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HOUSE

Friday, March 14, 1919.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Winslade of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act amending Section 41, Chapter 36 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the department of agriculture, providing for the collection and examination of feeding stuffs, fertilizers, insecticides, seeds, foods and drugs.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on March 5. It comes from the Senate recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

The House voted to reconsider its vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Chapter 141, Public Laws of 1917, providing for the improvement and certification of seed.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on March 5. It comes from the Senate recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve making appropriation for Maine Seed Improvement Association.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on February 27. It comes from the Senate recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

The House voted to reconsider its

action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and the resolve was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve making appropriation for support of bureau of weights and measures.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on March 5. It comes from the Senate recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed and the resolve was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve to reimburse cities and towns for money expended for the support of dependent families of the members of the National Guard.

In the House this was passed to be engrossed on March 11. It comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and adopted the amendment in concurrence with the Senate. The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the State department of health.

In the House this was passed to be engrossed on March 5. It comes from the Senate recommitted to the committee on public health.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and the resolve was recommitted to the committee on public health in concurrence with the action of the Senate.

From the Senate: Resolve appropriating money to provide offices for the adjutant general's department and fireproof apartments for the records and documents thereof.

In the House this was passed to be engrossed on February 26. It comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: There is no doubt, Mr. Speaker, that we should have a fireproof building as soon as we can get it, and I do not want to limit it so that they cannot get this building right off. I was in hopes to give them more instead of less. I think that takes off \$5000, does it not?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that in its opinion it does.

Mr. ROUNDS: Now I do not want to hamper the great State of Maine; but another gentleman and myself were going by the Blaine house last night, and we stopped and looked at it and thought we smelled smoke. If a fire really had occurred all the military records of this great State would have been destroyed. Therefore, I for one would give them anything, I do not care how much, to have a good fireproof building and right off. I would like to see the emergency put on to it.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) have any motion to make? The Chair will state that the House passed the resolve to be engrossed in the original form. It comes from the Senate with a Senate amendment which apparently reduces it to \$10,000.

Mr. ROUNDS: I would move to lay it on the table until next, Tuesday, so I can prepare an amendment, if that would be in order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that if the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) wishes, he can make a motion to insist.

Mr. ROUNDS: I move that we insist and ask for a committee of conference.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill lie on the table.

The House by a viva voce vote tabled the resolve pending motion to insist.

From the Senate: Resolve authorizing DeForest Keyes to bring a suit at

law or in equity against the State of Maine.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on February 28, and was finally passed on March 4. It comes back from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was finally passed and also voted to reconsider its action whereby it was passed to be engrossed. The House then voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence, and the resolve as amended by Senate Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state for the information of the House that these matters were recalled from the Governor by joint orders, simply for the purpose of correcting some slight clerical errors which appeared to the Governor on his examination of them, and he felt it better that they should come back in this way. This is as the Chair understands it.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Sections 2 and 6 of Chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to non-resident fishing licenses.

This was passed to be engrossed by the House on February 26, and passed to be enacted on March 4. It comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be enacted; also voted to reconsider its action whereby it was passed to be engrossed. The House then voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Chapter 215 of the Public Laws of 1897, entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Saco.

This was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 26, and passed to be enacted in the House on March 4. It comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed by Senate Amendment A.

The House voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be enacted. It also voted to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. The House then voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 192: An Act to amend Section 86 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to returns from towns showing expenditure for high school tuition.

Senate 188: An Act to supplement Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes and to provide for the care of persons requiring full support or more than temporary relief.

Senate 187: An Act authorizing the Clark Power Company to construct a dam or dams on Saco waters in the cities of Saco and Biddeford. (Tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland, pending first reading.)

Senate 160: An Act to abolish the common council of the city of Lewiston. (Report was accepted and the bill received its first reading.)

The SPEAKER: This comes from the Senate with two amendments, Senate Amendment A, which was indefinitely postponed by the Senate. If desired by any member of the House the Chair will read Senate Amendment A.

Mr. BRANN of Lewiston: Will the Speaker kindly read it?

(The Speaker reads Senate Amendment A.)

The SPEAKER: This amendment was indefinitely postponed in the Senate; the Chair will state that Senate Amendment B, which was adopted by the Senate, is apparently the same thing with slight clerical changes.

