Act to incorporate the Wels Beach Lighting district.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has received the following communication from the Senate:

"To the clerk of the House:

An Act for the protection of life and property against loss or damage from steam boilers or steam machinery operated by incompetent persons in cities of over 35,000 inhabitants, having been returned to the Senate with the veto of the Governor thereon, 14 voted in favor thereof and 14 against its passage to become a law, so it was not voted that he bill become a law, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Signed) W. E. LAWRY,
Secretary of the Senate."

Mr. HIGGINS of Brewer received unanimous consent to introduce out of order the following order:

Ordered: That Representative Gould of Leeds be excused from further attendance at this session, and that his pay and mileage be made up to the end of the session.

The order received a passage.

The SPEAKER: The Senate has sent down bill, An Act to provide for the payment of salaries and mileage to members and officials, and other expenses incident to the 77th Legislature, received in the Senate under a suspension of the rules, read twice, passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Higgins, the rules were suspended and the bill had its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The House then took a recess until 5 o'clock.

The following communication was received from the Senate:

To the Clerk of the House,

"Resolve to provide for the construction and equipment of central school building at the Maine Industrial School

for Girls at Hallowell", having been returned to the Senate with the veto of the Governor thereon, 15 voted in favor of and 13 voted against its passage to become a law. So it was not a vote that the bill become a law the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

W. B. LAWRY, Secretary.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Connellan of Portland, unanimous consent was given and that gentleman presented the following order:

Ordered, That the House of Representatives requests the Senate to recall from the Governor Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish.

Mr. CONNELLAN: Mr. Speaker, I will say that I understand from the Governor that if this resolve is recalled it might possibly tend to hasten the proceedings of the House and Senate. I therefore move that the order be given a passage at this time.

The order received a passage.

Subsequently the Speaker announced that the resolve referred to in the above order had been returned to the House.

Mr. CONNELLAN: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment which I would like to offer to this resolve, Senate Doc. No. 294, to amend by striking out the words "seventy-five" in the first line thereof and substituting in place thereof the words "fifty".

Mr. Connellan then moved that the vote be reconsidered whereby this resolve was finally passed.

Mr. HIGGINS of Brewer: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say upon this matter that this being a state department it seems to me that the amount of money as asked for by this department is the smallest amount that they can get along with and operate that department efficiently; and if it is necessary to do some pruning, it would seem to me that we ought to do it in some department that does not bring the income to the state that this department brings, and therefore, Mr. Speaker, I trust the motion will not prevail.

Mr. CONNELLAN: Mr. Speaker, I will say that, while the commissioner is not here, as I understand it, he has stated himself personally that if it was considered necessary under the circumstances owing to the finances of the state to pare the appropriation to that extent that he was perfectly willing it should be done; and it has been considered necessary so to do.

Mr. HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I will say that I spoke to the commissioner not more than five minutes ago and he informed me, or perhaps I should say that I understood him to inform me that the amount stated in the resolve was the smallest amount that they could get along with and do the work of that department efficiently. Of course, if a less amount is granted, the work will necessarily be inefficient to that extent.

The question being on the motion that the vote be reconsidered whereby this resolve was finally passed.

Mr. Drummond of Winslow called for the yeas and nays.

A sufficient number having arisen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion that the vote be reconsidered whereby this resolve was finally passed. All those in favor of the motion, when their names are called, will answer yes; those opposed will answer no. The clerk will call the roll.

YEA—Ballard, Bernier, Blake of New Gloucester, Bourque, Brown of New Sharon, Chadbourne, Clifford, Colcord, Connellan, Connors, Corliss, Currier, Desco-teaux, Douglass, Durgain, Edwards, Fosssett, Gallagher, Gilmour, Gooding, Goodwin, Greenleaf, Haraden, Haskell, Hill, Hobbs, Hodgkins, Holt of Skowhegan, Jameson, Lewis, Libby, Lord, Maxwell, McCarty, McCorrison, McCurdy, McIntire, Millett, Mulligan, Mullin, Noyes, Peabbles, Perkins, Picher, Pierce of Farmington, Pierce of Houlton, Plummer, Pollard, Roberts, Smith, Tabbutt, Tate, Trafton, Turner, Ward, Waggatt, Watts, Welch, Wheeler, Wilkins, Wilson, Woodman—62.

