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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 9, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McWhorter of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, February 3rd, read and approved.

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

There are times, as we go about our work from day to day carrying the burdens, we are so strong that we feel no need of sympathy expressed. It occurs to me as a new member who has become somewhat familiar with the burdens carried by the Speaker of the House in transacting the business of this House that he is carrying all the burdens that a man should carry without added ones. At the present time he is carrying an added burden. Conscious, as I am, that there is in the heart of every member of this House the deepest sympathy, it has occurred to me that it would be very fitting, and might help him bear this present additional burden, should we extend to him through united action our heartfelt sympathy. Therefore I ask the members of this House to rise as an expression of their sympathy.

(The House rises)

I now yield the floor to the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Blaisdell.

Mr. BLAISDELL of Franklin: Mr. Speaker, after listening to the very appropriate remarks of Dr. Merrill, I feel as though I would be expressing the sentiment of the House when I say that it will be our wish, and that we see to it this morning that the wife of our Speaker receives at our hands a very beautiful bouquet of flowers; and so I suggest that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Mrs. Martin. If the members of the House will call into the Rest Room at the adjournment of this session, a committee of two, composed of Mr. Rawley of St. George and Mr. Winslow of Freeport, will receive your donations for a fine bouquet for Mrs. Martin. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: May I be permitted to say that I am deeply moved by your expression in this matter and by the thought of flowers. You really cannot imagine how

much good and what benefit it will be to Mrs. Martin to know of your expression here today, and to receive the flowers that may come to her. God bless and thank you all.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

THE SPEAKER: Out of order the Chair presents the credentials from Old Town, who will represent the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, Mr. Lawrence Mitchell.

On motion by Mr. Lait of Old Town the aforesaid credentials were ordered accepted and placed on file; and the Messenger escorted the gentleman from Old Town, Mr. Mitchell, to his seat in the House, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

At this point Mr. Hale of Portland resumed the Chair, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to incorporate the Maine Water Storage and Power Commission Company, H. P. 21, H. D. 10, which was referred to the committees on Public Utilities and Interior Waters jointly in the House, January 20.

In the Senate: referred to the committees on Public Utilities, Interior Waters and Judiciary, jointly, in concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill to the committees on Public Utilities, Interior Waters and Judiciary jointly.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting "ought not to pass" on bill an act to assist in the examination of titles, S. P. 5, S. D. 5.

In the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill an act relating to bridge at Otter Creek, S. P. 19, reporting that the same "ought to pass."

In the Senate, report read and accepted and the bill given its several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin, the rules were suspended, the report was accepted in concurrence, and the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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

Aeronautics and Radio Control

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: Resolve to appropriate funds for the construction of and preparation for the use as an Air Port a portion of Muster Field, Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine. (H. P. No. 322)

Agriculture

By Mr. Crawford of Houlton: An act relating to apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies. (H. P. No. 323)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. McLean of Bar Harbor: Resolve in favor of the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital. (H. P. No. 324)

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of Northern Maine General Hospital at Eagle Lake, in the county of Aroostook. (H. P. No. 325)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine General Hospital at Eagle Lake, in the county of Aroostook. (H. P. No. 326)

By Mr. Milliken of Old Orchard: Resolve in favor of York Hospital. (H. P. No. 327)

By Mr. Griffin of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of the Webber Hospital Association of Biddeford. (H. P. No. 328)

Banks and Banking

By Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor: An act relating to investment of savings banks. (H. P. No. 329)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the use as part of name, the words "bank", "savings", "trust" and kindred words. (H. P. No. 330)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to bond given by presidents of Savings Banks. (H. P. No. 331)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to investment of Savings Deposits. (H. P. No. 332)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: An act relating to the payment of dividends by Savings Banks and Institutions. (H. P. No. 333)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Claims

By Mr. Wood of Patten: Resolve in favor of B. F. Marley. (H. P. No. 334)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Resolve in favor of H. H. Havey and Bradbury Smith to reimburse them for loss under highway construction contract. (H. P. No. 335)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve in favor of Clinton D. Gerrish of Dyer Brook, compensating him for damages done his automobile by a deer. (H. P. No. 336)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Resolve in favor of Henry Phinney, compensating him for loss of fowl by foxes. (H. P. No. 337)

Education

By Mr. Deakin of Howland: Resolve in favor of Higgins Classical Institute. (H. P. No. 338)

By Mr. Webber of China: Resolve in favor of Erskine Academy for maintenance. (H. P. No. 339)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: Petition of Walter A. Smith and 31 other residents of Steuben in favor of a bounty on hedgehogs. (H. P. No. 340)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Elmer H. Libby and others of Gorham. (H. P. No. 341); Petition of J. S. Brophy and 16 others of Oakland. (H. P. No. 342); Petition of C. L. Jones and 25 other residents of Corinna. (H. P. No. 343); Petition of Burnes Nelson and 9 other residents of St Albans. (H. P. No. 344); Petition of J. M. Hatch and 17 other residents of Minot. (H. P. No. 345); Petition of H. M. Brown and 40 other residents of Unity in favor of same. (H. P. No. 346)

