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Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1919.

This being the day designated in the proclamation of the Governor for the meeting of the 79th Legislature in extra session, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their hall, at 10 o'clock A. M., were called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Wood of Augusta.

The following proclamation was then read by the clerk:

STATE OF MAINE
By the Governor
A PROCLAMATION

The people of the State by an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution have authorized the Legislature to issue bonds of the State to an amount not exceeding ten million dollars for the purpose of continuing the construction of our State Highway System and building intrastate, interstate and international bridges. The United States Government stands ready to contribute two million dollars immediately to aid in carrying out this highway program, if the State's money can be made available. Construction of the Portsmouth-Kittery bridge awaits the required funds to be advanced by this State jointly with the state of New Hampshire and the United States Government. These immediate demands for moneys, obtainable only from the sale of these State highway and bridge bonds, together with the necessity for legislation to make operative other Constitutional amendments recently adopted and to meet other urgent demands of the people seem to require the immediate consideration of the Legislature.

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, I, Carl E. Milliken, Governor of the State of Maine, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, convene the Legislature of this State, hereby requiring the Senators and Representatives to assemble in their respective chambers at the Capitol in Augusta on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon in order to receive such com-

munications as may then be made to them, and to consult and determine all such measures as in their judgment will best promote the welfare of the State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed.

Done at Augusta, this 18th day of October in the year of our Lord 1919, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 144th.

CARL E. MILLIKEN.

By the Governor.

Attest:

FRANK W. BALL,
Secretary of State.

Mr. Holley of North Anson moved that the clerk of the House be instructed to call the roll of the House in order to determine whether a quorum of the House was present.

The motion was agreed to.

The clerk thereupon called the roll of the House.

One hundred and thirty-seven members answering to their names, a quorum was declared to be present.

A message was transmitted from the Senate, through its secretary, informing the House that a quorum was present in the Senate, and that that body was ready for the consideration of such business as may come before it.

Mr. Buzzell of Belfast moved that the clerk of the House be directed to convey a message to the Senate informing that body that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with the transaction of such business as may come before it.

The motion was agreed to.

Subsequently the clerk of the House reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

A message was received from the Senate, through its secretary, proposing a joint convention of both branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of this House for the purpose of receiving a communication from His

Excellency, the Governor, and the election of an executive councillor.

Mr. Bragdon of Perham moved that the clerk of the House be directed to convey a message to the Senate, informing that body of the concurrence of the House in the proposition for a joint convention of both branches of the Legislature.

The motion was agreed to.

Subsequently the clerk of the House reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

Thereupon the Senate came in and a joint convention was formed.

(For Joint Convention see Senate Report.)

The SPEAKER: We will follow the regular proceedings and order of business. Of course there are no Senate papers at this time.

Communications from the Secretary of State.

Department of State,
Augusta, November 4, 1919.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the answers of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine to the questions concerning the water powers of the State of Maine, which were propounded to said Justices by order of your Honorable body at its regular session, said answers being filed in this office June 6, 1919.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK W. BALL,
Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland it was voted that this communication be received and placed on file.

Department of State,
Augusta, November 4, 1919.
To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit the attached communication which will be self-explanatory.

Respectfully yours,
FRANK W. BALL,
Secretary of State.

"Commandery-in-Chief,"
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
September 24, 1919.
To the House of Representatives,
State of Maine.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor by direction of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Columbus, Ohio, September 8-11, 1919, to certify to you and the Legislature of your State the unanimous adoption of the following 'Declaration of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.'

Very respectfully,
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., being the descendants of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of the Civil War, organized as a civic body for many years to perpetuate the memory of their fathers' service and sacrifices for the preservation of the Union, and to inculcate the principles of patriotism and love of country, DO DECLARE:

That the Order will, to the limit of its power and influence, vigorously oppose all Bolshevik movements and tendencies, and all efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union.

That we demand of all citizens one hundred per cent Americanism.

That we call upon Congress to provide necessary laws for the deportation of all unregenerate aliens, and those who do not in good faith seek to become citizens.

That we insist upon the energetic enforcement of these laws by the executive branch of the government.

That we believe that Congress should forthwith cause to be made an extensive and exhaustive investigation of the causes of social unrest in all parts of the country, and having ascertained the cause of it, then to provide the remedies that will restore the peace and happiness of the whole people under unaltered American institutions.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., hereby pledge the unswerving and loyal efforts of their entire member-

ship; and express their willingness to co-operate with all other patriotic organizations actuated by similar motives.

This order furthermore offers the Government the service of its nationwide organization with its influence in affiliated orders and social circles to distribute any propaganda of Americanism which may be authorized to combat all movements which would raise the red flag or anarchy, or which are treasonable or subversive of free democracy as handed down by the founders of this Republic."

(Scaled.)

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton the communication was received and placed on file.

Reception of bills and resolves.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state at this time that it has in its hands, placed there by the Clerk, a number of bills, the titles of which the Chair will read and the gentlemen presenting the same.

An Act authorizing the town of Turner to purchase and operate or to purchase and hold stock in the Electric Railroad between East Auburn and Turner Village; presented by the gentleman from Turner, Mr. Bradford. The reference of this is suggested to the Committee on Judiciary.

