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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dow of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Communication from the Honorable Frank W. Ball, secretary of State, transmitting a list of public acts which have been approved by the Governor.

This comes from the Senate, ordered placed on file. In the House placed on file in concurrence.

From the Senate: 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.

This was passed to be enacted in the House, and comes back from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill and amendment lie on the table, and that the amendment be printed, and taken up tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: It will be necessary first to put it in proper parliamentary shape, to reconsider the votes leading up to the amendment.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its action, whereby the bill was passed to be enacted, and to reconsider its action whereby it was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ROUNDS: I am willing it should go along now, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon it was voted that the further reading of the amendment in detail be dispensed with, and Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence with the action of the Senate. The bill was then passed to

be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment A in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve making an appropriation to support the Bureau of Horticulture.

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

The House thereupon voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and further voted that it be referred in concurrence with the action of the Senate to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

From the Senate: Resolve to reimburse the People's Ferry Company of Bath.

This was finally passed in the House on March 13 and passed to be engrossed on March 5. It comes from the Senate referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was finally passed, and it also voted to reconsider its action whereby it was passed to be engrossed. The resolve was then referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence with the action of the Senate.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of McQuillan & Pooler for material furnished by them in the construction of the Woman's Reformatory at Skowhegan, which was re-committed to the committee on claims in the House on March 4, comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, those bills were to be taken care of all together and a resolve sent in. It seems to me that we are making a discrimination against this firm, and I do not think it is right after this committee had been told that the matter would be taken care of that this should be indefinitely postponed. Therefore, I move that we insist and ask for a committee of conference.

Mr. JONES of Bangor: Mr. Speak-

er, is there not a resolve coming from the Senate this morning in an amended form to take care of all these bills on the Woman's Reformatory?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is of the opinion that that is true. There are several resolves of a similar nature coming in indefinitely postponed by the Senate, which the Chair will read later.

Mr. ROUNDS: I would like to table this, Mr. Speaker, until we find out.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that there is a resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to pay all outstanding bills for materials furnished and labor in the construction of Stevens' cottage at Skowhegan for the Reformatory for Women. This was passed to be engrossed in the House March 17. This comes from the Senate with Senate amendment A and passed to be engrossed as there amended. The Chair is of the opinion that that takes care of the situation.

Mr. ROUNDS: I have just been told, Mr. Speaker, that this matter will be taken care of in the other resolve.

The House thereupon voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the Blunt Hardware Company for material furnished by them in the construction of the Women's Reformatory at Skowhegan.

This was also in the House recommitted to the committee on claims in the House and comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of this resolve.

From the Senate: Resolve appropriating money for the payment to Delano Mill Company of Portland for material furnished in the construction of Stevens' Cottage for the Reformatory for Women.

This was also in the House recommitted to the committee on claims,

and comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Hahnel Bros. & Company for labor and material furnished in the construction of the Women's Reformatory at Skowhegan.

This was in the House recommitted to the committee on claims. It comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of this resolve.

From the Senate: Resolve appropriating money for the care and maintenance of Fort William Henry in the town of Bristol.

This was passed to be engrossed in the House 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, and thereupon voted to adopt in concurrence with the Senate, Senate Amendment A. The bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the action of the Senate as amended by Senate Amendment A.

From the Senate: 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.

This was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 17. It comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Jones of Bangor the bill and amendment were tabled, and especially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.

Final Report

From the Senate: The committee on railroads and expresses submitted its final report that it has acted on all matters referred to it.

Report accepted in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 227: Resolve appointing a committee to revise, collate, arrange and consolidate the collateral inheritance taxes and probate laws of the State of Maine.

Senate 228: Resolve in favor of Edward R. Parent, in payment of witness fees, counsel fees and disbursements made by him in the contested senatorial election case from Androscoggin county.

Senate 155: An Act to amend sections 6, 10 and 33 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to primary elections and the filing of nomination papers by independent candidates.

This bill comes from the Senate amended by Senate Amendment A and passed to be engrossed in the Senate as amended.

The House thereupon adopted the amendment in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham the bill pending its second reading was tabled and assigned for Wednesday, March 26.

Senate 229: Resolve in favor of Dr. Henry L. Irish, in payment of witness fees, counsel fees and disbursements made by him in the contested senatorial election case from Androscoggin county.