Mr. BRANN: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if it provides for a referendum to the people of Lewiston?

(The Chair reads Senate Amendment B.)

Thereupon the House voted to indefinitely postpone Senate Amendment A in concurrence with the action of the Senate, and further voted to adopt in concurrence with the action of the Senate, Senate Amend-

ment B. The bill then received its second reading.

Senate 186: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 253 of the Revised Statutes, to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes.

Senate 185: An Act to amend Section 16, Chapter 9, of the Revised Statutes, to provide for inventory of exempt live stock.

Senate 184: An Act to amend Section 61 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the Maine Forestry District tax.

This comes from the Senate amended by Senate Amendment A, the same being a preamble to the bill setting forth that an emergency existed and that an emergency clause should be carried by this bill, and this amendment was adopted in the Senate.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, that came before the committee on taxation. At the hearing these matters were never mentioned in any way, shape or manner, and I do not quite understand it.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen of the House: I understand that this matter relates to the Maine Forestry District, and it is necessary that we have this additional tax available for fire protection this coming summer. Unless it is passed with an emergency clause, it will not be available; and in case of an emergency arising by excessive fire, the department will be handicapped by lack of funds for fire protection purposes.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, allow me to supplement the statement of my brother from Bingham (Mr. Dutton). The most dangerous season of the year for forest fires is just long enough after the snow is gone for the inflammable material to get dry before the leaves have come out and the mosses have gotten green; that is to say, in the north woods, about which the gentlemen from the southwest corner of the State would not claim to know a great deal, the snow goes off the 20th of April, and there is a week or two weeks before the leaves get out when, if a forest fire gets started, it runs just as it would in a stubble field in

the fall of the year. Now the appropriation for protection for forest fires is exhausted, and an appropriation made at this session in the regular course would not be available until July first. Twice before, to my recollection, this has had to be done by an emergency measure. It is a real emergency, not only to save property, but actually to save dwelling houses and lives in the unorganized plantations, where, around lumber camps, a few men live in the very edge of the woods. With this statement, in addition to what the gentleman from Bingham (Mr. Dutton) has said, I hope that there will be no objection raised to the passage of this act and that it may go along now through its various stages in order to save time.

The House then voted to adopt in concurrence with the Senate Senate Amendment A, which was the emergency clause. The bill then received its second reading.

Senate 188: Resolve providing for the payment of certain deficiencies that accrued prior to January first, 1918.

Senate 191: Resolve to provide funds for vocational education. (Tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, pending its commitment to committee on bills in third reading).

Senate 157: Resolve in favor of several academies, institutes, seminaries and colleges for maintenance and for repairs and improvements.

Senate 190: Resolve relating to payment of damages arising out of death of Edgar Chase Harnden.

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

Placed on File

By Mr. Bragdon of Perham: Petition of the Ashland Grange in favor of the passage of a bill for the better protection of adulterated, misbranded and adulterated commercial fertilizers.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Earnest Henry and 24 others of Ashland in favor of the same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Ashland Grange in favor of the passage of a resolve reimbursing plantations because of the reduction in rate of interest paid on their wild land school fund.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of the Ashland Grange against the passage of the resident hunters' license law.

Agriculture

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act relative to the quality of gasoline sold at retail. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Clifford of Reed Plantation: Resolve in favor of Willis A. Frost.

Education

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Remonstrance of Ralph Sterling of Caratunk Plantation and 18 others against the passage of House Bill No. 58, relative to a change in the method of distribution of funds for the support of common schools.

By Mr. Brewster of Dexter: An Act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to vacancies in the membership of superintending school committees.

Judiciary

By Mr. Murray of Portland: An Act amending Section 5 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ferries.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the board of registration in medicine.

By Mr. Clifford of Reed Plantation: An Act relating to the duties of officers and agents of towns.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An Act to prohibit demonstrations against the established form of government of the United States or of the State of Maine.

By the same gentleman: An Act to make uniform the law of sales of goods.

By the same gentleman: An Act to prevent and punish the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States of America, and of this State, and of any flag, standard, color, ensign or shield authorized by law, and to make uniform the laws relating thereto.

By the same gentleman: An Act concerning fraudulent conveyances and to make uniform the law relating thereto.