NAYS—Albert, Ames, Beal, Benn, Besse, Blake of Oakland, Bonney, Bradbury, Bragdon, Brann, Brawn, Bussey, Campbell, Carson, Chamberlin, Clement, Cobb, Coffin, Daigle, Danforth, Dilling, Drummond, Dutton, Ellis, Evans, Fay, Ford, Gerrish, Grant, Groaton, Greenlaw, Hanson of Saco, Hanson of Sanford, Harper, Hart, Higgins, Holt of Gouldsboro, Littlefield, Lombard, Mansir, McKinley, Mc-

Nally, Meader, Mitchell, Morrison, O'Connell, Perham, Peterson, Ranney, Ricker, Russell of Alfred, Ryder, St. Clair of Calais, St. Clair of Rockland, Sanborn, Snow, Thombs, Tobey, Towle, Tuttle, Varney, Washburn, Waterhouse, Wise—64.

ABSENT—Allen, Averill, Brown of Auburn, Chaplin, Davis, Drapeau, Erskine, Goldthwait, Gould, Jordan, Lawrence, Leader, Michaud, Morse, Neilon, Newell, Nicholas, Robinson, Russell of Lewiston, Small, Thibodeau of Fort Kent, Webb, Wyman—23.

PAIRED—Greeley, yes; Wescott, no.

The **SPEAKER**: Sixty-two having voted in the affirmative and 64 in the negative, the motion is lost.

The Speaker subsequently announced that he had instructed the clerk to return the resolve to the Senate with notice of the action of the House thereon.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer, the House voted to take a recess until five o'clock in the afternoon.

After Recess.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair lays before the House bill, An Act defining "An Act to establish a minimum wage for State House employees."

The bill was passed to be enacted in the House and passed to be enacted in the Senate. Subsequently the Senate recalled the bill from the Governor, and in that branch the vote was then reconsidered, whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer, the vote was considered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted, and on future motion by the same gentleman, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Hanson of Sanford asked that the rules be suspended and that he be permitted to introduce at this time out of order Resolve in favor of the State House Employees.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair is informed that the committee has reported on this same resolve "ought not to pass", and that the House has accepted the report. Under those circumstances the Chair would be obliged to rule that the resolve would be out of order at this time.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair lays be-

fore the House the following communication from the Governor:

"April 2, 1915.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

House Document No. 962, entitled 'An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes relating to trial justices' is returned herewith unsigned. The practical effect of this law would be to take the appointment of trial justices out of the hands of the Governor and Council, and place that power in the hands of the various boards of county commissioners. The Constitution pro- for the appointment by the Governor, subject to the approval of the Council, of all judicial officers excepting judges of probate who are elected by the people. Trial justices are important judicial officers and should not receive their appointment from any less responsible authority than the Governor, nor should he in appointing them be limited to candidates selected by any local board.

(Signed) OAKLEY C. CURTIS,

Governor."

(Accompanying this communication was the bill referred to therein)

The **SPEAKER**: The question before the House is, shall this become a law the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding? This requires a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to this House, and under the provisions of the constitution the vote must be taken by the yeas and nays. All those in favor of the proposition that this bill shall become a law, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, when their names are called, will answer yes; all those opposed will answer no. The Clerk will call the roll.

YEA—0.

NAY—Albert, Ames, Ballard, Beal, Bernier, Besse, Blake of New Gloucester, Blake of Oakland, Bonney, Bradbury, Bragdon, Brann, Brawn, Brown of New Sharon, Bussey, Campbell, Carson, Chamberlin, Clement, Clifford, Cobb, Coffin, Colcord, Connellan, Connors, Collins, Currier, Daigle, Danforth, Descoteaux, Dilling, Douglass, Drummond, Durgain, Dutton, Ellis, Evans, Fay, Ford, Fossett, Gallagher, Gerrish, Gooding, Goodwin, Gould, Grant, Groaton, Greenlaw, Greenleaf, Hanson of Saco, Hanson of Sanford, Harper, Haskell, Higgins, Hill, Hobbs, Holt of Gouldsboro, Holt of

