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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 11, 1919.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phalen 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 17 of Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

In the Senate referred to the committee on temperance. In the House, on motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, tabled for printing pending reference in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 120: An Act to amend Section 39, Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to increase or decrease of capital stock, or stock, bond, bond or script dividend.

Senate 165: An Act to authorize the Winterport Water Company to issue bonds for refunding and other purposes.

Senate 164: An Act to authorize the Biddeford & Saco Water Company to issue bonds for refunding and other purposes.

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

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Thomas of South Portland: An Act relating to the cancellation, non-renewal or restriction of health and accident policies. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Flint, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition of Harry M. Briggs and 38 others of Aroostook county, and petition of H. B. Sprague and 30 others, of Pembroke and vicinity, in favor

of resident hunters' registration law, reported that same be placed on file, as the subject matter has already been acted upon.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported ought not to pass on bill, An Act to amend Section 122 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to life insurance agents and brokers.

Mr. Stanley, from the committee on pensions, on Resolve in favor of C. S. Pettengill, reported that same be referred to the Governor and Council.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on Resolves in favor of the following named persons: Melidon Nealley, Brewer; Susan E. Dumphre, Yarmouthville; Joan P. Libby, Greenwood; Elias Lyon, Augusta; Wilson Mayo, Bar Harbor; Olive Hamm, Bangor; Cynthia Witham, Sebago; Eliza J. Washburn, Waterville; Marietta Fowler, Saco; Geo. C. Goodhue, Wintthrop; Betsey Allen, Farmington; Reuben Ross, Rangeley; Seward D. McKenney, Farmington; Jennie L. Barrows, Norway; Flora E. Devereux, Ellsworth; Mary J. Black, Augusta; Annie L. Durham, Belfast; Simon E. McNeill, Auburn; Arthur H. King, Lewiston; Emma H. Cayting, Bangor; Moses Cottle, Ellsworth; Mary Edwards, Jackson; Wallace W. Stewart, Bowdoin; Rebecca Cookson, Carmel; Julia P. Nickerson, Searsport; Thomas A. Mennealy, Lewiston; Thaddeus Cross, Norway; Sarah F. Robinson, Madison; John T. Clark, Hartland; Catherine Hennessey, Bangor; Josiah L. McCobb, Herson; Samantha J. Foss, Foxcroft; Drucilla Chase, Portland; Lizzie S. Waterman, Belfast; Frank Metcalf, Searsmont, reported that same ought not to pass, as they will be taken care of by the pension department under regular appropriation.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of

1917, relating to pollution of the waters of the State by sawdust and others of the State by sawdust and other mill waste, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, on An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to cinematograph and moving pictures, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Stanley, from the committee on pensions, on Resolve in favor of Andrew Egan, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on Resolve in favor of Jennie Hayford Tilley of Canton, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee on Resolve granting a pension to Catherine Nelligan of Brewer, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on Resolve providing a State pension for Julia E. Adams, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on Resolve in favor of Mary F. Fernald, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 150: Resolve in favor of the State School for Girls.

Senate 151: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys.

Senate 152: An Act providing for the examination and review of historical matter for publication of which State aid is asked of the Legislature.

Senate 158: An Act to amend Chapter 429 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws

of 1903, with reference to the Winthrop municipal court.

House 41: An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes.

House 139: An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, concerning sale of estates of deceased non-residents or of minors out of the state.

House 228: An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ballots in primary elections, and providing that the order of the names of candidates on said ballots shall be determined by lot.

(Tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland, pending third reading.)

House 248: An Act to amend Sections 73 and 74 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes and Section 75 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 67 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the classification of high schools.

House 249: An Act to amend Section 85 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 229 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to tuition paid by towns for secondary school pupils.

House 347: An Act to provide for the removal of electric wires and poles when necessary for the repair of streets or removal of buildings.

(Tabled by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan pending third reading.)

House 353: An Act relating to sale of standing wood and timber on islands within the limits of the Indian reservation of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

House 354: An Act authorizing the American Realty Company to locate, erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river.

House 355: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to the filing of examination questions with the State librarian for public reference.

House 356: An Act to make valid municipal elections of the city of Rockland.

House 358: An Act to amend Section 127 of Chapter 87 of the Revised

Statutes, relating to affidavits of plaintiffs.

House 359: An Act to provide for a draft, when necessary, to maintain the minimum number required by law for organizations of the National Guard in time of peace.

House 346: Resolve in favor of John G. Fleming.

House 348: Resolve providing a State pension for Caroline Davis.

House 349: Resolve in favor of Benjamin H. Varney, secretary of the committee on education.