By the same gentleman: An Act to make uniform the law of partnerships.

By the same gentleman: An Act to make uniform the law of transfer of shares of stock in corporations.

By the same gentleman: An Act concerning conditional sales and to make uniform the law relating thereto.

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, repealing the monopoly law in regard to the sale of electricity, and permitting its sale for mechanical and manufacturing purposes. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Fagan of Portland: An Act to amend Sections 94 and 95 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to street sprinkling.

Public Health

By Mr. Bragdon of Perham: Remonstrance of the Ashland Grange against the passage of the bill for compulsory medical treatment of school children.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An Act to amend Sections 35 and 38 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes determining the measurement of lobsters and establishing a maximum and minimum length. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Taxation

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act relating to exemption from poll taxes. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Crane of Whiting: An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, relating to road patrolman. (500 copies ordered printed.)

The SPEAKER: We have two emergency matters this morning relating to the city of Old Town. I think there is two-thirds of the total membership present at this time. They are matters important to those interested; and is it the pleasure of the House to give unanimous consent to take these two matters up at the

present time out of order? If there is any objection we cannot do it. These two matters are as follows:

An Act to authorize the city of Oldtown to raise money for highway purposes by popular vote.

An Act to amend an act entitled An Act to incorporate the city of Oldtown.

These bills having had their two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, having had their three 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 an Act to authorize the city of Oldtown to raise money by popular vote be passed to be enacted? On this we have to take the vote—

Mr. PIKE of Eastport: Mr. Speaker, I desire to inquire if a question touching the emergency clause is debatable?

The SPEAKER: The motion that the bill passed to be enacted of course is debatable.

Mr. PIKE: I have no objection to the bill passing to be enacted. I wish to address myself to the matter of the emergency clause only, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair feels that it is in order.

Mr. PIKE of Eastport: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House, as you have already noticed, on several occasions I have declined to be counted in the affirmative when the emergency clause has been attached to some bills in this House. Now I wish to explain my position. I am not contrary, nor arbitrary, in that matter. I was a member of this House 10 or 12 years ago when we submitted to the people of the State of Maine what is known as the initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution. That was adopted by the people, and the constitutional amendment itself provides and defines what is an emergency. The language is, if the measure is in the interest of public health, peace or safety. As a representative in this body, and as a lawyer, I have profound respect for the organic law,—

the constitution of our State,—and whenever a measure comes into this House that comes fairly within the provisions outlined in the constitutional definition of what an emergency is, then I shall be glad to vote with you. In the 10 years, or 12—10 I think—that has elapsed since this constitutional amendment was adopted, it has been attached to every conceivable measure regardless of the limitation in the constitution of our state. Any measure that this House is in a hurry to get through, no matter whether it affected the public peace, public health or safety, or what not, you have ignored the plain provisions of the organic law of our state, and passed it along. I agree with you, gentlemen, that many, if not all, of those measures were meritorious, and it was proper, perhaps, to have them become a law without waiting for the 90 days, yet I say that it is the duty of this Legislature to respect and obey the organic law of our state. I think it has been held that the Legislature is the judge of the emergency; but, gentlemen, it must be judged with Constitutional limits—within that definition that makes it in the interest of the public health, peace or safety. I have no objection to any amendments or changing of the city charter of the city of Old Town, but I submit, gentlemen of this House, that under the Constitution of our State, if you respect it, you ought not to vote for its passage.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, this matter came before the legal affairs committee which, as you know, is made up of 10 lawyers, members of the House and Senate. Every lawyer who is a member of the legal affairs committee considered this matter very seriously; not only on this particular bill, but on all matters which have come before us where that question has come up. We realize the importance of it. We realized and believed that matters which were not really emergencies, within the meaning of the Constitution, should not be sent to this House with our recommendation. We had not only one hearing, but we had several hearings on this

matter; and representative citizens of the city of Old Town came before our committee, made up of all parties and faiths, and they urged this matter. There was merit in it. The question of whether or not it was a proper matter and a real emergency existed, as provided by the Constitution of this State, was given very serious consideration by us, and it was held and investigated by the committee for several weeks. The evidence satisfied us that not only their roads, but a long bridge, connecting the city of Old Town and another part of the State, was in such a dilapidated condition, that it was absolutely essential that large sums of money must be expended at once in order to protect the public safety. The public safety was involved to a very marked degree, and after a large amount of consideration and hesitation on our part, we finally decided unanimously that it was an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of this State, and have made our unanimous report. I would not vote on the matter if I did not believe a real emergency existed as provided by our constitution.