Skowhegan, Jameson, Lawrence, Lewis, Libby, Littlefield, Lombard, Maxwell, McCarrison, McCurdy, McIntire, McKinley, McNally, Millett, Mitchell, Morrison, Morse, Mulligan, Mullin, Newell, Nicholas, Noyes, O'Connell, Peabbles, Perkins, Peterson, Picher, Pierce of Farmington, Pierce of Houlton, Plummer, Pollard, Ranney, Ricker, Roberts, Russell of Alfred, Ryder, St. Clair of Calais, St. Clair of Rockland, Sanborn, Small, Smith, Snow, Tabbutt, Tate, Thombs, Tobey, Towle, Trafton, Turner, Tuttle, Varney, Ward, Wasgatt, Washburn, Watts, Welch, Wescott, Wheeler, Wilkins, Wilson, Wise, Woodman, Wyman—120.

A BSENT—Allen, Averill, Benn, Bourque, Brown of Auburn, Chadbourn, Chaplin, Davis, Drapeau, Edwards, Erskine, Gilmour, Goldthwait, Greeley, Haraden, Hart, Hodgkins, Jordan, Leader, Lord, Mansir, McCarty, Meader, Michaud, Neilon, Perham, Robinson, Russell of Lewiston, Thibodeau of Fort Kent, Waterhouse, Webb—31.

The **SPEAKER**: One hundred and twenty having voted no, and none having voted yes, the House votes that this shall not become a law, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer, the House voted to take a recess until 7 o'clock in the evening.

After Recess.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Neil S. Gray for services as clerk and stenographer to the committee on towns.

Resolve in favor of M. H. Hodgdon for services as clerk and stenographer to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

Resolve in favor of H. P. Hawes and Constance A. Gage, clerk and stenographer respectively, to the committee on ways and bridges.

Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kingsbury for services as clerk, messenger and stenographer to the committee on interior waters.

Resolve in favor of George T. Hinchcliffe for services as clerk, stenographer and typewriter to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

Resolve in favor of the clerk and messenger to the committee on railroads and expresses.

Resolve in favor of Charles R. Kingsbury for services as clerk, messenger and stenographer to the committee on Indian affairs.

Resolve appropriating money to pay Winifred M. Bearce, stenographer and typist to the Secretary of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of Reuel B. Soule for services as clerk and stenographer to the committee on banks and banking.

Resolve in favor of the shorthand reported to committee on railroads and expresses.

Resolve in favor of Claude W. Townsend Jr., for services as messenger to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

Resolve in favor of Ina E. Chadbourn.

Resolve in favor of Niles L. Perkins, secretary to the committee on insane hospitals.

Resolve in favor of Louis Garcelon for services rendered as clerk of committee on agriculture.

Resolve in favor of William C. Hansen, clerk to the committee on labor.

Resolve in favor of Kennebec county issuing bonds.

Resolve in favor of Donald C. Gates for services as messenger to the committee on towns.

Resolve in favor of William C. Hanson for services as clerk and stenographer to the committee on salaries and fees.

Resolve in favor of Arthur C. Smith, secretary of committee on State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve appropriating money to pay Josephine I. Cony, stenographer to the President of the Senate and for assistance rendered in the Senate office during the present session of the Legislature.

Resolve in favor of Neil L. Violette, for services to the committee on State lands and forest preservation.

Resolve in favor of H. P. Hawes for services as clerk to the committee on insane hospitals.

Resolve in favor of the clerk, stenographer and messenger to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer, the House voted to take a recess.

After Recess.**Passed to be Enacted.**

An Act to equalize the salaries of county commissoiners.

An Act to amend Section 47 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the use of motor boats in hunting sea birds, duck and water fowl.

An Act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1916.

An Act providing for the temporary licensing of automobiles and motor vehicles.

An Act to authorize the town of Lisbon to supply gas and electricity.

An Act fixing the pay of the night watchmen of the State House.

An Act relative to the granting of licenses for certain businesses and purposes by the municipal officers of the city of Portland.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of the commission on the revision of the forms and rules of procedure and practice in use in probate courts.

Resolve to provide for the payment of telephone service for members during the present session of the Legislature.

Resolve appropriating money for the purchase of filing cases for the offices of the secretary and President of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the official reporter of the Senate.

Resolve appropriating money to pay Irene D. Chase, stenographer and typist to the clerk of the House.

Resolve in favor of P. H. Fitzgerald.