House 350: Resolve reimbursing the town of Lyman for expenses on account of State paupers.

House 351: Resolve in favor of Elizabeth J. Pierce of Vinalhaven for State bounty.

House 352: Resolve in favor of the town of Brownfield.

House 357: Resolve in favor of Alfred D. Sawyer.

House 365: Resolve providing for a State pension for Mrs. Alfred Polk of Lewiston.

Unanimous consent being given a communication from the Governor was received out of order, transmitting a deed of gift to the State of the Blaine mansion.

To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives:

I recently called to your attention a notable service which the late Lieutenant Walker Blaine Beale rendered to the State of Maine by placing at our disposal for unrestricted use during the war the home of his distinguished grandfather, Hon. James G. Blaine. I also informed you that Lieutenant Beale's mother had generously decided to allow the State to continue to occupy the Blaine mansion during the session of the Legislature.

It is now my very pleasant privilege to transmit to you the accompanying letter and deed by which Mrs. Beale has advised me of her intention to give the Blaine mansion to the State of Maine in memory of her son and in

his name. (Prolonged applause, the members rising) The letter reads as follows:

Augusta, Maine, March 10, 1919.
His Excellency Carl E. Milliken
Governor of Maine.

Dear Governor Milliken:

I deliver to you for the State with this letter the deed in trust of my father's home in memory of my son Walker Blaine Beale.

There are two things which I desire to provide for but which I did not think necessary to incorporate in the deed because this letter will be sufficient.

I would like the privilege of placing in the near future, at my own expense, in an appropriate place in the front hall a bronze tablet with the inscription:

"This house and the land on which it stands was the home of James G. Blaine and was given to the State of Maine in the name of his grandson, Walker Blaine Beale, First Lieutenant 310th Infantry, 78th Division, who was born here March 22, 1896, and who fell in France in the St. Mihiel Drive, September 18th, 1918."

"Laetus sorte mea."

It may be deemed best, in making changes referred to in the deed, to remove some of the present fixtures or parts of the rooms. If so, members of my family or I may desire to have them. I therefore would reserve this privilege and would ask the State to give us due notice and opportunity to take them if we desire.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

HARRIET BLAINE BEALE.

The language of the deed is as follows:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, Harriet Blaine Beale, of Augusta, Maine, in memory of my son Walker Blaine Beale, who fell fighting in France on the eighteenth day of September 1918, and in his name, do hereby give and grant to the State of Maine, in trust, the former home of my father, James G. Blaine, being the lot of land with the buildings thereon situated at the corner of State and Capitol Streets in

said Augusta, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the west line of said State street and the north line of said Capitol street and thence running westerly along said Capitol street nineteen (19) rods to the west boundary line of the lot of land conveyed by Thomas Wadsworth to Minerva A. and Otis G. Turner by deed dated July 17, 1843, which deed was recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds in Book 133, page 304; thence northerly in the westerly boundary line of said last described lot seven (7) rods; thence easterly parallel with said Capitol Street three (3) rods to the west boundary line of the lot conveyed by said Thomas Wadsworth to Gilman Turner by deed dated July 13, 1837, and recorded in said Registry in Book 106, page 406; thence northerly in the westerly boundary line of said lot last described fifty-four (54) feet to the southerly boundary line of the land conveyed by James Child to Aaron Clark by deed dated July 16, 1835 and recorded in said Registry Book 91, page 338; thence easterly in said southerly boundary line last described to the westerly boundary line of the lot of land formerly owned by James L. Child and later by Joseph A. Homan; thence southerly in the west boundary line last described to the dividing line between the land hereby conveyed and land formerly of the estate of said Joseph A. Homan, which boundary line was established by agreement and conveyance between James Hall and James L. Child dated November 16, 1833, recorded in said Registry in Book 80, page 417; thence easterly in said divisional line, last described, to the westerly boundary line of said State Street; thence southerly by said State Street to the point of beginning.

My son, upon his twenty-first birthday, March 22, 1917, became the owner of five-eighths (5-8) of this property by a deed recorded in Kennebec Registry of Deeds Book 559, page 528, I then owning the other three-eighths (3-8.)

Upon my son's death his interest descended to his father, Truxtun Beale, and to me. His father conveyed his share to me by deed dated October 26, 1918, recorded in Kennebec Registry of Deeds, Book 574, page 26.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforegranted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said State of Maine,

forever, in trust, to fulfill the following desires and directions.

First. My first and strongest desire is that the house, which has been a home for so many years and in which my son was born, shall be used and maintained as the official residence for the Governor of Maine and I therefore direct that it be so used as long as possible. I recognize the probable need of changes to make it more convenient and better adapted to such purpose. But I trust that the greatest care and deliberation will be used in making such changes and that the present details of the house, both exterior and interior, will be retained as closely as possible in order that its present character and individuality may be preserved. I am confident that this will meet the approval of the State.

