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HOUSE

Friday, February 28, 1919.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 71 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the use of seines in traps.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. PERKINS of Boothbay Harbor, the bill was laid on the table for printing, pending reference in concurrence, and 500 copies ordered printed.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the office of forest commissioner.

This bill was by the House referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation, the Senate having previously referred it to the committee on salaries and fees. It comes from the Senate, that body voting to insist on its former action, asking for a committee of conference and appointing as such committee Senators Folsom, Grant and Stanley.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, the bill was tabled pending reference to committee on conference.

From the Senate: An Act to authorize Northern Seaport Railroad Company to merge with and into the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on February 5. It comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Port-

land tabled pending adoption of amendment.

From the Senate: An Act to incorporate the Steep Falls Water Company.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on February 25. It comes back from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A, asking concurrent action.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, these matters relating to crossing are now under consideration by the committee on public utilities. I do not know why the amendment should be added to a private law; and I move that it lie on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended, and the following Senate order was received out of order.

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, March 4th, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 109: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of superintending school committees.

S. D. 112: An Act to authorize the Brunswick and Topsham Water District to adjust a claim for overcharge.

S. D. 113: An Act to repeal Sections 54 and 55 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appropriations for the State prison.

S. D. 114: An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to county jails.

Senate 117: An Act to provide an appropriation for general forestry purposes.

Senate 110: Resolve in favor of John P. Haney of Bangor, Penobscot county, State of Maine.

Senate 116: Resolve for further public instruction in forestry.

Senate 115: An Act to establish

the Lubec and Machias Railway Company.

(Report and bill tabled by Mr. Pike of Eastport, pending acceptance of report.)

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

Education

By Mr. Holley of North Anson: Petition of C. L. Caswell and 13 others, urging the amendment of the schools laws so that all contracts for school supplies will be approved by the superintending school committee and board of selectmen before the town is liable for payment.

By the same gentleman: Petition of W. G. Hilton and 28 others in favor of same.

Judiciary

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act relating to the duties of State officials and employees. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Fagan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens on buildings and wharves. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 272 of the Public Laws of 1917, entitled, An Act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night and to control the glare of headlights. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Farnsworth of Caribou: An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, relating to service of certain kinds of writs. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Pike of Eastport: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, providing for holding the biennial State election on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Pensions

By Mr. Stanley of Dixfield: An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chap-

ter 148 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State pensions.

Public Health

By Mr. Bragdon of Perham: Petition of Ernest Nutting and 34 others of Perham favoring the passage of an act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 50 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section one of Chapter 131 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to complaint against a public utility made by itself. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: An Act relative to the compensation of registers of probate.

By the same gentleman: An Act relative to compensation of judges of probate.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Orff: Remonstrance of E. A. Young and 18 others against an act to protect the lobsters within three miles of Matinicus.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: An Act to amend Section 36 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted in Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1917, and to provide for the construction of third-class highways. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield. An Act to provide aid for assistance of towns in maintaining town highways. (1,000 copies ordered printed.)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Allen of Sanford, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on education for the afternoon of Wednesday, March 5, 1919.

On motion by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield, it was

Ordered the Senate concurring, that there be printed 500 copies of the speech of Dr. Phillips of Bar Harbor, given in the House, Wednesday, February 26, for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. SMITH of Skowhegan: Mr. Speaker, I do not know as I understood the order introduced for the committee on education; but as I remember it, the hall has already been assigned to the committee on labor and judiciary for the same day. I am not quite sure about this, however.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is unable to state.

Mr. ALLEN of Sanford: Mr. Speaker, I inquired of the caretaker of the building here, and he told me that Wednesday afternoon, March 5th, was not taken up, and I immediately had the order made out.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk tells me that an order previously passed did give it to the committees on judiciary and labor for the date named.

Mr. ALLEN: Then, I will withdraw the order.

Unanimous consent being given to the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Allen, the vote was reconsidered whereby the order was given a passage, and the order was then withdrawn.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Clifford, from the committee on Claims, reported ought not to pass on Resolve appropriating money to pay the amount due the firm of George H. Wilbur and Son on account of labor performed and materials furnished on the Woman's Reformatory at Skowhegan, Maine.