Senate 193: Resolve providing for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of dependent persons in or by certain charitable and benevolent institutions and organizations not owned or controlled by the State, and for other purposes.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, there was some mistake in the first bill that went in for the Maine General hospital. This bill was first turned down and indefinitely postponed and then it was changed around and taken care of in another way. Now here comes a resolve for all these hospitals, and if it is as in the original, it is not what the committee wanted. I would like to ask through the Chair if it has been changed?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) that this resolve comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A, which the Chair will read.

(Senate Amendment A read by the Speaker.)

The House thereupon voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence with the action of the Senate.

The SPEAKER: What time will the House assign for the second reading of the resolve as amended?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, has the original resolve had its second reading?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that all of the various resolves, the titles of which were read by the clerk, are reported in one single resolve, covering the whole thing, and this amendment makes the changes as indicated.

The resolve was then assigned for its second reading tomorrow morning at eight o'clock.

Communication From the Governor

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have carefully examined House Document No. 346, resolve in favor of John G. Fleming for building a highway in the town of Wiscasset, and am satisfied that the sum of two thousand and ninety-three dollars and ninety cents named therein is nearly three times the amount fairly and reasonably due. I therefore respectfully return the resolve herewith without my approval.

(Signed) CARL E. MILLIKEN,
Governor.

Dated at the
Executive Chamber
March 21, 1919.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is, shall this resolve be finally passed notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this resolve was very carefully considered and two hearings given it before the committee on claims; and while some were in favor of more, and not very many less, we as a whole concluded that we would have that in as the amount due John G. Fleming. I would like to have it lie on the table until next Tuesday, when I will have the contract with the State of Maine and Highway Department here. I think that any fair-minded man will say that we have

not given John Fleming enough, if anything, on a contract between man and man. Some of the senators wanted to have it a little lower. The House members, I think, would have had it higher; but we agreed on that amount, and we agreed, all of us, to stand by that amount. Therefore, I would like to have it tabled and let the gentlemen of the House see the contract that was put in by the State of Maine. Now John Fleming went down there in good faith. It was brought out that he did a good piece of work. The highway department claim that he drove the inspectors off, but no one could be found who made the charge. It was when this highway department first started and they had this man looking after two or three jobs. The highway department had them put in stuff and charge the stuff around so that he would have two dollars a foot for all the under grading, and that was far too much. They were to have about fifty feet as I understand it.—I have not the exact figures—but it came to some nineteen hundred feet. Therefore, it made a difference. But the great State of Maine made a trade with this John Fleming, through its representatives of the highway department, and then told him that they had made a trade that was too much and they cut it off. If I am not right, I would like to be corrected by some of the rest of the committee on claims, and I would call on the secretary of our committee, through the Chair, to say whether I have stated it right.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that, of course, the motion is not debatable, but for the sake of the information of the House that point may be waived.

Mr. CLIFFORD of Reed Plantation: Mr. Speaker, it was in the matter of the side drains. He agreed to build in the contract fifty feet at two dollars a foot, and under the instructions of the engineer he built nineteen hundred and ninety-one feet, and they paid him at the rate of seventy cents per foot on the grading. The other matters I think the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) has described as they are.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the resolve with the veto message be laid on the table and specially assigned for Tuesday next?

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to amend that in some way, so that the highway department should furnish every member of this House with a copy of the contract between John Fleming and the Highway department next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it hardly thinks that could be incorporated in this motion.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, it looks to me as though it ought to be if we are going to vote on it. While we have the greatest respect for the Governor, I think it is right that every member should have the facts before him where one man overrides the minds of 10 members. I think the other 141 members of this House should see some of the facts and know what they are voting on before they vote on this order.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that he can introduce an order, which if passed by the House, will bring about the desired result; but it could hardly be incorporated in this motion.

It was thereupon voted that the resolve and veto message be tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Foss of Hancock: Resolve in favor of Willis A. Frost.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Mason from the committee on legal affairs reported ought not to pass on bill An Act authorizing towns to adopt corporate seal.

Mr. Fuller from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, on Remonstrance of George W. Nelson and 52 others against the repeal of the law preventing seining for herring in Sheepscot river within 200' feet of a fish weir, reported that the same be placed on file

Same gentleman from same committee, on Remonstrance of Frank Clark and 55 others of Franklin, Sullivan and Hancock, and of Henry Lawrie and 45 others of Sullivan, Franklin and Hancock, against any change in the present smelt law as applies to Frenchman's bay and its tributaries, reported that the same be placed on file.