The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Warren, presents an Act to save daylight and to provide standard time for the State of Maine; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Garcelon of Auburn presents an Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the acknowledgment of deeds; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor presents an Act to prevent the use of firearms by children under certain conditions; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Garcelon of Auburn presents an Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter

117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the salary of the treasurer of Androscoggin county; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor presents an Act to increase the salary of register of deeds of Lincoln county; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

Mr. Barnes of Houlton presents an act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to the salary of the superintendent of public buildings.

Mr. Clason of Lisbon presents an act to amend Chapter 220 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled an act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted and set forth in Chapter 253 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 88 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to the creation and expenditure of the mill tax highway fund; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the joint committee on appropriations, ways and bridges and judiciary.

Mr. Garcelon of Auburn presents a resolve proposing an amendment to Article 9 of the Constitution to provide for a bond issue for the purpose of paying a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the joint committee on military affairs, appropriations and financial affairs and taxation.

The same gentleman presents an act to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Germany; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the joint committee on military affairs, appropriations and financial affairs and taxation.

Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls presents an act to amend Section 110 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes providing for the payment of damage done domestic animals by dogs and wild animals; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Wilson of Portland presents an act to provide for the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over certain vehicles; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on Public Utilities.

Mr. Mathews of Oakfield presents an act to amend Section 46 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, and by Chapter 133 of the Public Laws of 1919, also to amend Section 47 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the protection of foxes in Aroostook county; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

Mr. Daigle of Madawaska presents a resolve in favor of international bridge between Madawaska, Maine and Edmundston, New Brunswick; and the suggestion on this bill is that it be referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I have three bills which I would like to present.

The SPEAKER: The Chair feels that in fairness to the situation we should take a vote on the bills as read by the Chair because of the fact that they were handled in the extra-jurisdictional way outside of the Legislature.

Mr. BARNES: I move that the rules be suspended and that these several bills as read be received and referred to the respective committees as suggested thereon.

Mr. BERRY of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, I have listened to the reading of these bills, with reference to some of which there seems to be no emergency—for instance the one relating to foxes and all these things. It seems to me now is the right point for this body to shut the door. If you are going to open the door, gentlemen, and stay here three or four weeks, I am with you; but I do not believe you want to do it. Neither do I believe that one representative has any more right to present a bill and have it accepted than another. Therefore, if you accept the batch of bills read this morning, you are opening the door to all bills that

may be presented. I believe those bills should be acted upon where the emergency exists, but some of these bills I do not believe we want to bother a committee with.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, it developed as soon as we were assembled here in Augusta that there were many measures which different members of the Legislature were desirous of presenting to the Legislature. It is a fact, of course, that this is a session of the Legislature of Maine, and any act or resolve may be admitted to this body unless more than one-third of the members of the House or the branch to which it is suggested, refuses to allow the rules to be suspended. Any bill may be dropped into the hopper today, or any other day while we are in legislative session, and it will come up on the succeeding day for disposition, providing the Legislature has not theretofore fixed a date after which it will not receive such bills. Now the majority of the members of the Legislature do not wish to do anything that will be harmful to the State, and the majority of the members of the Legislature do not wish to remain in session any longer than the business of the State requires; and the problem as to how to take this grist of bills and sort out those which would seem to tend toward accomplishing the business for which you are sent here, was a serious one. There is no man in the Legislature—and I am sure, my brother from Waterville, least of all—who would presume to do anything that would prevent anybody from introducing a proper petition to this body. If these bills were dropped into the hopper today, 24 hours would be lost. If they are received under suspension of the rules and referred to committees, then 10 men of the Legislature on each bill would express their opinion as to whether they were bills which could be handled now or not, and I conceive that the committee might report favorably or unfavorably or refer to a succeeding Legislature or indefinitely postpone. It seems to me that that is the quickest way to expedite business. The motion has been made for the purpose of expediting matters and turning them over to the 10 men supposed to be the most

competent to determine each separate question.

Mr. BERRY: Mr. Speaker, I shall withdraw any objection, working in conjunction with my brother from Houlton and having in view getting this business before the committees in the shortest way possible; but I want to impress upon the members that if we are to open the door wide I have measures which I would like to introduce, though I do not think this is the proper time for them.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended and that we receive out of order the bills and resolves the titles of which have been read by the Chair, and that they be referred to the committees suggested?

Mr. BARNES: Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present three matters of public interest, limited largely to the county of Aroostook; and I propose to move that the rules be suspended and they be referred to committees. Before they are read I will state, if I may, that the Legislature of 1919, by accident as I believe, in the general amendment of salaries of county officials, taking up a Statute which provided that county commissioners when called upon to exercise their duties outside of the county seat, should be allowed their expenses, and as I believe by accident omitted that clause. One bill simply puts the law back as it was before, that when county commissioners are called upon to do business outside the county seat, they shall have their expenses. This in a county of great geographical extent, like Penobscot, Washington and Aroostook, means a good deal to men who in order to make a trip for an hour's hearing often have to spend pretty well into the third day. The second is a bill to authorize the county of Aroostook to pay the clerk hire of the clerks that are necessary in some of its offices; and the third is an act to empower the county of Aroostook to aid in the construction of a steam railroad in said county. The references as suggested are on the backs of the bills.