Mr. Varney, from the committee on Education, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 16, Sections 169, 170 and 171 of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Teachers' Pensions."

Mr. Flint, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relating to a closed season on rabbits."

Mr. Barnes, from the committee on judiciary, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section Five of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indecent exposure," as the same subject matter is included in another bill before this legislature.

Same gentleman, from same com-

mittee, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Registries of Deeds."

Mr. Chaplin, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act to Simplify the revision of City Charters."

Mr. Weatherbee, from the committee on legal affairs, reported same on bill "An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the organization and incorporation of Winslow Grange No. 320."

Mr. Thomas, from the committee on pensions, reported same on Resolve providing for the retirement on half pay of Frederick Brown, a former employee of the State, as subject matter is taken up in a general bill.

Mr. Cowan, from the committee on public utilities, reported same on bill "An Act to amend Section 71, Chapter 55, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, relating to certain public utilities."

Mr. Mathews, from same committee, reported same on bill "An Act authorizing the Oxford Electric Company to discontinue the operation of its road and to dispose of its franchise and property."

Mr. Flint, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on bill "An Act to amend Section 46 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of certain fur-bearing animals," with remonstrance of D. W. Moores and 25 other residents of Aroostook County against removal of protection of fox, skunk and raccoons, reported that legislation thereon is unnecessary, as the subject matter is covered by another report of that committee.

Mr. Putnam, from same committee, on bill An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of game birds, reported that legislation thereon is unnecessary as the subject matter has been incorporated in another bill to be reported by this committee.

Mr. Hussey, from the committee on legal affairs, on bill An Act to amend Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled An Act to incorporate Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company, as amended by Chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887 and by Chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 and by Chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 and by Chapter 553 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, reported that the proponents be given leave to withdraw the bill.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill An Act to amend Chapter 331 of the Private and Special Laws of 1867 entitled An Act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Dam Company, as amended by Chapter 598 of the Private and Special Laws of 1874 and by Chapter 126 of the Private and Special Laws of 1881, reported that the proponents be given leave to withdraw the bill.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee on pensions, on Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Industry, Franklin county, Maine, reported that the same be referred to the committee on military affairs.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee on conference, on disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on bill An Act to provide for the collection of agricultural statistics by assessors, reporting that the Senate recede and concur in recommitting said act to the committee on agriculture.

(Signed) Messrs. ALLAN,
BERRY,
SIMONS.

Committee on part of House.

Messrs. THOMBS,
BABB,
BUTLER.

Committee on part of Senate.

Mr. Alden, from the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on Resolve making appropriation for support of bureau of weights and measures.

Mr. Austin, from same committee, reported same on Resolve making an

appropriation to support the bureau of horticulture.

Mr. Gray, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act to amend Chapter 141, Public Laws of 1917, providing for the improvement and certification of seed.

Mr. Washburn, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act amending Section 41, Chapter 36, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the department of agriculture, providing for the collection and examination of samples of feeding stuffs, fertilizers, insecticides, seeds, foods and drugs.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act to amend Chapter 218, Public Laws 1917, providing for the establishment of a bureau of markets.

Mr. Bean from the committee on claims, reported same on resolve in favor of Hahnel Bros. & Company for labor and material furnished in the construction of the Woman's Reformatory at Skowhegan.

Mr. Brackett from same committee, reported same on Resolve in favor of the Blunt Hardware Company, for material furnished by them in the construction of the Women's Reformatory at Skowhegan.

Mr. Clifford, from same committee, reported same on Resolve appropriating money for the payment to Delano Mill Company of Portland for material furnished in the construction of Stevens Cottage at Skowhegan for the Reformatory for Women.

Mr. Perkins, from same committee, reported same on Resolve in favor of McQuillan and Pooler for material furnished by them in the construction of the Woman's Reformatory at Skowhegan.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Scarborough.

Mr. Pattee, from the committee on education, reported same on bill An Act to amend Section 107 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of teachers' salaries.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill An

Act to amend Sections 128 and 130 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the certification of teachers.