Same gentleman from same committee on Petition of H. W. Johnston and 11 others of Hancock county, praying that the law changing the territory in which the taking of smelts, except by hook and line, is prohibited in the waters of Egypt bay, Franklin bay, Taunton bay and river and their tributaries, be amended, reported that the same be placed on file.

Same gentleman from same committee, on Petition of Everett Sargent and 45 others of Boothbay Harbor, and of Seth J. Wingren and 73 others of Boothbay Harbor, praying that Chapter 75 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, prohibiting the seining of herring in Sheepscoot within 2000 feet of any trap or weir be repealed, reported that the same be placed on file.

Mr. Clason from the committee on ways and bridges reported ought not to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 26 of the Revised Statutes, relating to highway patrolmen and providing that the patrol system shall be optional with towns having a valuation of less than \$600,000.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill An Act to amend the law relative to placing of speed limit signs on highways, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient, as subject matter is covered in another bill.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Clifford from the committee on claims, to which was referred so much of the report of the State auditor by Report B of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, transmitting list of unpaid bills and accounts for which there is no appropriation, as was not covered by Report A of said committee on appropriations and financial affairs, having had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the following resolves, viz:

Resolve in favor of the board of veterinary examiners.

Resolve in favor of the State auditor.

Resolve in favor of the commissioner of pharmacy of the State of Maine.

And that they ought to pass.

Mr. Jordan from the committee on sea and shore fisheries reported ought to pass on bill An Act to regulate the digging of clams within the limits of Capitol Island Village Corporation, within the county of Lincoln. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings.)

Mr. Perkins from same committee reported same on bill An Act to prohibit the use of trawls of more than 4000 hooks or more than 10 nets within the following waters:

Mr. Clason, from the committee on ways and bridges, on bill An Act to provide aid for assistance of towns in maintaining town highways, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Stanley, from same committee, reported ought to pass on Resolve to continue the resolve under Chapter 90 of the Resolves of 1917, for the North Yarmouth Academy Grant, Township No. 1, Range 4, Aroostook county.

Mr. Washburn, from same committee, on Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of the substructure of a highway bridge over the St. John river between the towns of Madawaska, Maine, and the city of Edmunston, New Brunswick, reported same in a new draft under title of

Resolve continuing unexpended balance of appropriation provided for by Chapter 321 of the Resolves of 1913, entitled Resolve in favor of aid in the construction of a highway bridge across the St. John river between Fort Kent, Maine, and St. Francis, New Brunswick, and that it ought to pass.

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

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 452: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of sheriffs and their deputies. (New draft.)

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be tabled.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I will say that there was several bills before the judiciary committee and several before the legal affairs committee. We spent a lot of time working them out and got them all into one bill, and they were reported ought not to pass. This is not a matter where the State pays any money. All these are county offices, and I will say to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) that so far as Cumberland county is concerned, this bill was reported un-animously by the Cumberland county delegation, including the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker: I beg to differ with the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley). It was not unanimous, and I reserve my rights at this time. In the Cumberland county delegation we have put down a figure—we have not voted—but we have put down a figure different from what the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) has said it was voted unanimously. That is coming here with a report different from the report there.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, we had a meeting of the Cumberland delegation, and the particular matter which the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) has in mind is the question of increasing special officers from three to four dollars. The gentleman came to that committee when our secretary was present and came to that meeting, and I think every member was present. Of course I do not remember definitely just who was there; but I remember that the gentleman who has just spoken was present. It was voted—and I did not hear a voice against it—that we should recommend four dollars for the fees of deputy sheriffs. That was the vote of the committee, and the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) said that he would carry out the wishes of the Cumberland county delegation.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: The Chair will

state that the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) must ask leave of the House to speak again, as he has already spoken twice.

Thereupon unanimous consent was given Mr. Rounds to again speak on the matter under discussion.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) will remember that he agreed to have an amendment covering just what I wanted, and that amendment is not in this bill. The committee, I think, will bear me out. While they have not voted, they have taken the recommendations of the county commissioners into consideration, and I—

The SPEAKER: The Chair will have to rule that the motion is not strictly debatable. The Chair has been indulgent for the sake of clearing up any possible difficulty which could be cleared.

A viva voce vote being taken, the House voted to table the bill, pending second reading.

House 453: An Act amendatory and additional to Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917 and Chapter 301 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the State department of health. (New draft.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 225: An Act to provide for the licensing of the sardine packers, to improve the quality of fish used for sardines and to establish standards of measures for sardine herring.