The SPEAKER: Mr. Barnes of Houlton presents the following bills:

An act to provide clerk hire in the offices of certain county officials of Aroostook county.

An act to increase the amount of money allowed for clerk hire and other expenses in certain county offices for Aroostook county.

An act to empower the county of Aroostook to aid in the construction of railroad in said county and acquire—

Mr. BARNES: Mr. Speaker, I have not presented one of the bills, the title of which the Chair read, and I now present to the Speaker the proper bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, withdraws one bill and substitutes an act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended to reimburse county commissioners for public hearings when away from the county seat; and the same gentleman moves that the rules be suspended and that the two bills relating to salaries be received and referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

A viva voce vote being doubted, Mr. Barnes of Houlton called for a division of the House.

A division of the House being had 75 having voted in the affirmative and 33 having voted in the negative, the motion to suspend the rules and refer to the committee on salaries and fees prevailed.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, in order that the day can be saved I move that these bills be sent to the Senate by special messenger. In that way if the Senate acts upon them, they will go to the committees this afternoon.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I also presented an act to empower the county of Aroostook to aid in the construction of a railroad through said county and acquire its bonds, and I move that this bill be referred to the Aroostook delegation.

Mr. HINCKLEY of So. Portland: Mr. Speaker, I want to suggest that

if these bills are allowed in, hearings must be advertised, and there is no possible way this week if we do this. I believe that more than eighty per cent. of the members have made up their minds that they want to get through this week. (Applause.)

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I understand that thirty-three bills, no more and no less, were received by a body which is not the Legislature of Maine, were advertised in the newspapers of Maine, without any authority of law, and this morning for the first time, come to the Legislature of Maine. Now that position no one here will dispute or deny. Without any authority of law, simply to expedite matters, these steps were taken. Now any citizen, of course, is pardoned for having taken the position that it was not necessary to introduce bills here on the 14th day of October and most any citizen who decided that it was necessary to introduce bills here at the State House on the 14th day of October has the right to come now; and I see no reason why the 33 bills which were received should have any paramount right of way, or be in any other position that the bills which are coming in this morning or are coming in tomorrow morning. Now it is probable that the Legislature will accept the decision of the committees. It seems to me that it is very easy for us to conduct our business without any heat or antagonism or undue fervor, and push these things along as rapidly as possible to the committee so that we may begin to get reports from them tomorrow. Under the rules of this body the committee themselves determine about the disposition of these matters, unless the Legislature assumes that duty. I would have been entirely satisfied if the majority of the Legislature had assumed to do and transact only the business made necessary by the special election,—not speaking at all for myself—for these are not matters in which I have any personal interest, but attempting to speak for a great many of the members of the Legislature, I

sincerely hope that we will get all that is coming to us today—get all the bills in, so that tomorrow morning we will know that there is nothing new to come in unless by special action, and that the committees may immediately begin to report. I have no fear that they will recommend harmful or needless legislation. I expect and you all expect that many of these measures will be acted on adversely or postponed; but it seems to me it is fair to any member of this House to receive his bills today—the first day they could possibly be entered in the Legislature of Maine—just as readily as to receive a bill which was sent here or brought here on the 14th day of October, when the Legislature was not in session.

Mr. PHILLIPS of Bar Harbor: Mr. Speaker, if I am wrong, I am willing to be corrected; but if I rightly apprehend these bills, they are absolutely local. They belong to Aroostook county and are not state issues at all. If we entertain county matters and town matters instead of State matters, it seems to me that the door is opened for a tremendous lot of legislation.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, that the rules be suspended, and that the act to empower the county of Aroostook to aid in the construction of a railroad in said county and acquire the bonds of said company in building said railroad be referred to the Aroostook delegation.

A viva voce vote being doubted, a division of the House was had.

Fifty-four having voted in the affirmative and 55 in the negative, the motion to suspend the rules and refer the act to the Aroostook delegation was lost.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Patten, Mr. Cunningham, presents the following bill: An Act to amend Section 53 of Chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the election and appointment of commissioned officers. This carries the emergency clause, and the same gentleman moves

that it be received under suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on military affairs. All those in favor of the motion will say aye, opposed no.

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

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I have an act here that comes strictly within the matters voted upon at the last election—an act to incorporate the Portland State Pier Site District. This is necessary as a part of the machinery of the State Pier proposition, and I move the suspension of the rules in this matter and its reference to the committee on legal affairs.

The SPEAKER: Mr. Hinckley of South Portland presents an act to incorporate the Portland State Pier Site District, and asks that the rules be suspended and the bill referred to the committee on legal affairs. All those in favor of the motion will say aye, opposed no. (A pause.) The noes appear to have it.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Might I say at this time, Mr. Speaker, that this is absolutely essential, and if it is not passed there cannot be any State Pier. I call for a division.

Mr. MAHER of Augusta: May I ask if that is so, why was not the proper machinery attended to when the bill was introduced? Why is the legislature now bothered with it?