Mr. Varney, from same committee, reported same on Resolve in favor of Ellie L. Stafford for teacher's pension.

Mr. Austin from the committee on Indian Affairs on Resolve appropriating money for the maintenance of Teachers' Old Home on Old Town, Indian Island, No. 1, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Berry, from same committee, on Resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the years 1919 and 1920, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Bowie, from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians for the general care, maintenance, relief and education thereof, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Flint, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on bill, An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of game birds, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Putnam, from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill, An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the sale and purchase of certain protected fish.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of moose, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Sweatt, from same committee, on bill An Act to amend Section 67 of chapter 33 of the Revised

Statutes, as amended by Chapters 219 and 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the licensing of taxidermists, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Barnes, from the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indecent exposure.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill An Act repealing Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, Chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, Chapters 156 and 178 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, and Chapter 75 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to rights of county commissioners of Cumberland county, reported same in a new draft, under title of An Act repealing Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, Chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, Chapters 156 and 178 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, Chapter 75 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, granting the county commissioners of the county of Cumberland the right to sell or lease certain property, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Fagan from the committee on legal affairs, on bill An Act amending the charter of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hinckley, from same committee, on bill An Act to extend the charter of the Investment Insurance and Guaranty Company, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington-Oakland Interurban Railway, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill An Act to extend the charter of the R. and T. Cement Railroad, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Ricker from the committee on library, on Resolve providing for the printing and distribution of an index to the Private and Special Laws and to the Resolves of the State of Maine, reported same in a new draft, under title of Resolve providing for the compilation, printing and distribution of an index to the Private and Special Laws and to the Resolves of the State of Maine, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Mathews from the committee on public utilities, on bill An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad, reported same in a new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Wilson from same committee reported ought to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, relating to the powers of public utilities.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 76 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to power of Public Utilities Commission.

Reports were read and accepted and bills and resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 258: An Act to amend Chapter 401 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, entitled An Act for the protection of salmon, alewives and smelts in Pleasant river, Washington county. (New draft.)

House 259: An Act amending Chapter 8, Section 60, Paragraph 4, of the Revised Statutes.

(Tabled by Mr. Cunningham of Patten to correct error in title.)

House 260: An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manner of signing certificates of shares. (New draft.)

House 266: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 217 of Acts and Resolves of 1917, relative to the carry-

ing of dangerous weapons without a license.

House 267: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais, providing for biennial elections.

House 268: An Act to amend Chapter 358 of Private and Special Laws of 1867, entitled An Act to incorporate the Great Works Log Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 460 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868. (New draft.)

House 269: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the organization of corporations for literary, charitable, educational and other purposes.

House 270: An Act to incorporate the Chase Stream Improvement Company. (New draft.)

House 271: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1819, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 152 of the Public Laws of 1823, relating to ministerial funds in the town of Bridgton.

House 272: An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. (New draft.)

House 273: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais with reference to the Calais municipal court.

House 276: An Act to incorporate the Industry Water Company. (New draft.)

House 275: Resolve, in aid of navigation on the Lower Lakes.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 99: Resolve authorizing DeForest Keyes to bring a suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine.

Senate 100: An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the time of payment of legacies.

House 70: An Act to establish the Northern Cumberland municipal court.

House 250: An Act to authorize the town of Southport to rebuild and maintain a bridge across Nelson's Mill pond, so-called.

House 251: An Act additional to Chapter 136 of the Private and Spe-

cial Laws of 1915, entitled An Act to incorporate the Northport Village Corporation.

House 252: An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes to provide for actual notice of sale for taxes of land in places not incorporated.

House 255: An Act to provide for the physical education in the public schools.

(Tabled by Mr. Bean of Minot pending third reading.)

House 256: An Act to amend Section 110 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to teachers' associations.

House 240: Resolve making an appropriation to assist, encourage and develop the poultry industry in Maine.

House 241: Resolve appropriating money for the protection of plants, trees and shrubs from the ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

House 242: Resolve making an appropriation for New England Fruit Show to be held in the year 1919.