House 400: An Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters.

House Bill No. 400 is hereby amended by striking out in Lines 2 and 3 of Section 3 the following words: "Until January first next following the date of issue," and inserting in place thereof the following: "So long as the registrant remains a citizen of this State"; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Sect. 3. Each certificate issued under the provisions of this act shall be valid so long as the registrant remains a citizen of this State; such certificate shall not be transferable, and shall not be valid unless

the signature of the person to whom it was issued is written thereon in ink."

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to take any time in discussing the general question; only just a word as to this amendment. Under the act it will be necessary for a resident to make an application every year for this license. I understood the proponents of this bill—and I am going to accept what they said at its face value—that the only object of the license was for the purpose of identification in order that a non-resident who was coming in here to hunt without a license might be detected. Now, if this certificate is issued under this amendment, it is good so long as the holder remains a resident of this State, and that will identify him just as well two years or three years or four years from now as though he gets a new one every year. It is just as good identification, and it will save the bother and the incidental expense of getting a new one every year. I move you, Mr. Speaker, that when the vote is taken on this it be taken by the yeas and nays.

Mr. CLASON of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, it is true, as the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) states, that the purpose of this bill is for the identification of non-residents and poachers. The only thing that I wish to say in reply to the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) in reference to his amendment is this: Of course these certificates will be made on paper, and paper will wear out, and they must be renewed probably from year to year. They will be lost and they must be renewed on that account. This is all the statement I care to make in reference to this proposition, if the members of the House desire the passage of this amendment. The fee is only twenty-five cents for the expense of registration; and at this time I would like to say that I shall offer no objection to a yeas and nays vote. I was very sorry yesterday that on account of the conversation back of the rail, the Chair was unable to hear the motion of the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley),

and if he had not suggested himself a yeas and nays vote for that very reason I would have suggested it myself this morning.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, perhaps some do not understand. It is true that paper will wear out, but it is also true that certificates of all kinds are lost and destroyed, and any certificate of record can be given to the person who wishes it, and any person who loses the certificate or it is worn out can go to the clerk and get a copy. That will take care of that.

The SPEAKER: All those in favor of the yeas and nays on this question will rise.

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

Mr. STORM of New Sweden: Mr. Speaker, is this vote on the amendment?

The SPEAKER: The vote is on the amendment, the Chair will state.

The question before the House is the adoption of House Amendment B as read by the Chair. All those who are in favor of the adoption of the amendment will say yes when their names are called; those opposed no. The clerk will call the roll.

YEA—Adams, Alden, Allan of Portland, Arthur, Audibert, Austin of Milford, Austin of South Berwick, Baxter, Bean, Berry, Bragdon, Burns of Eagle Lake, Burns of Madison, Carey, Carlton, Case, Cates, Chaplin, Chellis, Clifford, Cochrane, Colcord, Cole, Corliss, Crane, Cunningham, Daigle, Dain, Davis of Freeport, Davis of Old Town, Dolloff, Doyle, Dunn, Dunning, Dutton, Eaton, Fagan, Farnsworth, Foss, Forbes, Fowles, Fuller, Gilmour, Gray, Granville, Greeley, Hanson, Hatch, Hinckley, Hisler, Holley, Houghton, Hussey, Jillson, Jones, Jordan of Cape Elizabeth, Jordan of New Gloucester, Lanpher, Leathers, Macomber, Marr, Mason, Millett, Mulligan, Murch, Murray, Nelson, O'Leary, Orff, Overlock, Pattee, Perkins of Orono, Plummer, Porter, Reed, Ridlon, Rowe, Sanborn, Savage, Simons, Small, Stacey, Stanley, Stevens, Storm, Swift, Thomas of Harpswell, Tilden, Varney of Jonesboro, Varney of Windham, Warren, Washburn, Weatherbee—33.

NAY—Barnes, Brewster, Brown, Clason, Cowan, Crabtree, Flint, Maher, Mathews, McLery, Miller, O'Connell, Roberts, Rowell, Sweatt, Williams of Auburn, Williams of Wells—17.

ABSENT—Allen of Sanford, Anderson, Bowie, Brackett, Bradford, Brann, Buzzell, Casey, Chamberlain of Lebanon, Chamberlain of Winslow, Conary, Cou-

lombe, Furbish, Garcelon, Grinnell, Hammond, Langelier, Lausier, Leonard, Love, Mace, Mitchell, Morin, Murchie, Owen, Peabody, Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, Phillips, Pike, Putnam, Ricker, Ring, Rounds, Sawyer, Smith, Sullivan, Thomas of South Portland, Wilson of Presque Isle, Wilson of Portland, Wyman—40.