Mr. DAVIS of Old Town: Mr. Speaker, the Gilman Falls avenue bridge across Gilman Falls has been unsafe for some little time. Last summer the teamsters, in driving across the bridge with gravel teams and heavy trucks, would get out and walk across. They did not dare to have two teams at a time on the bridge. I am there every day, because I handle logs and drive them over those falls. There is not a day in the season but what I cross that bridge and I never drive onto that bridge when there is a gravel team on it, or a heavy truck. Between each span it is settling gradually all the time, and the chords are all decaying. My man took a cant-dog and stuck into a beam, and could rip out great pieces of rotten wood. It has got to be built over, and I think that is a great emergency. I am afraid that a team will go through, and if it does, and the man is on the team, he will be drowned if he gets into the falls between the two bridges.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker, will the Chair state the title of the bill again?

The SPEAKER: An Act to authorize the city of Old Town to raise money for highway purposes by popular vote.

Mr. PIKE: I have made plain my position on the matter, Mr. Speaker, and inasmuch as the gentleman from Old Town (Mr. Davis) has explained that it is in reference to a very defective bridge, that it may be in the interest of public safety, I shall vote for this necessary emergency clause. I simply wished to make it plain to the House hereafter when these matters come up that unless the provision of the law does come within the constitutional definition as I understand it, I shall oppose it.

The SPEAKER: All those who are in favor of the bill being passed to be enacted at this time will rise and stand until counted, and the monitors will attend the count.

A division of the House being had, One hundred and five voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the bill was passed to be enacted.

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the city of Old Town.

The SPEAKER: All those who are in favor of this bill being passed to be enacted at this time—the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Pike.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker, I am not familiar with the contents of that bill, but it does not sound very good to me. If there is anything in there that is really an emergency, I want to vote with you.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I explain? This is just the same matter as the other. It was deemed better that the particular part pertaining to the charter should be under a special act, showing that the charter itself was being amended. It was necessary to amend the charter in order that the first amendment be voted on, which the gentleman from Eastport (Mr. Pike) considers very proper; but that cannot become a law unless the charter is amended by this second act.

The SPEAKER: All those who are in favor of the bill being passed

to be enacted will rise and stand until counted.

A division of the House being had, One hundred and five voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, and the bill was passed to be enacted.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Barnes from the committee on judiciary, on bill An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to itinerant vendors, reported ought not to pass as subject matter is included in another bill before this Legislature.

Mr. Conary from same committee reported ought not to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes so as to provide for the amendment of corporate purposes.

Mr. Hinckley from the committee on legal affairs reported same on bill An Act relating to licensing of bowling allies and billiard rooms.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine providing that an elector for Governor, senators and representatives, shall be a resident of the State for a term of six months next preceding any election.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill An Act to amend certain Sections of Chapter 68, relating to settlement of estates.

Mr. Lanpher from same committee reported same on bill An Act amending Section 20 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, relating to descent of personal property.

Mr. Mason from same committee, on Petition of Lewis L. Peck and others of Lewiston praying that November 11th be set apart as a State holiday, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Weatherbee from same committee reported ought not to pass on 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.

(On motion by Mr. Pike of Eastport, a viva voce vote being taken, the bill and report were tabled, pending ac-

ceptance of the report, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 19.)

Mr. Williams from the committee on public health, on bill An Act amending Chapter 301 of the Public Laws of 1917, an Act additional to Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health, reported ought not to pass as subject matter is taken care of in another bill.

Mr. Mathews from the committee on public utilities reported ought not to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 50 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 131 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to complaint against a public utility made by itself.

Mr. Peabody from the committee on salaries and fees, on bill An Act relative to the compensation of registers of probate, reported that same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill An Act relative to compensation of judges of probate, reported that same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Ricker, from the committee on taxation, reported ought not to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to exemption from poll taxes.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Clifford, from the committee on claims, reported ought to pass on Resolve in favor of the town of Livermore.