House 245: Resolve providing for aid in payment of premiums awarded by the Eastern Maine State Fair.

House 253: Resolve in aid of navigation on Lewy, Long and Big Lakes.

House 254: Resolve providing teacher's pension for Adelia J. Webber.

Finally Passed

Resolve, making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the college of agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States department of agriculture.

Resolve, in favor of Mary A. Carroll, of Southwest Harbor for teacher's pension.

Resolve, appropriating money for the erection of a fish screen at the outlet of Sebago Lake.

Resolve, in favor of the town of Washington, reimbursing said town for payment of State aid for free high school.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act empowering the county commissioners of the county of Penobscot to sell surplus heat.

An Act relating to the education of deaf or dumb children.

An Act to legalize and make valid the proceedings of the town meeting of the town of West Gardiner held on the 12th day of March, 1917.

An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, establishing the Livermore Falls municipal court.

An Act to repeal Chapter 72 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine of 1915, relating to the care and maintenance of the Mount Desert bridge in the town of Trenton.

An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 13 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled An Act to establish the Mount Desert bridge district for the purpose of acquiring, freeing and reconstructing the Mount Desert toll bridge in the town of Trenton in Hancock county.

An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the signing of proxies.

An Act to amend Chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to registration of motor vehicles.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, it was voted to take from the table An Act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the office of forest commissioner, tabled by him this morning.

On motion by Mr. Cunningham of Patten, the House voted to insist on its former action, referring this bill to the committee on State lands and forest preservation, and to join in the conference.

On motion by Mr. Cowan of Winterport it was voted to take from the table Senate document No. 56, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indexes in the registries of deeds, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was re-

committed to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 90 report of the committee on Public Health ought to pass on bill An Act relating to public health. On further motion by the same gentleman, it was voted to accept the report of the committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the rules were suspended and the bill given its first reading.

Mr. Garcelon then offered House amendment A to House Document No. 90, An Act amendatory and additional to Section 121 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health, as follows:

Amend by striking out the words "nurse or other person" in the second sentence of the second paragraph and insert in place thereof the words "or nurse," and add at the end of said sentence the following: "unless either parent or the guardian of the infant shall offer conscientious objections thereto." So that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

"Sec. 121. If one or both eyes of an infant become reddened or inflamed at any time within four weeks after birth, the midwife, nurse or person having charge of said infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once to some legally qualified practitioner of medicine of the town in which the parents of the infant reside. Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its birth, one or two drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by the State department of health, unless either parent or the guardian of the infant shall offer conscientious objections thereto. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed six months."

On motion by Mr. Garcelon of

Auburn, tabled for printing, pending adoption of amendment.

On motion by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 29, An Act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber from the wild land townships.

Mr. GRANVILLE: I will now yield the floor to the gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Lanpher, for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Mr. LANPHER of Sebec: I offer the following as House Amendment A.

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Amend said act by striking out the word "April" in Section 1 and inserting in place thereof the word "June," so that said section 1, as amended, shall read as follows:

"Section 1. That the owners or agents of all lands in unorganized townships and organized plantations, classed as wild lands, shall return to the board of State assessors, on blanks furnished upon application to said board, the amount in board feet of all logs and other timber cut, or if it has been cut into four-foot lengths, or otherwise, the number of cords of each kind of wood cut from their land the year preceding June first of the year in which said return is made."

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire, through the Chair, of the gentleman from Sebec (Mr. Lanpher) whether there is any opposition to the adoption of the amendment so far as he knows?

Mr. SPEAKER: The gentleman from Sebec, Mr. Lanpher, may reply through the Chair.

Mr. LANPHER of Sebec: Mr. Speaker, I will say that I think this amendment smooths out all objections. I know that it has removed the objection of men that have been opposed to it.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, there is an objection to it which will appeal to 99 men out of every 100 who know about the bill. I move that the bill and

amendment lie upon the table, pending acceptance of amendment.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Cunningham of Patten it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 99, An Act to provide for the election of road commissioners by towns.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM of Patten: I present amendment A to House Document No. 99 and move its adoption:

Amend House Document No. 99, being An Act to provide for the election of road commissioners by towns, by striking out all of Section 4.