Yes—93. No—17. Absent—40.

At the close of the roll call, Mr. Flint of Monson made the following statement:

Mr. Speaker, I want to reverse my vote. I think I voted yes; I want to be recorded as no. I think I voted on the majority side and that was a mistake. (Laughter.)

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will record the change.

Ninety-three having voted in the affirmative and 17 in the negative, amendment B was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Lisbon, the House voted that the bill as amended have its third reading at this time. Thereupon the bill received its third and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

House 436: An Act to create the Maine Water Power Commission.

Senate 218: Resolve to promote patriotism by displaying the American flag at polling places during election.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Alfred D. Sawyer, to reimburse him for expenses incurred as secretary of the committee on State School for Boys.

Resolve appropriating money for the maintenance of Teachers' Old Home, on Old Town Indian Island No. 1.

Resolve providing for the purchase of certain volumes of documentary history of Maine.

Resolve for indexing the documents filed by the Legislature of Maine since 1820, now in the office of the secretary of the Senate.

Resolve providing a State pension for George A. Penney.

Resolve in favor of Elizabeth J. Pierce of Vinalhaven, for State bounty.

Resolve providing a State pension for Caroline Davis.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor

State Hospital for maintenance and other purposes for the 1919 and 1920.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor State hospital for interest on the Robie amusement fund for the years 1919 and 1920.

Resolve in favor of Charles E. Darling, superintendent of the State Fish Hatchery, Enfield, Maine.

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

Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening lakes and ponds.

Resolve appropriating money for payment of damages arising out of death of Edgar Chase Harnden.

Resolve reimbursing plantations because of reduction in the rate of interest paid by the State to Plantations on their wild land school funds.

Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta, for pension.

Orders of the Day

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

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I wish to present an amendment and move its adoption.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its vote whereby House Document No. 235 was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, now presents House Amendment A to House Document No. 235: "Strike out all of section one after the word 'authorized' in the second line of said section. Also strike out all of section two preceding the word 'repair' in the fifth line of said section. Also strike out the figure 3 in the first line of section three and inserting in place thereof the figure 2, so that said sections as amended shall read as follows: 'Section 1. The county commissioners of Cumberland county are hereby authorized to repair or replace such portions of Martin's Point bridge as may in their judgment be necessary with material of the same general character as the present

bridge. Section 2. For accomplishing the purposes of this act, said county of Cumberland through its commissioners is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor the negotiable notes of the county of Cumberland, and for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness so created and of paying any necessary expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the said county of Cumberland may from time to time issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding \$60,000. Said obligations shall be valid without first obtaining the consent of the county as provided in Sections 18 and 20 of Chapters 83 of the Revised Statutes.'

The Chair lays before the House, Senate Document No. 188, An Act relating to the care of persons requiring full support or more than temporary relief, tabled by the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Mason, pending consideration.

Mr. MASON of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be re-tabled until Tuesday morning, and I will say in explanation of this, that this is an act to create county almshouses. I make this motion at the request of those interested in the bill, that a conference may be had, and the bill so amended, if possible, as to meet the objections of those opposed to it.

Thereupon, the bill was re-tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 25.

The Chair lays before the House, House Document No. 214, An Act relating to the disposition of money collected under the provisions of the inland fish and game laws, tabled by the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, pending consideration.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I shall have to ask the indulgence of the House to table the bill once more, for a day.

Thereupon the bill was re-tabled and specially assigned for Saturday, March 22.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, by unanimous consent, the rules were suspended, and the fol-

lowing order was received out of order:

Ordered: That the highway commission furnish for distribution to the members of the House copies of the contract between John G. Fleming and the State of Maine in regard to the construction of a highway in the town of Wiscasset, said copies to be so furnished before Tuesday next.