Mr. HINCKLEY: I will say, Mr. Speaker, that this bill provides for a district composed of Portland and South Portland and it is necessary to form a district in order to get a bond issue.

Mr. MAHER: If I understand it correctly, this limits the original bill so that instead of a pier for Portland, it is a pier for Portland and South Portland. May I ask through the Chair what has occurred since the passage of the original act that makes this necessary?

Mr. HINCKLEY: Because there is no legal provision whereby any site can be provided and given the State under the act.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr.

Speaker, at the closing of the last session it seems as though somebody put something over on somebody and struck out one section of the bill we had on our table. That eliminated Portland from paying for the site, and about a fortnight ago some of us heard of it and we found out that somebody got stung. Now they come here and ask this Legislature to rectify a mistake after they have let it go through the mill. They have let it go through the Legislature and they asked us to come in another hurly burly and make up some other kind of a scheme. They may get stung in just the same way. We should have time in this thing to see where we are at.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the bill which we passed at the last session providing for a State Pier, required the city of Portland to provide the location. The city of Portland is to donate that location to the State of Maine, and all that this bill provides is that the proper machinery may be created so that the city of Portland may make that donation. At the referendum in September the State Pier matter was carried by an overwhelming vote, and it seems to me that, obeying the mandates of the people, we should take such steps as are necessary to carry that into effect; and this bill simply provides a means whereby a proper location may be given to the State of Maine.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, that this bill be received under suspension of the rules and be referred to the committee on legal affairs, and he has asked for a division.

Mr. HOLLEY of North Anson: Mr. Speaker, I think the representative who has just spoken (Mr. Baxter) has sounded a very important note on this matter—that of the will of the people. The people did vote almost unanimously that we build a State Pier in Portland. Now then we should not pass over this matter lightly; we should certainly furnish the machinery that is asked for at this session to carry

out the will of the voters, and if we fail to do that, I believe we fail in our duty. I certainly hope that the motion of the gentleman from South Portland will prevail.

A division of the House being had, One hundred and fifteen voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, in order to further expedite this matter, I move that it be sent at once to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Baxter, that all of these matters which have been referred to committees by the House shall be at once sent by the clerk or assistant clerk to the Senate in order that they may act on them before adjournment?

Mr. O'LEARY of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I have been requested by the register of deeds of Penobscot county to introduce a bill, increasing the amount of money allowed for clerk hire in his office. I might say in explanation that the amount of money appropriated for clerk hire has been insufficient, and he has been compelled to furnish part of that money from his salary. I would move, Mr. Speaker, that the rules be suspended and this bill be referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

A viva voce vote being doubted, A division of the House was had,

34 having voted in the affirmative and 72 in the negative, the motion was lost.

Mr. CLASON of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I have two bills which I wish to introduce under suspension of the rules. The first is an act to require reflecting mirrors on certain motor vehicles. I will say with reference to this bill that at the time we redrafted the motor vehicle law at the last session this was left out by mistake, and when it was discovered during the closing hours of the Legislature, it was then too late to have it put in, so that the purpose of presenting a bill at this time is to correct the matter in this respect. The second is a bill to amend sections

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to state and county aid in the construction of highway bridges. There was a clause left out which made the law unworkable, and the idea is to correct that error.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Clason, asks leave to present under suspension of the rules, an act to require reflecting mirrors on certain motor vehicles and an act to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 319 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to state and county aid in the construction of highway bridges. The Chair will ask the gentleman, Mr. Clason, if he wishes the vote to be taken on these bills together or separately?

Mr. CLASON: It makes no difference, Mr. Speaker. They are both very important.

Mr. HINCKLEY of So. Portland: I will ask through the Chair whether the one in relation to highway bridges is in any way connected with the vote at our last election pertaining to our bond issue?

Mr. CLASON: I will say, Mr. Speaker, it has nothing whatever to do with it.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to suspend the rules and refer the bills to the committee on ways and bridges. All those in favor will say aye, those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had, 36 having voted in the affirmative and 71 in the negative, the motion was lost.

Mr. PERKINS of Boothbay Harbor: Mr. Speaker, I present a resolve and move suspension of the rules. I will say briefly that this resolve is a small one, namely, to reimburse certain members of the First Maine Heavy Field Artillery for expenses incurred about two years ago by direction of their superior officer. It amounts to \$13.60 for four men in my town, and I present this resolve in their behalf. The reason it was not presented at the last session was that time we were in the midst of that glorious undertaking of winding up the watch on the Rhine. I move

that the rules be suspended and that the resolve be referred to the committee on military affairs.

The SPEAKER: Resolve to reimburse certain members of the First Maine Heavy Field Artillery for expenses incurred. The gentleman moves that the rules be suspended and that this resolve be referred to the committee on military affairs. All those in favor will say aye, those opposed no.