Second. If in the future, for reasons not now apparent, the Legislature should deem the preceding use of the house to be no longer wise or feasible, I desire and direct that it be used thereafter for some purpose or purposes connected with the military life of the State, present or past, such as offices for the Adjutant General's Department or as a repository for war relics and memorials.

Third. If, however, the house in the judgment of the Legislature cannot wisely or feasibly be used for any of the purposes specified in items First and Second, the State may use it for such other appropriate and dignified purposes as the Legislature may determine.

Fourth. If after mature and wise deliberation and keeping faith with my desire to preserve the house as long as possible the Legislature may deem best that it be replaced by some other building devoted to State purposes then I direct that the house be torn down and under no circumstances either be removed from the lot or its structure be erected or used elsewhere. I reserve the right in such case to and for any and all of the issue of my father, then living, to take, before the house is dismantled, whatever part or parts of the building they may desire. ex-

cepting of course any fixtures which the State may have added to the building. I request that the State, before destroying the house, use due diligence in ascertaining the names and residences of such issue for this purpose and in giving them several-ly notice of this reservation.

In the main hall of any building which may be erected by the State, I request that a simple bronze tablet be placed bearing this inscription:

"The land on which this building stands and upon which formerly stood the home of James G. Blaine was given to the State of Maine in the name of his grandson, First Lieutenant Walker Blaine Beale, 310th Infantry, 78th Division, who was born here March 22, 1896, and who fell in France in the St. Mihiel Drive September 18, 1918."

Fifth. I have no desire with reference to the cottage or the stable and the State may dispose of them or make whatever use of them it may determine. The present tenant of the cottage shall have the right to continue in possession until July 1, 1919.

Sixth. The State may make such use of the remainder of the lot as it desires. I trust, however, that the use to which it may be devoted and the design and location of any structure, which may be erected there-upon, shall be determined with the greatest care so that it may properly harmonize with the house and its surroundings.

I have endeavored to make the conditions of this deed reasonable and practicable, studiously refraining from hampering details and earnestly desiring to benefit the State as much as possible while seeking to perpetuate the sentiment which prompts the gift. I know these conditions would meet the approval of my dear son who devotedly loved this home, Augusta and his native State. I leave the fulfillment of this trust to the good faith of the State for whose honor my son with many others gave his life.

And I do covenant with the said State of Maine that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises and

that I have good right to convey the same to hold in trust as aforesaid and that I and my heirs will warrant and defend the same to the said State of Maine in trust as aforesaid against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I, the said Harriet Blaine Beale, have hereunto set my hand and seal on this tenth day of March, 1919.

HARRIET BLAINE BEALE.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

NORMAN L. BASSETT.

State of Maine,
Kennebec ss.

March 10th, 1919.

Personally appeared the above named Harriet Blaine Beale and acknowledged the above instrument to be her free act and deed.

Before me,
NORMAN L. BASSETT,
Justice of the Peace.

I suggest appropriate legislative action authorizing acceptance of this noble and generous gift with a suitable expression of the gratitude and appreciation of our people. I also suggest that authority be granted for carrying out with scrupulous care all the desires expressed in the letter and the deed in order that the Blaine mansion may remain a landmark recalling the great career of one of Maine's most distinguished sons and may also become a fitting memorial to the brave and gallant youth whose patriotic zeal and dauntless heroism so splendidly fulfilled the traditions of his family and his native State.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,
GOVERNOR.

Dated at the
Executive Chamber
March 11, 1919.

In the Senate, this was read and referred to the special committee on Blaine Mansion, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MAHER of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat at a loss as to the exact parliamentary procedure in a juncture such as this; but I can but feel that perfunctory reference merely