By Mr. Norwood of Warren: Petition of Llewellyn Mank and 99 others in favor of same. (H. P. No. 347)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Remonstrance of H. A. Clark and 77 others against raising the Resident Hunters' License Fee. (H. P. No. 348)

By Mr. Wood of Patten: An act relating to the possession of forbidden implements for hunting and fishing. (H. P. No. 349)

By the same gentlemen: An act relating to protection of fur-bearing animals. (H. P. No. 350)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to fishing in tributaries to Upper Shin Pond and in the tributaries to Sebobeis River in the county of Penobscot. (H. P. No. 351)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to sale of deer. (H. P. No. 352)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: An act relating to the protection of white perch in Pemaquid and Biscay Ponds, and Macurda Pond, or Hilton Lake, in Lincoln County. (H. P. No. 354)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An act prohibiting the taking of more than eight pounds of trout, landlocked salmon or togue in one day by one person in the following lakes and ponds: Wood Pond, Little Wood Pond, Little Big Wood Pond, Attean Lake, in Somerset county. (H. P. No. 355)

By Mr. Brown of Bethel: An Act relating to night fishing on upper and lower Richardson Lakes and tributaries and connecting waters. (H. P. No. 356)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: An act for the better protection of trout in Lake Cobbosseecontee in the county of Kennebec. (H. P. No. 358)

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: An act to regulate fishing in the tributaries to Royal's river and Bennett brook and the tributaries to Pleasant river in Cumberland county. (H. P. No. 359)

By Mr. Clifford of Bath: Resolve for the purchase and propagation of pheasants and Hungarian partridges. (H. P. No. 357)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: An act in relation to closed time on rabbits. (H. P. No. 353)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Judiciary

By Mr. Dudley of Calais: An act to provide for clerical assistance for the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. (H. P. No. 360)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Rugglas of Carmel: An act

relative to the Superior Court of the county of Penobscot. (H. P. No. 361)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Stone of Bridgton: An act to authorize towns of Bridgton and Harrison to assist in the preservation of railroad service to and from said towns. (H. P. No. 362)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act relating to actions for death resulting from injuries. (H. P. No. 364)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to appeal in non-support cases. (H. P. No. 365)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relative to scire facias against bail, sureties in criminal recognizance and trustees. (H. P. No. 366)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mrs. Chaney of Lisbon: An act relating to enlarging a public cemetery or burying-ground. (H. P. No. 367)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: An act relating to issuing warrants in the Lincoln municipal court. (H. P. No. 363)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act authorizing and empowering the Register of Deeds of the county of Cumberland to make a true copy of contents of Vol. 151 of the Cumberland county records of deeds and to certify that it is a true copy. (H. P. No. 368)

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: An act to provide for the purchase of books for the Penobscot county law library. (H. P. No. 369)

By Mr. Deering of Saco: An act to provide a uniform motor vehicle code. (H. P. No. 370)

Labor

By Mr. Jackson of Portland: An act to establish and maintain free employment offices. (H. P. No. 371)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: Remonstrance of L. S. Bray and 99 others of Fairfield against the passage of an act to repeal acts incorporating the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation and the Fairfield Village Corporation. (H. P. No. 372)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of N. E. Bunker and 213 others of Fairfield against same (H. P. No. 373)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Memorial of the city council of the city of Brewer praying for the passage of an

act relating to pensioning members of the police department of the city of Brewer. (H. P. No. 375)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relating to purposes for which a city or town may raise money. (H. P. No. 379)

By Mr. Stone of Bridgton: An act to codify and amend Chapter 201 of the Private and Special Laws of 1854, and subsequent amendments thereto, creating the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation. (H. P. No. 383)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: An act to grant a new charter to the city of Old Town. (H. P. No. 384)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: An act relating to pensioning members of the police department of the city of Brewer. (H. P. No. 374)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Miss Laughlin of Portland: An act to confer the power to issue subpoenas to the City Council and Civil Service Commission of the city of Portland. (H. P. No. 376)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same member: An act providing for the attesting of records of city and town clerks by volume. (H. P. No. 377)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same member: An act increasing the fees for permits for opening paved public highways. (H. P. No. 378)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Davitt of Millinocket: An act for the protection of life from the peril of fire in public buildings used for purposes of education, mercy, correction and theatres. (H. P. No. 380)

(500 copies ordered printed)

(Tabled by Mr. Davitt of Millinocket pending reference)

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: An act relating to the town clerk's duties at town meetings. (H. P. No. 381)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: An act to provide for the retirement of firemen in the city of Augusta upon half pay. (H. P. No. 382)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Cyr of Waterville: An act relating to whole family protection. (H. P. No. 385)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Pensions

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: An

act relating to juvenile institutions. (H. P. No. 386)