Mr. PERKINS: I doubt the vote and ask for a division.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I rise to suggest that we would get ahead with business just as fast should we take things up in business fashion. On the merits of the question, if a military officer of Maine ordered a boy to go and do something which he did, and it cost him \$3.40, the State should pay the boy \$3.40 just as certainly as it should pay you \$2.00 for each day of your individual valuable services here. (Laughter) Now there is no other way to get this matter before us, and we are business men here to do business. There is no way to get a decision so quickly as to take these bills today and send them to the committee, and it seems to me that this should be done. That committee can tell us what the facts are and what the duty of the State of Maine is toward these four soldiers.

Mr. HINCKLEY of So. Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to disagree with the distinguished gentleman from Houlton (Mr. Barnes), but I cannot conceive that it is the duty of this Legislature to take up every matter that any member, or any special constituent, thinks should be presented. If it had not been for emergencies for which this special session was called, everybody would have been obliged to wait another year. I do not believe there is a call in the State of Maine for a session of this Legislature every year. I believe that these boys who served us honorably can wait one more year for their \$3.40, as they would have been obliged to wait if these great State emergencies had not called this ses-

sion into being, yet I do not believe that this Legislature is under obligation, or should be called on in these matters. It may be that in order to expedite, it is necessary to get these matters referred to committees, but I have an idea that tomorrow morning when these matters come up in the regular way, if they insist on them that this Legislature can dispose of them without bothering any committees with them, and I have a suspicion that this House tomorrow morning may do that very thing. (Applause)

Mr. PIKE of Eastport: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House: I like to be consistent in all my actions, and as a member of this body if we intend to allow the introduction of private legislation, let's let it all in, and let all that is ready to come in come in today. We are only wasting 24 hours. The question before us here in the several matters that have been voted upon is whether we shall suspend the rules or not. All these matters which you have voted against coming in today may be deposited in the box and come up in regular form tomorrow. Now why waste 24 hours of time? Why not allow all these matters to come in today, and then tomorrow morning in the regular way, if this House refuses to consider private measures, let us refer them to the next Legislature, or take such action as seems proper. The position that we take of not even considering the matters seems to me only a loss of time, and making no headway whatever.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, that this resolve be received under suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on military affairs. He has asked for a division on the vote. Those in favor of the motion will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will take the count.

Fifty-seven having voted in the affirmative and 46 in the negative, the vote failed of the requisite two-thirds, and the motion was lost.

ORDERS

On motion by Mr. Berry of Waterville,

Ordered, that beginning November 5 and daily during the special session, every representative of the House be furnished with a copy of the Kennebec Journal, and also that a copy be furnished to the special employees of this House in attendance upon the session.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast,

Ordered, that Cecil Clay of Belfast be appointed official reporter of the House for the present session.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast,

Ordered, the official reporter of the House be authorized to procure the services of a typewriter operator during the present session of the House for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

On motion of Mr. Holley of North Anson,

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committees on appropriations, taxation and military affairs this Tuesday afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland,

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a stenographer and typewriter during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland,

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House be directed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate as chaplains of the House during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the State Highway Department be instructed to make safe for passage by motor vehicles the designated detour road between Hallowell and the city of Augusta, and on further motion by the same gentleman the assistant clerk was instructed to convey this order at once to the Senate.

Mr. Rounds of Portland presented the following order:

Ordered, that free telephone service be provided for each member of the

House to the number of 25 calls from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member of the House be provided with a non-transferable card or coupon book to be certified to by the Secretary of State or his deputy, the cost of service to be paid by the Treasurer of State to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had.

Seventy-seven voting in the negative and 18 in the affirmative, the order failed of passage.

Mr. Barnes of Houlton presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that no matters of legislation be received after 4 P. M. on Tuesday, November 4, 1919.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think it might clarify the situation a good deal if that last order introduced by the gentleman from Houlton (Mr. Barnes) be sent to the Senate immediately, and I make that motion.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Baxter prevailed.

From the Senate: Resolve ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, extending the right of suffrage to women.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, tabled and assigned for tomorrow morning.

From the Senate: Resolve appropriating \$75,000 for a dormitory for the Maine Institution for the Blind. Resolve amending Chapter 113 of the Resolves of 1919, providing for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of dependent persons in or by certain charitable or benevolent institutions and organizations, not owned or controlled by the State, and for other purposes.

These papers come from the Senate referred under suspension of rules to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that these mat-

ters be referred to the next Legislature in non-concurrence with the action of the Senate. *

A viva voce vote being had, the motion prevailed and the papers were sent back to the senate in non-concurrence.

From the Senate: An act to amend paragraph 18 of Section 45 of Chapter 214 Public Laws of Maine, 1919, relating to expenses of county commissioners.

In the Senate under suspension of the rules referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

Mr. HINCKLEY of So. Portland: I move that this bill be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I hope that motion will not prevail. This is the measure that I spoke of just a minute as it was introduced. I am convinced that it was by mere accident last winter in re-writing that whole long chapter that little clause was left out. The settlers in the remote sections of any county ask, for example, that a bridge be constructed which they cannot afford to pay for under the bridge law. The county commissioners must advertise and attend the hearing, or the inhabitants anywhere ask for the repair or construction of a road which the county commissioners have to look after in a plantation, and they have to advertise and attend a hearing. Now in a county where long distances intervene between the county seat and the section where the road or bridge matters come up,—or other matters where county commissioners have to go out—the county commissioners are put to large expense out of their own pocket and purse to attend the hearing; and it is unfortunately true that in some sections they are gone until the third day before they can get back. It seems to me that this should be remedied at this session, and I hope that the motion of the gentleman from South Portland in this instance may not prevail until the committee has considered it.