to the committee, and in silence, would be scarcely the part of a representative of the city of Augusta, and so, Mr. Speaker, I am not unmindful of the embarrassment of the situation because of the greatness of the gift; because of its generosity and because of the very fine golden thread of sentiment back of this generosity. I cannot but remember, Mr. Speaker, that it is my passing fortune to be here as a representative of the city of Augusta, where 60 years ago this city was magnificently represented at the age of 28 by that man who was destined to leave his stamp not only upon the institutions of his country, but was destined to leave the impress of his personality and of his power upon the civilized world. I cannot forget, Mr. Speaker, that this young man who came to the Legislature of Maine from Augusta 60 years ago, at the age of 28, served for two sessions, and then was sent to the Congress of the United States at the age of 32; in the short compass of 12 years became the third officer of this government as Speaker of the National House; at 40 years of age presided over the deliberations of that great popular assembly; that he then passed into the Senate; then as cabinet officer, secretary of state under President Garfield; then as secretary of state under Mr. Harrison and as a candidate for President of the United States, conducting a campaign which, while losing from the ordinary test and gauge, was a winning one;—I cannot forget as I read the headlines of the paper today, of this very Kennebec Journal which was Mr. Blaine's paper, "Radical element of U. S. perfecting combination for overthrow of government;" I cannot forget, I say, reading that headline, my first recollection of a public meeting—I could not have been over 12 years of age when, right here at this square, upon the return of Mr. Blaine from a year's absence in Europe, there was a magnificent outpouring of the citizenship of this State to do him welcome and to do themselves proud. I recall, in a most casual way, and without attempting to quote with any degree of exactitude, certain trenchant things which Mr. Blaine said that night which are wondrously

apropos today, which are wonderfully put upon this morning when we read this startling headline. Upon that night Mr. Blaine remarked: "I have seen much in the last year. I have seen much of many centuries; but I have seen nothing which did not tend to a deeper, more abiding and more profound appreciation of our own country. I have, on the contrary, seen nothing which did not tend to make every American thank God that he was born under the sovereignty of the Stars and Stripes, and that he was nurtured in that freedom, not in the narrow and limited sense, but in that freedom which permits the growth and the expansion of the individual with the growth and expansion of this great republic. I have seen nothing in the industrial systems of Europe that has not tended to confirm me, if confirmation were necessary, in the conviction that the industrial system as enjoyed by the people of the United States was far wiser, far more beneficent, far more helpful to every working man and to every citizen of the United States than anything which we could borrow from any industrial system of any section of Europe in whole or in part;" and he said: "There is spreading in this nation a contest to see whether that industrial system shall be maintained, or whether it shall be impaired in part or perhaps betrayed." He said: "See to it, voters of Maine! Remember that the sun does not shine in any civilized land upon a more prosperous people than the United States; and you see to it, you who have come to us as fellow citizens as well as fellow Republicans, that by no act of yours is anything done to harm that republic." Then I remember he closed: "There is no country like this country; there is no State like the State of Maine; there is no valley like the valley of the Kennebec; there is no city to me like the city of Augusta, and there is no home like that home." I cannot forget, Mr. Speaker, that it is that home which is being given to Maine, which is being given to Maine in perpetuation of the memory of this man whose destiny and whose history is a part of this State, and that it is being given by the wondrous workings of chance, in the immediate

name of this grandson of this great sire, this lad who, by act, by supreme devotion, by the giving of his all, is now sending to us from beyond that mystic ocean over whose rim no foot has trod, a message of inspiration, a message for emulation, a message for memory. Of the grandsire we can say that there may have been greater interpreters of the constitution, as Daniel Webster; there may have been greater orators, as Patrick Henry; but there never has been a greater American; there never has been a man who, in his every fibre and in his every thought has had the well being of his country and of mankind closer at heart, and in these days when we are seeking for peace let us not forget in the glamor of the present that James G. Blaine, in his great grasp of the elements of human nature and of state, saw the danger of friction over commerce, the danger of personal ambitions arising out of commerce, and sought to avert that by his wise policy of reciprocity, and that further he emphasized and crystalized his great love of peace in his activity for the Pan-American Congress which was the actual beginning of what we are now attempting to make a world-wide peace. No royal robes have marked the planet shakers, but Samson's strength to burst the ages bands, James G. Blaine was a planet shaker. His prescient wisdom has burst the ages bands. We all believe that the nation's strength attends on men and not alone depends on acres. We all believe that the master-mind is worth a million hands. We of today pay tribute to this man whose law of reason was love of wisdom, not as a devotee of the philosophy which "gives unintelligible answers to insoluble questions," but as that practical searcher in the ordinary and accustomed haunts of truth for truth's self, and, finding the same with a clarity of speech plain to all men declares it, and with an unswerving fixity of purpose and purity of motive puts precept into practice.

Across the vista of the years, those principles of the grandsire as enunciated in the speech above quoted, his intense love of country as therein displayed, and the compelling loyalty to the institutions thereof, are practically

evidenced by the grandson, Walker Blaine Beale, who for those principles when the same were challenged, and for that country when its very existence was imperilled by the ordeal of battle, did all, dared all, gave all, that this government might endure. As the grandsire lived for and loved his native land, the grandson loved, lived for and died for that land. From the far-flung fronts of France his spirit sings.