Mr. Jillson, from same committee, reported same on Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to pay all outstanding bills for material furnished and labor in the construction of Stevens' cottage at Skowhegan for the Reformatory for Women.

Mr. Small from the committee on interior waters, on Resolve in aid of navigation on the Lower lakes, 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 7 of Chapter 303 of the Public Laws of 1917, changing the conditions under which loans may be granted by

the farm lands loan commissioner. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman, from same committee, on bill An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the recording of chattel mortgages, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Baxter, from some committee, on bill An Act to amend Chapter 289 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water (Sewer) District, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie, from same committee, on bill An Act to amend the itinerant vendors' law, reported same in a new draft, under title of An Act to amend Sections 11, 25 and 26 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to itinerant vendors, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hinckley, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill 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 head lights. (Tabled by Mr. Ricker of Poland pending first reading.)

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act to amend Chapter 80, Section 21, relating to distribution of life insurance made payable to an estate. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act to amend certain sections of Chapter 92 relating to the filing of claims against estates of deceased persons. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Mr. Weatherbee, from same committee, reported same on bill An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes relating to service of certain kinds of writs. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Mr. Crabtree from the committee on public buildings and grounds reported same on Resolve for the maintenance and improvement of the State park in Augusta.

Mr. Rounds from the committee on salaries and fees reported same on bill An Act to increase the salary of the deputy treasurer of state.

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

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 388: An Act to amend Chapter 142, Section 65, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the care of children of women committed to the reformatory for women.

House 389: An Act to amend Chapter 142, Section 61, of the Revised Statutes, relative to the commitment of women to the reformatory for women. (New draft.)

House 393: An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, relating to prosecutions, how commenced and conducted.

House 394: An Act to amend Paragraph 7 of Section 55 of Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to trustee process.

House 396: An Act to regulate the taking of smelts and tom cods in the waters of Whitten Parritt stream, Tunk stream and all waters tributary to Steuben bay and Joys bay, above Lobster Island Narrows in the town of Steuben, in Washington county.

House 401: An Act to grant additional corporate power to Maine Title and Utility Company. (New draft.)

House 402: An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 148 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State pensions.

House 403: 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.

House 390: Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Feeble-minded for maintenance for the years 1919 and 1920.

House 391: Resolve in favor of the Maine School for Feeble-minded for additions and improvements for the years 1919 and 1920. (New draft.)

House 392: Resolve authorizing the treasurer of state to receive one one thousand dollar United States Second Liberty Loan, four per cent. bond, in full release and discharge of a legacy of one thousand dollars bequeathed to the Central Maine Sanatorium by the will of the late John Prescott.

House 395: Resolve providing for a seal of the State.

House 399: Resolve authorizing the treasurer of state to receive the sum of \$500 bequeathed to the Central Maine Sanatorium by the will of the late Valora Chase.

House 404: Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf. (New draft.)

Resolves were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 38: An Act relating to schooling in unorganized territory.

(Tabled by Mr. Pike of Eastport, pending third reading.)

Senate 139: An Act to regulate the employment of legislative counsel or agents and to provide a legislative docket in the secretary of state's office open to public inspection disclosing information in relation to such employment.

Were reported from committee on bills in the third reading, reports accepted, were severally read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

(Tabled by Mr. Fowles of Lagrange pending third reading.)

Senate 140: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening lakes and ponds.

House 30: An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, relating to cinematograph and moving pictures.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: I want to table the whole matter, including the report of the committee, in order to correct an error.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Does the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Allan) object to having it recommitted to the committee?

Mr. ALLAN: Perhaps that will be the easier way, Mr. Speaker, and I withdraw my motion.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, the bill and report were re-committed to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

House 355: An Act to amend Paragraph 9 of Section 6 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes in reference to the assessment of taxes on the estates of soldiers and sailors.

House 386: Resolve to appropriate money for the erection and furnishing of buildings for the Reformatory for Women at Skowhegan. (Tabled by Mr. Holley of North Anson, pending second reading.)

House 387: Resolve to appropriate money for the maintenance of the Reformatory for Women at Skowhegan.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to incorporate the Lubeck and Machias Railway Company.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1917; also to amend Section 19 of said Chapter 137, relating to the appointment of probation officers.

An Act to enlarge the purposes and powers of the Utterback-Gleason Company, Inc., of Bangor, Maine.