Now, gentlemen, members of every one of the 16 counties of the State are interested in this, and it is only fair, just and right that it should have the consideration of the committee.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker I would like to inquire of the gentleman from Houlton, through the Chair, whether this is the same bill that was refused admission by the House this morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton may reply through the Chair.

Mr. BARNES: It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that this is the bill which was received here.

Mr. O'LEARY of Bangor: May I inquire through the Chair if that effects only Aroostook county or all of the counties of the State.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it apparently effects all the counties.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, whether or not it is his opinion as a matter of law that a public official on official business within the limits of his duties is not entitled to his expenses anyway without specifically providing for them?

Mr. BARNES: Mr. Speaker, in the wisdom of some preceding legislatures it was so worded that they cannot collect for the expression is that these sums shall be in full for all services and expenses. The Statute specifies in quite a lengthy paragraph that the county commissioners shall have certain allowances for their services in the conduct of the jail and that sort of thing. Chapter 83 provides that where they have to attend for the condemnation of land they shall have their expenses, but this one specifically states that this payment shall be in full for all services and expenses except those mentioned; so it is impossible for the treasurer to lawfully pay a cent for the railroad and hotel bills of county commissioners when away from the county seat on business which the

law requires them to attend to. In answering the question I just want to state that this applies to all of the sixteen counties of the State.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of that provision of the Statutes, and with this explanation I have no objection to the matter going to the proper committee so that they can get the real facts. I therefore, withdraw my motion.

Mr. O'LEARY of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, may I not suggest that this particular matter is similar to the one I presented which was denied reference to a committee—that of an official not receiving sufficient money for expenses. In the instance that I refer to the register of deeds of Penobscot county receive insufficient money for clerk hire, and it is necessary for him to pay that money from his salary. I do not wish to speak apart from the question, but it seems to me that the two are analogous, and if we are going to open the door to this particular one, a motion to reconsider the vote of the House whereby my matter was denied reference would be in order.

Mr. MAHER of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, the way this is working out down here, and the way it would naturally work is not to put an undue burden on the county commissioners, but it will put an undue burden on your citizenship, because the county commissioners are now calling them into the county seat, a condition I think which we do not want.

On motion it was voted to concur with the Senate and refer the bill to the committee on salaries and fees.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation of street railroad corporations.

Resolve amending Section 8 of Article nine of the Constitution as amended by Article 36 of the Constitution, providing for an income tax.

These two papers come from the Senate under suspension of the rules referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the first matter relating to taxation of street railroad corporations be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence with the action of the Senate.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was sent back to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to concur with the action of the Senate in suspending the rules and referring the resolve amending Section 8 of Article nine of the Constitution as amended by Article 36 of the Constitution providing for an income tax to the committee on taxation?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, is that the same bill as was put into the regular session?

The SPEAKER: If the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) desires to have it read, the Clerk will read it. (Resolve read.)

Mr. ROUNDS: I move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this is the proposed amendment to the constitution which was recommended by the special tax committee appointed at the last session and referred to in the Governor's message this morning. All that this proposes to do is simply to allow the people of the State of Maine to vote to see whether they want to have income made taxable in the State. As it stands, you members who have been in the last two sessions here know that we have had many bills before us in regard to intangible taxes, and in the judgment of your committee, which has made more or less investigation during the summer, an intangible tax is not feasible. In many of the states an income tax in some respects similar to the United States Government income tax has been found to work out very well and raise a large amount of income easily. Now this resolve, providing the committee reports favorably and the Legislature passes it, will simply go to the people of the State of Maine to be voted on next September to see whether they wish to include in this section of the Constitution which provides for the taxation of all other kinds of property, income

to be taxed. Now the committee has been informed that the United States Government received from the State of Maine in the year 1918 over \$14,000,000 in income tax. You all know that our State tax of eight mills only raises slightly over \$4,000,000, the result being that if some future Legislature should deem it advisable, they would be in the position where they could pass some sort of an income tax. The committee has not considered that phase of the question at all at the present time because, under the constitution, the Legislature cannot now pass a tax on income. I think this is an important matter that should at least be considered by the committee.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, in order in years to come to relieve the great burden of taxation that is accumulating on real estate from year to year, it is certainly essential that the citizens of this State devise some means of getting at the hundreds of millions of dollars of intangible property in the shape of stocks and bonds that are yielding large incomes to their owners, and it seems to me that the recommendation of the committee made up of the distinguished gentleman from Eastport (Mr. Pike) and other members of the House and Senate, should be considered very seriously. As has been suggested, this is simply a resolution to amend the Constitution to be voted on at the next election so as to make it possible for some future Legislature to try and work out something along this line. I believe it is a very important matter and it is one of the matters referred to in the Governor's message. It is a matter as has been suggested that has been recommended by this special committee, and it seems to me it is one of the great, state-wide matters that this Legislature is especially called upon to consider.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland the resolve was referred un-

der suspension of the rules to the committee on taxation in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to county commissioners.