The daughter of the "Plumed Knight" was the mother of the young crusader, and in the marvelous blending of filial and maternal love with woman's clear intuition has wedded the past to the present and breathes by her generosity a benediction that will endure. Here is the memorial sweet of duty done. May the blessed deeds these three have scattered bloom a thousand fold through the years to come. Of James G. Blaine we can say that "From dust through glory, back again to dust—wanting but this the cycle to complete—a little room to lie, a little sleep, then swift surprise of immortality."

And of the young man we may say that

"The rainbow comes and goes,

And lovely is the rose;

The moon doth with delight

Look around her when the heavens
are bare;

Waters on a starry night

Are beautiful and fair;

The sunshine is a glorious birth;

But yet I know, where'er I go,

That there hath passed away a glory
from the earth."

(Applause.)

The SPEAKER: Accompanying the papers is the following Senate order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that the communication from the Governor relating to the residence of the late James G. Blaine, together with the accompanying deed and papers, be referred to the special committee of the Legislature appointed under joint resolve to appoint a committee to inquire into the advisability of purchasing the residence of the late James G. Blaine or some other suitable property for an executive mansion, that proper action may be taken relating thereto.

This comes from the Senate read and passed. All those who are in favor of giving the order a passage in concurrence will rise.

Thereupon the order was unanimously passed by a rising vote.

Passed to Be Enacted

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 construction of third class highways.

An Act to establish the Northern Cumberland municipal court.

An Act to incorporate the Chase Stream Improvement Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais, with reference to the Calais municipal court.

An Act to amend Chapter 358 of the Private and Special Laws of 1867 entitled An Act to incorporate the Great Works Log Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 466 of the Private and Special Laws of 1868.

An Act to incorporate the Industry Water Company.

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.

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.

(Tabled by Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket, pending passage to be enacted.)

An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of wild birds.

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.

An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad.

An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to powers of public utilities.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 217 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the carrying of dangerous weapons without a license.

The SPEAKER: The following resolve comes to us on its passage to be enacted and carries the emergency

clause which requires a two-thirds vote of the entire elective membership of the House: Resolve appropriating money for the protection of plants, trees and shrubs from the ravages of dangerous insects and diseases. This resolve having had its two several readings in the Senate, and having been passed to be engrossed, having had its two several readings in the House and having been passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the committee on engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it be finally passed? All those who are in favor of the final passage of this resolve will please rise and stand until counted, and will the monitors take the count?

A division being had, 136 having voted in the affirmative and one in the negative, the resolve was finally passed.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland it was voted to take from the table report from the committee on ways and bridges, ought to pass, on bill An Act relating to Martins Point bridge in Westbrook, tabled pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the rules.

The Chair lays before the House, House Document No. 182, resolve making an appropriation for the control of contagious diseases among domestic animals, tabled by the gentleman from Minot, Mr. Bean, pending first reading; and the Chair recognizes Mr. Bean.

Mr. BEAN of Minot: Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolve be re-committed, and in support of my motion I will say just a word. This matter of the control of the contagious diseases among domestic animals seems to me one of great importance and of interest to everybody, not only to the farmers who produce livestock and sell their products, but the consumer, who consumes them. I have been making some inquiries in regard to the policy which is in vogue at the present time, and I will frankly say that I find a great number of people who agree with the policy which we are living under. We are

about to introduce some measures in the House which might change this policy, and I would like to have this resolve that was tabled by me re-committed to the committee, to be discussed along with the new bill which will be introduced within a day or so.

Thereupon the House by a viva voce vote recommitted the resolve to the committee on agriculture.

The Chair lays before the House, House Document No. 267, An Act to amend the Charter of the city of Calais, providing for biennial elections, tabled by the gentleman from Calais, Mr. Murchie, pending third reading.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, it was voted to take from the table report of the committee on judiciary, ought not to pass, on bill An Act to incorporate the Portland Water District, tabled pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will at this time announce the committee on the part of the House to celebrate the National Prohibition victory. In the

Senate Senators Davies and Walker were appointed. The Chair will appoint as such committee on the part of the House Messrs. Cochrane of Monmouth, Crabtree of Island Falls and Washburn of Perry.

The SPEAKER: On the conference matter, An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to registration and operation of motor vehicles, upon which the House asked for a committee of conference, the Chair will appoint Messrs. Allan of Portland, Flint of Monson and Maher of Augusta.

Unanimous consent being given, Mr. Small of Brewer presented the following order out of order:

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted for Tuesday evening, March 11, for an address by the Honorable F. H. Wentworth, secretary of the National Fire Protective Association at 7.30 o'clock to which members of the Legislature and their friends and all interested in the better fire protection of Maine are invited.

The order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Gilmour of Westbrook,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.