The order received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Lisbon it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 140, An Act relating to when no succession tax shall be assessed on stock, bonds, or evidences of debt of Maine corporations, tabled pending its third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended and Mr. Fowles of Lagrange introduced the following resolution out of order: Whereas, the first duty of a nation, as of an individual, is self-preservation, and

Whereas no class of the population is more worthy of assistance than the farmer, and no work more essential than his, and

Whereas in the past two years the Maine farmer responded to his utmost to the call of the nation for increased production, in spite of the disheartening handicap of extraordinary and continuous increase of cost, and

Whereas the Maine farmer is in direct competition with the Canadian farmer in the production of farm produce, and especially potatoes, which latter crop is now selling for about one-half cost, and

Whereas the only protection of the Maine potato raiser is a tariff on imported potatoes, a protection tried and proved effective through decades of government by the Republican party,

Now, therefore, the Legislature of Maine urges upon its senators and representatives in Congress to set up again a protective tariff to give preference to the product of American labor and capital expended upon and invested in Maine farms.

By a viva voce vote the House voted to adopt the resolution.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland it was voted to take from the table Senate Document No. 205, Resolve for laying the county taxes for the year 1920, tabled pending its second reading.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland. Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer an amendment and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, presents the following amendment: House Amendment A to Senate Document No. 205, relating to the laying of the county taxes for the year 1920. Senate Document No. 205 is hereby amended by striking out in the 10th and 11th lines of said document everything after the word "Cumberland" and inserting in place thereof the following: "Two hundred and sixty-eight thousand, four hundred and sixty-one dollars (\$248.61)."

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire the number at the present time?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it is Senate Document No. 205.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, we are adding \$2000 for 1920 to take care of the clerk hire and the auditor in clerk of courts office.

The amendment was adopted, and on further motion by the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds), the resolve as amended by House Amendment A had its first reading.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be tabled, and be assigned for Tuesday, March 25th.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this resolve, as amended, pending its second reading, be laid on the table and assigned for Tuesday, March 25? The Chair will rule that this cannot be debated.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, that the resolve be tabled until Tuesday, March 25th, prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state, and of course it is well recognized by the members of the

House, that the motion to lay on the table is not debatable. I hope no one will feel that he is being in any way obstructed in his legislation if the Chair rules debate out of order.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move we reconsider the vote we have just passed to lay the resolve on the table until next Tuesday, Senate Document No. 205.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to obstruct the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) in any way. If the amount included for clerk hire is the amount we agreed upon in the delegation as the increase—\$2,000—I have no objection. That is what I would like to find out. I have the idea we agreed upon an amount. I have not the figures with me. Perhaps Mr. Rowe of Yarmouth can tell us.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Yarmouth, Mr. Rowe, may reply through the Chair.

Mr. ROWE: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Houlton (Mr. Barnes) asked me if I would not push this thing along as soon as I could, because the county officers wanted to assess the taxes; therefore I tried to get in communication with the county commissioners. They asked me to have this put on for both years. I put it on at their request and, as the delegation all know, we are six years behind in the court records; the court has ordered a special auditor to go over the books of our late clerk of courts, and the other counties—if I am wrong, I would like to be corrected—the other counties want to get in their state tax. It is getting late and they want to know what their tax shall be; therefore I had this amendment prepared so as to expedite matters here before this House. If I am not right, I would like to be corrected by the gentleman from Houlton (Mr. Barnes).

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I hope this will be expedited. Those who are making delay in matters of amendment are only gaining for themselves momentary notoriety. This affects the levy-

ing of taxes in 16 counties, and most county commissioners meet the first of April. Now the least said about the condition in Cumberland county, of course, the better. I would suggest to the gentlemen in the House, let it go to the Senate. The gentlemen in the Senate can take care of it without any doubt.

Mr. ALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to delay anything at all.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, to reconsider prevailed; and the resolve received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table, Senate Document No. 206, Resolve for laying the county taxes for the year 1919.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, presents House Amendment A to Senate Document No. 206, relating to the laying of county taxes for the year 1919, which is as follows: Senate Document No. 206 is hereby amended by striking out in the 10th and 11th lines of said document everything after the word 'Cumberland,' and inserting in place thereof the following: Two hundred forth-eight thousand, four hundred and sixty-one dollars (\$248,461.)

A viva voce vote being taken, the amendment was adopted; and on further motion by the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) the resolve, as amended by House Amendment A, had its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our vote whereby we voted to accept the report of the committee on salaries and fees on An Act to provide for fixing of salaries and wages to subordinates of the several departments of the State government.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider the vote whereby it accepted the report, ought not to pass, of the committee on salaries and fees on an act to provide

for fixing of salaries and wages to subordinates of the several departments of state government? All those in favor of the reconsideration of the vote, say aye; those opposed, no. The nays appear to have it.