An Act amending Section 2 of Chapter 345 of the Private and Special Laws of 1877 entitled An Act additional relating to the city of Portland, limiting its power to create debt.

An Act to amend Chapter 84 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919 entitled An Act to provide for the building of public wharves and the establishment of adequate port facilities and for the advancement of commerce.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 257 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911 relating to the powers of the Peaks Island Corporation.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 177 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to the powers of the Portland Water District.

An Act to amend Chapter 37, Section 17 of the acts and resolves of 1917, as amended by Chapter 17, Section 17 of the acts and resolves of 1919, relating to salary of patrolmen of the city of Lewiston.

An Act to amend Chapter 37, Section 16 of the acts and resolves of 1917 as amended by Chapter 17, Section 16 of the acts and resolves of 1919, relating to the salaries of police captains of the city of Lewiston.

An Act to amend Chapter 37, Section 15 of the acts and resolves of 1917, as amended by Chapter 17, Section 15 of the acts and resolves of 1919, relating to the salary of chief of police of the city of Lewiston.

Mr. WILSON of Portland Mr. Speaker, I move that the last three bills about salaries of police officers of the city of Lewiston be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to talk too much here this morning, but on these particular bills, I want to say a word, and I want to be consistent with the position I take all the way through. I want to call this list to the attention of the Legisla-

ture. The police force of the city of Lewiston is under the direct control of the State of Maine. It is the only police force in the State of Maine that is under the control of the Legislature. I think it is fair to state, and it is a correct statement, that the salaries of every police officer, or the officers of every city outside of the State of Maine, have been increased since the last session of the Legislature. It is needless to go into the reason for this. For reasons which the State of Maine through its legislature deemed proper and right the control of the police force of the city of Lewiston was taken away from the management of the city officials of the city government of Lewiston. It stands exactly in the same position that the police department of the city of Boston stands. Now we all know the experience of the city of Boston; we all know the danger in case of trouble such as a large strike or walk-out in that city. We know to a great extent that the city of Lewiston is made up of that class of workers in its mills and factories who might perchance go on a strike and make more or less trouble and disturbance as is invariably the case in such situations. Now the State of Maine having taken the police force out of the hands of the city government, so that the city government cannot act, I believe it is the duty of this Legislature to see that those officers are properly paid, and they are not being properly paid at the present time. There is absolutely no opposition to this bill so far as I can learn. It is the unanimous judgment of the city government of the city of Lewiston and of its citizens that these men are underpaid and that their salaries should be increased. Now it seems to me that this is a proper matter for this Legislature. I believe it is wrong in the first instance for the Legislature to take away the police power from the city; I believe it is unAmerican; but having done it, we should protect it, and I believe that these bills should not be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote being taken on the indefinite postponement of these

bills, the motion was lost; and on motion by Mr. Hinckley they were referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: Now is it the pleasure of the House to concur with the Senate in suspension of the rules and commitment to the committee on legal affairs of the other bills?

The Chair will read the titles again. An Act amending Section 2 of Chapter 345 of the Private and Special Laws of 1877, entitled an act additional, relating to the city of Portland, limiting its power to create debt.

Is it the pleasure of the House to concur with the Senate in suspension of the rules and reference to the committee on legal affairs?

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be indefinitely postponed. This is an attempt of the city of Portland to amend the State constitution by amending the charter of the city of Portland.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I understood the gentleman (Mr. Hinckley) to say that this was an attempt to amend the State constitution by amending the charter of the city of Portland, and I state that at the last session the city charter of South Portland was amended, and the gentleman from South Portland took a very active part in that amendment.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Wilson) does not just understand the bill introduced in behalf of his own city. This is a bill that provides that any money expended toward the purchase of a site for the State pier shall not be figured in as a part of the debt of the city for which it is a ridiculous proposition and it is now unnecessary.

Mr. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear the gentleman's explanation. I did not know just what this bill was when I spoke about it a minute ago. Evidently, if this bill goes through, the city of Portland will be in a position to carry out its pledge made last winter to provide a

site for the State pier, and the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) does not wish that as he wishes the pier on the South Portland side.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

Mr. HINCKLEY: I hardly know what motion to make as the mayor of the city of Portland and the city solicitor both told me they did not want it passed, and it is agreed by the State Pier Commission that it is not necessary. I now move that it be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. WILSON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to inquire the position the bill now is?

The SPEAKER: The pending question is the concurrence in the action under suspension of the rules and reference to the committee on legal affairs, and the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, has moved that the bill be referred to the next Legislature.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to refer to the next Legislature failed of passage.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be referred to the committee on legal affairs under suspension of the rules in concurrence with the Senate.

A viva voce vote being taken the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: An act to amend Chapter 84 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, entitled an act to provide for the building of public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities and for the advancement of commerce.

Referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

An Act relating to the powers of the Peaks Island Corporation.