A viva voce vote being taken, the amendment was adopted and the bill as amended then received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same gentleman the vote was reconsidered whereby Amendment A was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and amendment were tabled pending third reading.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 84, Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain lots in Madawaska, Aroostook county.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, when I tabled this Resolve I did so in order that I might have an opportunity to consult with the land agent in regard to the location of these lots. I simply wanted to find out whether or not there were any possible water powers or storage reservoir locations. The land agent has addressed a letter to me which reads as follows: "At your request we have examined House Bills Nos. 84, 85, 96 and 97 to determine whether or not there are any water power rights or storage reservoir locations on the lands to be conveyed by the State under said resolves. We find no rights or locations which, in our

opinion, should be reserved by the State when the conveyances are made." This letter is dated today and is signed both by the forest commissioner and deputy forest commissioner.

In view of that Mr. Speaker, I move that House Document No. 84 be given its second reading and be passed to be engrossed.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 85, Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain lots in Fort Kent; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 96, Resolve authorizing State land agent to sell lots in Saint Agatha; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was finally passed.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 97, Resolve authorizing State land agent to sell lots in Saint Francis Plantation; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was finally passed.

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 74, An Act to protect the lobsters within three miles of Matinicus and Criehaven Plantation; and on further motion by the same gentleman, by a viva voce vote the bill was re-committed to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

Mr. GRANVILLE of Parsonsfield: Mr. Speaker, satisfactory explanations having been given in relation to Amendment A to House Document No. 99, I move you that the bill just tabled by me be taken from the table.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. GRANVILLE: I now move that the bill take its regular course. The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that there was an amendment

to House Document No. 99 which struck out everything after the enacting clause and substituted a new bill, and the amendment which has been offered here this morning is an amendment to the bill. The Chair would suggest that this be laid on the table, and that the amendment be presented as an amendment to an amendment which it really is. The gentleman from Parsonsfield (Mr. Granville) moves that the bill lie upon the table. The Chair is afraid some mistake will occur in the engrossing of the bill in its present form.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will appoint as the conference committee on the part of the House on Resolve in favor of Esther M. Giles, Messrs. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, Gilmour of Westbrook and Alden of Gorham.

On motion by Mr. Cowan of Winterport, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 9, resolution against debarkation of homecoming troops at port of New York.

Mr. COWAN of Winterport: Mr. Speaker, just a few days preceding the time when this resolve was drafted by me, I read in a Portland paper that a similar resolve had been passed by the Legislature of another state, and agreeing with the sentiments that presumably influenced the members of that Legislature, I drafted this resolution and presented it to this House and it was tabled for printing. In the meantime, in talking the matter over with members of the House and Senate, I found that there was a divergence of opinion between some of the gentlemen and myself, particularly men on the committee to which this resolve would probably go, as to the probable procedure. At the time that I drafted this resolve, Mr. Speaker, having myself read the editorials referred to, I supposed that most

everybody else here would be familiar with them.

I found that they were not, and I was informed that I would probably be called upon to produce the original papers containing these editorials which of course, I would be unable to do. I have the Literary Digest and other magazines containing quotations from these editorials to which I have referred, but that is as far as I would be able to go in offering to prove what appeared to me would be demanded by the committee to which this resolve would probably go. Consequently I do not feel like pushing the matter in the face of circumstances like that. I feel that the general sentiments that are expressed in that resolve represent the feelings of nearly all the members, and some of them, I think, have been disappointed because I did not move this resolve along sooner. Of course, at the present time it is already settled that the New England troops are coming home through the port of Boston, instead of New York, and as regards the membership of the committee of welcome to the city of New York I have no doubt that the voters in the municipality will take care of that situation the next time they have a chance.

Mr. Speaker, I move that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Chair wishes to make a suggestion and trusts it will be taken in the right spirit. At the time of adjournment, it does not take more than half a minute to get the motion put. The Chair wishes that the members would not begin to get up and run out of the room before that motion is put.

On motion by Mr. Colcord of Searsport.

Adjourned until next Tuesday, March 4, 1919, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.