Mr. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a division, and would say in explanation that my reason for asking for this is that the committee on salaries and fees wish to have this recommitted to the committee. That is the reason for asking for a reconsideration of the vote,—in order that I might ask to have the bill recommitted to the committee on salaries and fees. I understand that they are unanimous in wishing it returned to them for further consideration.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has not declared the vote, and it will put the question again. All those in favor of the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House voted to accept the report, ought not to pass, will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to reconsider prevailed; and on further motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, the bill was recommitted to the committee on salaries and fees.

Mr. HOLLEY of North Anson: Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time by direction of the appropriation committee, of which I have the honor of being a member, to ask consent of this House to introduce out of order a resolve. This resolve, gentlemen, is a war measure. If it were not, we should not ask you to give your consent to introduce it. I ask that the Speaker read the resolve.

Thereupon the Speaker read the following resolve:

Resolve, "Whereas, one of the vital agencies to meet reconstruction work is the United States Employment Service, and

Whereas, this service in the State of Maine has been diligent in procuring employment for discharged soldiers and sailors now returning from the cantonments and the war fronts, and

Whereas, in this State there are nine employment offices actively engaged, with two hundred forty-seven

subordinate community boards, and

Whereas, in the press of the closing days of the last Congress by inadvertence appropriation for the continuance of this work was omitted, and

Whereas, the Federal Government had directed and the divers boards had sent to the cantonment and to France representatives apprising the boys of the availability of these agencies for the work above indicated, and

Whereas, it is of imperative moment that this work must be continued and the temporary difficulty met, and

Whereas, the facts stated above constitute an emergency and the passage of this resolve is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Governor and Council be authorized to meet the above emergency and to provide said service with appropriate and suitable moneys, as in the judgment of the Governor and Council shall seem meet, to keep open the avenues to profitable employment for returning soldiers and to accomplish the necessary and proper results in the present exigency until there shall be forthcoming from the Federal Government necessary moneys."

Mr. HOLLEY. Mr. Speaker, this is purely an emergency matter. Last Monday, the gentleman who has charge of the Employment Bureau in the State, received notice that there would be no more money coming from the Federal Government; therefore, unless this matter is passed—unless the State of Maine comes to the rescue, from a financial standpoint—these offices will be closed Saturday night; and the boys who have directed by agents, and by literature, to come to these various employment agencies, when they are discharged from the service, will find the doors of those offices closed. When this was brought to the attention of the appropriations committee, we could not, as red-blooded American citizens, ignore it, and therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that it have a passage.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am very much interested in what the gentleman from North Anson (Mr. Holley) has said. I think the question of unemployment is one of the acute questions now before this country. It is a real problem. It is not quite as severe in the State of Maine as in some of our neighboring States; but I hope the motion of the gentleman from North Anson will prevail. The fact that the State of Maine sent over 25,000 men into the army and navy of the United States during the present war is one which we should not overlook. The city of Portland alone sent over 2,500 men into the various branches of the service—the army, the navy and the merchant marine. As I understand it, this employment bureau established by the Federal Government has already provided employment for over 1,000 returning soldiers in the State of Maine. It seems to me this is the least that we can do for the men who are coming home, and it is an act of simple justice.

I was chairman of one of the two local boards in the city of Portland, and it was the greatest experience of my life to come in contact with almost 8,000 men between the ages of 18 and 45, and Mr. Speaker, I can count on the fingers of one hand those who were real slackers among all that list of 8,000 men. (Applause). It was an inspiration and it was an experience which I shall never forget. Unfortunately the United States government has temporarily suspended this valuable branch of its activities; but I think after the new Congress convenes there will be no doubt but that the work will be continued; meanwhile, the burden must devolve upon the various states. I am quite sure that notwithstanding the fact that we are all anxious to keep down the appropriations—notwithstanding the fact that many worthy objects must be passed by—I think this Legislature will allow this measure to be received and to be passed. I second the motion of the gentleman from North Anson (Mr. Holley).

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, would it be in order to have

that come out of the war fund of two years ago, at which time there was appropriated \$1,000,000 in this House? Could it be amended in that way?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that it is before the House.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I am asking if it would be in order to do that?

The SPEAKER: It is in order to amend it, if you desire.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I understand the first day of January there was around \$448,000 in that fund, and I was only asking if it would not be right to take it out of that fund. I would like to ask the gentleman from North Anson (Mr. Holley) if that is in the budget, so-called.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Holley, may reply through the Chair.