Resolve in favor of Raymond C. Frank for Services as Clerk to the Committee on Library.

Resolve in favor of Stenographer for Secretary of Workmen's Compensation Committee.

Resolve Appropriating Money for the Construction of Certain Buildings at the University of Maine.

Resolve in favor of Gardner K. Heath for services in Preparing a Schedule of all Acts and Resolves Carrying an Appropriation or Expenditure of Money.

Resolve Providing a State Pension for James B. Smith.

Resolve in Favor of Ina E. Chadbourne.

Resolve in Favor of Orin B. Frost for Services as Clerk to the House Committee on Bills in Third Reading.

Resolve in Favor of Fred S. Rand.

Resolve in favor of Louis Garcelon for services rendered as clerk of the committee on School for Feeble Minded.

Resolve in favor of Charles F. Barnes for services as messenger to the committee on the revision of the statutes.

Resolve in favor of Brooks Newbert for services as clerk, stenographer and messenger to the committee on taxation.

Resolve reimbursing the town of Pittsfield for supplies furnished to certain State paupers.

Resolve in favor of Cassie K. Turner.

Resolve in favor of the Clerk, Stenographer and Messenger of Legal Affairs Committee.

Resolve in favor of the Clerk, Stenographer and the Messenger to the Judiciary Committee for Services Rendered.

Resolve in favor of C. R. Tupper, for Services Formulating Bills for the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to amend the Charter of the Portland Water District.

An Act to amend Sections Four, Seven and Eight of Chapter Sixty-five of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Eleven, relating to the Department of Labor and Industry, and to further amend said Chapter by adding Section Twelve thereto.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Thirteen, entitled, "An Act to create a Public Utilities Commission" and prescribing the duties and powers thereof, and to amend certain provisions of the Revised Statutes and of the Public Laws of the State of Maine, relating to Public Utilities.

The House then voted to take a recess subject to the call of the Speaker.

After Recess

The SPEAKER: The Chair has re-

ceived the following communication:
To the Clerk of the House:

"Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish, game and birds and for printing the report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game," having been returned to the Senate with the veto of the Governor thereon, eleven voted in favor and fifteen voted against its passage to become a law. So it was not a vote that the bill become a law, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.

W. E. LAWRY,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, and for the protection of fish, game and birds, and for the printing of the report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game. This resolve was presented in the Senate under a suspension of the rules, read twice under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed. The Chair will state that this resolve is identical with the former resolve except that the first line is changed to read, "Resolved that the sum of fifty thousand dollars be and hereby is appropriated" instead of "seventy-five thousand dollars."

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton, the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two readings at this time and was passed to be engrossed.

Finally Passed

Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of providing and operating patrol boats to be used in enforcing the laws relating to sea and shore fisheries.

Resolve in favor of Edward S. Austin for services as document clerk to the House of Representatives.

Resolve in favor of P. H. Fitzgerald for services as mail carrier to the House of Representatives.

The House voted to take a recess subject to the call of the Speaker.

After Recess

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to Provide for the Payment of Salaries and Mileage of Members and Officers and for Other Expenditures Incident to the Seventy-seventh Legislature.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of T. W. Prince for Services Rendered as Clerk of the Senate Committee on Bills in the Second Reading.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Sanatorium Association, Hebron.

Resolve Authorizing the Governor and Council to Use any Unexpended balance in the Treasury for Construction of One or More Buildings for the Care of Inmates at the School for Feeble Minded at Pownal.

Resolve in favor of Miss Jennie M. Lyons, stenographer to the committee on labor.

Resolve appropriating money to pay for proof-reading and indexing the House Journal.

Resolve in favor of Fortunat O. Michaud, secretary of the committee on public health.

Resolve appropriating money to pay Lena A. Pierce for services as stenographer and typist to the Speaker of the House.

Resolve in favor of Ina E. Chadbourne.

Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for renovating the second male wing of the stone building.

Resolve appropriating money to construct a bridge across the Fore river between the cities of Portland and South Portland.

Resolve appropriating money to pay for indexing the papers left by this Legislature and for the proof-reading and indexing of the Senate Journal.

Resolve in favor of Physician at the Maine State Prison.

The House voted to take a recess subject to the call of the Speaker.

After Recess

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.