An Act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber from the wild land townships.

An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of examiners to perform certain duties for the Public Utilities Commission.

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

An Act to extend the charter of the Livermore and Augusta Railway Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the R. & T. Cement Railroad.

Finally Passed

Resolve, in favor of the trustees of Hartland academy for State aid for agricultural instruction for the years 1917 and 1918.

Resolve authorizing Michael Burns to bring a suit at law against the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys.

Resolve in favor of the State School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of Mary S. Hillman of Island Falls, for State pension.

Resolve in favor of Rachel Stanley of Paris for annual State pension.

Resolve for extra pay to the Maine volunteers in the war with Spain.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: There are specially assigned for today four matters. The first one is House Document No. 294, An Act relating to the protection of moose, tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, the bill was then passed to be enacted.

The Chair lays before the House, House Document No. 159, Resolve in aid of navigation on Sebec lake in Piscataquis County, tabled by Mr. Lanpher of Sebec, pending its final passage.

On motion by Mr. Lanpher of Sebec, the resolve was finally passed.

The Chair lays before the House, House Document No. 235, An Act relating to Martin's Point bridge, in county of Cumberland, tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland, pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move it be re-tabled and assigned for March 18th.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion failed of passage.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the Cumberland County delegation has its troubles as well as other delegations here. We already have one bill assigned for the 18th, and I think if the two bills coming up this morning are re-tabled and assigned for that date, it will save time. We are doing the best we can. I would like to have it re-tabled and assigned for the 18th.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion by Mr. Allan of Portland that the bill be re-tabled until Tuesday, March 18, prevailed.

The Chair lays before the House House Document No. 380, An Act relating to Martin's Point bridge in Westbrook, tabled by Mr. Murray of Portland, pending third reading.

Mr. MURRAY of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this is similar to No. 235. I move that it be re-tabled and specially assigned for the 18th of March.

A viva voce vote was taken, the motion by Mr. Murray of Portland that the bill be re-tabled until Tuesday, March 18th, prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Cowan of Winterport it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 56, An Act relating to stocks, bonds and notes by public utilities, tabled pending second reading.

Mr. COWAN: Mr. Speaker, I now move that it take its regular course.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the title does not seem to be in shape.

Mr. COWAN: Mr. Speaker, I did not table that myself; I do not know who did.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it feels it must put the motion in the mouth of the gentleman from Winterport (Mr. Cowan) for the purpose of correcting the title.

Mr. COWAN: Mr. Speaker, I move to table it again.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to table prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 203, bill, An Act relating to penalty for practicing dentistry without certificate, tabled pending its passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was then passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, it was voted to take from the table Senate Document No. 187, An Act authorizing the Clark Power Company to construct and maintain a dam or dams on Saco waters in the cities of Saco and Biddeford, tabled by the same gentleman this morning; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was given its first two readings at this time.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Lisbon, it was voted to take from the table House Amendment A to Senate Document 109, An Act relating to the duties of superintending school committees.

Mr. CLASON: Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Storm.

Mr. STORM of New Sweden: Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to House Amendment A.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Storm, that there is already pending before the House House Amendment A, which has not been adopted.

Mr. STORM: Mr. Speaker, this is an amendment to an amendment.

The SPEAKER: With the consent of the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Storm, the Chair will insert House Amendment A to House Amendment A, which is as follows: "Amend House Amendment A by striking out the word 'five' in the third line, and inserting the word 'three,' and in the last line by striking out the word 'town' and inserting the word 'committee,'" and is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment A which was presented the other day?

A viva voce vote being taken, the House voted to adopt House Amendment A to House Amendment A.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inquire of the gentleman from New Sweden, Mr. Storm, if he now wishes to move adoption of House Amendment A as amended by House Amendment A?

Mr. STORM: Yes.

A viva voce vote being taken, it was voted to adopt House amendment A as amended by House amendment A.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, owing to the great number of amendments and amendments to the amendments, I would like to be able to examine them. I move that it lie upon the table in its amended form.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the bill as amended, pending its third reading, lie upon the table?

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table, joint order that all bills and resolves presented to the Legislature after Thursday, March 13th, be referred to the next Legislature; and

on further motion by the same gentleman the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Brann of Lewiston,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.