Mr. HOLLEY: Mr. Speaker, in reply to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) I would say that it is not in the budget. We did not, of course, realize at the time the budget was made up that this emergency would appear. In view of the fact that it is a war measure, I hope, gentlemen, it does not make any difference where the money comes from. Forget it!

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I want to say this, that I am in favor of it, and I was only asking if we could take it out of the war fund.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, the question has been raised regarding this four hundred thousand and odd dollars that was in the treasury January 1st—this war fund. I presume the gentleman refers to the fund in aid of dependents—dependents' fund. Is that what you were speaking of, Mr. Rounds?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, may reply through the Chair.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I understood it was for any war purposes when it was passed at that time.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would say in explanation that the cities and towns pay this aid to the dependents, and the cities and towns are re-

imbursed every six months; so that the fund which was in the hands of the treasurer of this State on the first day of January was a fund from which it would be necessary to pay the aid which had been paid by the various cities and towns for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1918. It is taking almost \$100,000 a month, as I understand, to take care of these matters now; so that practically all of that four hundred thousand and some odd dollars has been used since January 1st to reimburse the towns for what had been paid out. As I understand, there is considerably less than \$100,000 left at the present time.

Mr. MAHER of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped that after the statement of the gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Holley, which was so very clear, and the statement contained in the preamble of the resolution which is so very, very clear, that this matter would not become involved by any contemporaneous or collateral discussion. As I understand it, from the statement of the committee on appropriations, the question is simply this: There has been provided a certain avenue to aid in the securing of employment for returning men who have been in the service; and, because of inadvertence, the means of continuing that, just at the time when it is imperative that it shall be continued, is temporarily embarrassed, and the State of Maine is asked to step into the breach. Now it is not any time for collateral discussions or for collateral issues. We are all appreciative of the industrial unrest and all appreciative of the unsettled condition, and we are all certainly appreciative of the fact that these boys, who have dared and done for us, are coming back and it seems that they have been appraised and notified of certain avenues, to wit: This employment service, to which they would have recourse to help them to move along naturally and easily, back to the ordinary and accustomed walks of life. It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that at this juncture we can do nothing less than, without discussion or detail or delay, meet the situation frankly, earnestly, and at once. I

hope that without further discussion this matter will have a passage, and a unanimous passage. (Applause).

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I yield to no man in this House for taking care of the soldiers. Do you know that when I got home two weeks ago, I found one of Uncle Sam's soldiers at that time on the boat without the price of his dinner. I hired him, and he is still working for me; and not only him, but one other, has been employed since then, and I yield to no man in this House but what I will do what is right and I will go as far as anybody in this House. (Prolonged applause; the members rising).

Mr. THOMAS of Harpswell: Mr. Speaker, that is what counts.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Holley, that the rules be suspended and the unprinted resolve be given its two readings at this time without reference to any committee.

The resolve then received its two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The resolve will be immediately sent to the Senate.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, the resolve carries an emergency clause, does it not?

The SPEAKER: The emergency does not come up until the final passage.

Mr. MURRAY of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended and that House Document No. 459, printed under the joint rules, be given its several readings at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that since the House has been in session today there have been some further printed bills which will be first readers, that have come from the printers, and among them is the one referred to by the gentleman from Portland, (Mr. Murray). Is it the unanimous consent of the House that we take up, out of order, these matters which have come along? It

will hasten things just so much. In those matters, the Chair will recognize the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Murray, on his motion.

Unanimous consent being given, an Act amending the charter of the People's Ferry Company, House Document No. 459 (new draft), received its three several readings, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Unanimous consent having been given, bill, An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appointments of members of board of dental examiners, House Document No. 461, received its two several readings, and was specially assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Unanimous consent having been given, Resolve in favor of Esther M. Giles, House Document No. 460, received its first reading and was specially assigned for its second reading tomorrow morning.

Unanimous consent having been given, bill, An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Fort Kent Village Corporation, House Document No. 454, received its two several readings and tomorrow morning was specially assigned for its third reading.

Unanimous consent having been given, bill, An Act to enlarge the powers of trust companies, House Document No. 456, received its two several readings, and tomorrow morning was specially assigned for its third reading.

Unanimous consent having been given, bill An Act to amend Paragraph 1 of Section 7 of Chapter 19 of the Public Laws of 1917, concerning industrial banks, House Document No. 457, received its two several readings and was specially assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Unanimous consent having been given, bill An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the sale of timber on Indian Township, House Document No. 453, received its two several readings and was spe-

cially assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.