Referred to the committee on legal affairs under suspension of the rules.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 177 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to the powers of the Portland Water District.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that this be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am not sure that I know just

what this bill is. I think it refers to the Peaks Island water situation which you will all remember that the Governor referred to and which has been discussed a great deal through the State during the past summer. As I understand this bill it is simply to grant additional power to the Portland Water District so that it might if it saw fit and necessity required, extend its water system to Peaks Island, so that the summer residents there, and the all the year around people would be sure of having water. If that is the nature of this bill, I think it should be given some consideration.

Mr. HINCKLEY: May we have the bill read?

(The clerk reads the bill).

Mr. HINCKLEY: I withdraw my motion to indefinitely postpone.

Referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to county commissioners.

Referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: An Act to regulate cold storage of certain articles of food.

An Act to prevent profiteering in the necessities of life and rents or charges for the occupancy of buildings for dwelling purposes and provide penalties therefor and investigations thereof.

Each of these come from the Senate under suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on judiciary.

In the House referred to committee on judiciary in concurrence under suspension of the rules.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the trapping of foxes in Lincoln county.

This comes from the Senate under suspension of the rules referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: An Act to repeal Chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1919, regulating fishing in Kennebec Stream.

This comes from the Senate under suspension of the rules referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company.

This comes from the Senate referred to the committee on interior waters under suspension of the rules.

In the House taken up out of order under suspension of the rules, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of South Portland it was referred to the next legislature in non-concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Chapter 272 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1919, entitled an act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night and to control the glare of headlights.

In the Senate referred to the committee on ways and bridges under suspension of the rules.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think inasmuch as we have been in darkness for centuries, we may well so continue for another year, and I move that it be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. WILSON of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, in the northern part of the State when one meets automobiles on the narrow roads it often forces him to the ditch. I think there should be some law regulating this matter of light, and I think the bill as I have read it will tend toward an improvement in the situation. I know of several cases where a lady driving has been forced to the ditch by the glare of the automobile light. We have many machines in the northern part of the State and this is a matter that should be regulated. There should be some law that can be enforced, and I would move that it be referred to the committee on ways and bridges under suspension of the rules.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had, 32 having voted in the affirmative and

51 in the negative the motion to refer to the next legislature was lost.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton referred to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to provide for an issue of State highway and bridge bonds.

Comes from the Senate under suspension of the rules referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

In the House referred to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to make Tuesday the 11th day of November, 1919, a public holiday, and to authorize the Governor to proclaim the same.

This comes from the Senate read twice under suspension of the rules without reference to a committee and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire whether that is limited to the year 1919 or whether it is for all time?

The SPEAKER: The clerk will read the section of the bill relating thereto.

(Section read).

Mr. BARNES: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if that is "proper observance" in the act of "observation"?

(Reference to the bill disclosed that it was "observation").

On motion of Mr. Barnes the bill was tabled for amendment.

Mr. HOLLEY of No. Anson: Mr. Speaker, if it is in order I move that we re-consider the vote taken on the bill relative to certain charitable and benevolent institutions of the State of Maine.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman wait just a moment until we can find that bill?

The SPEAKER: The following are Senate orders:

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Public Utilities Commission is hereby directed to investigate the matter of farm crossing and cattle passes in this state and report its recommendations at the regular session of the Legislature in 1921.

Comes from the Senate read and passed.

In the House passed in concurrence.

Ordered, the House concurring, that the business of the last session of the Legislature which was referred to this special session of the Legislature, be taken from the files and placed before the Legislature.

In the Senate read and passed.

In the House passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The matter referred to by the gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Holley, was by the Senate referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and the House in non-concurrence referred it to the next Legislature.

Mr. HOLLEY: Mr. Speaker, in explanation I want to say that this does not change the amount of the appropriation granted to this institution. The way the bill was drawn and the way we thought it left the committee, it gave the various institutions of course all we granted them; but when the bill came through there apparently had been an error in it, and as it is now the various institutions—and I think particularly the Children's hospital in Portland,—cannot get all of its appropriation. I take that as an example. We granted the Children's hospital of Portland \$36,000, and unless this error is corrected that hospital would only get about \$20,000. Now we must not pass over that lightly, because that is where all our crippled children are—all our children who have to have lengthy treatment. Many of them are there for six months, some of them for a year; and I hope that there will not be any opposition of changing this bill at

this time. I want to say again that it does not change the amount of the appropriation at all, but it simply gives them a chance to get what we intended they should have.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from No. Anson, Mr. Holley, moves that we re-consider the vote whereby we referred this to the next Legislature.

Mr. MAHER of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I voted the other time not to indefinitely postpone. I voted to concur with the Senate in the reference. The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, moved to indefinitely postpone it or refer it to the next Legislature, and I imagined that coming from that particular vicinity he must be apprised of facts that we are not familiar with, and I would ask him as to the situation.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, in view of the situation, I understand it was probably a clerical error and deprives this institution from getting the money which the Legislature voted and intended them to have. I certainly would have no objection to correcting that clerical error.

A viva voce vote being taken it was unanimously voted to re-consider the vote whereby this bill was referred to the next Legislature, and on motion by Mr. Holley of North Anson it was voted to concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill under suspension of the rules to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.