By Mr. Norwood of Warren: Resolve providing for an increase in state pension for Emily F. Grotton of Washington. (H. P. No. 387)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: An act relating to increases in capital stock of public utility corporations and proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission. (H. P. No. 388)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to increases in the capital stock of railroad corporations. (H. P. No. 389)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to approval by the Public Utilities Commission of issues of stock, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness by Public Utility Corporations. (H. P. No. 390)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act to incorporate the Franklin Water Company. (H. P. No. 391)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relative to the County Commissioners of Cumberland County. (H. P. No. 392)

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act to increase the salary of the sheriff of Piscataquis county. (H. P. No. 393)

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: An act to change the salary of the superintendent of the State School for Boys. (H. P. No. 394)

By Mr. Morin of Brunswick: An act relative to the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Brunswick. ((H. P. No. 395)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Saucier of Wallagrass Plantation: Resolve that the Forest Commissioner be empowered and directed to convey a lot of land in Wallagrass Plantation. (H. P. No. 396)

Taxation

By Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor: An act relating to taxation of savings banks. (H. P. No. 397)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth: An act relating to exemption of certain property from taxation. (H. P. No. 398)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Towns

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act to set off a part of the town of Sebec and annex the same to the town of Bowerbank. (H. P. No. 399) (500 copies ordered printed)

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will recognize the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Blaisdell, with reference to a bill to be enacted.

Mr. BLAISDELL: I would inquire of the Chair if the bill has received its several readings in the Senate and been returned to the House?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will inform the gentleman that the bill has received its several readings in the Senate and has come to the House for enactment.

Thereupon, on motion by Blaisdell of Franklin, the rules were suspended and an act relating to bridge at Otter Creek was passed to be enacted.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Petition of Arthur J. Cyr and 37 others of Madawaska asking aid to surface a road in both towns of Madawaska and Grand Isle. (H. P. No. 400)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Petition of F. B. Kimball and 83 others of Carabassett in favor of resolve for improvements in highway over Foster Hill in Freeman. (H. P. No. 401)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Herbert S. Wing and 139 others of Kingfield in favor of same. (H. P. No. 402)

By Mr. Snowman of Deer Isle: Petition of A. K. Russell and 24 others in favor of raised road between Big Deer Isle and Little Deer Isle. (H. P. No. 403)

By the same gentleman: Petition of P. S. Knowlton and 46 others. (H. P. No. 404); Petition of Gardner Hutchinson and 54 others. (H. P. No. 405); Petition of Maurice J. Morey and 7 others. (H. P. No. 406); Petition of George L. Bird and 18 others. (H. P. No. 407); Petition of A. H. Greenlaw and 7 others. (H. P. No. 408); Petition of Wm. Smith and 55 others. (H. P. No. 409); Petition of Myrtle Birmingham and 56 others in favor of same. (H. P. No. 410)

By Mr. Webber of China: Resolve in favor of the town of China. (H. P. No. 411)

By Mr. Gilchrest of Thomaston: Resolve in favor of the town of Cushing. (H. P. No. 412)

By Mr. Cain of Clinton: Resolve in favor of bridge in the town of Clinton. (H. P. No. 413)

By Mr. Brewster of Dexter: Resolve in favor of the town of Dexter. (H. P. No. 414)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Garland. (H. P. No. 415)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Danforth. (H. P. No. 416)

By Mr. Gilchrest of Thomaston: Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston. (H. P. No. 417)

By Mr. Pendexter of Hiram: Resolve in favor of the town of Denmark. (H. P. No. 418)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Resolve in favor of the town of Meddybemps. (H. P. No. 419)

By Mr. Kane of Addison: Resolve in favor of the town of Harington to aid in repairing a road. (H. P. No. 420)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of town of Baring for state aid in the repair of third class highways. (H. P. No. 421)

By Mr. Snowman of Deer Isle: Resolve in favor of the town of Brooksville for construction of a road. (H. P. No. 422)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Sedgwick in Hancock County for aid in repair of a road. (H. P. No. 423)

By Mr. Kane of Addison: Resolve in favor of the town of Addison to aid in repairing a road. (H. P. No. 424)

By Mr. Cowell of Berwick: Resolve in favor of the town of South Berwick for repairs upon the road from Jewett to Eliot. (H. P. No. 425)

By Mr. Briggs of Monticello: Resolve in favor of the town of Monticello. (H. P. No. 426)

By Mr. Harris of Minot: Resolve in favor of the town of Minot. (H. P. No. 427)

By Mr. Goodwin of Lebanon: Resolve in favor of the town of North Berwick. (H. P. No. 428)

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Resolve in favor of International Bridge over St. John River, Madawaska, Maine - Edmundston, New Brunswick, for a combined Immi-

gration and Customs Office. (H. P. No. 429)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Resolve in favor of the town of Pembroke. (H. P. No. 430)

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: Resolve in favor of the city of Westbrook. (H. P. No. 431)

By Mr. Rawley of St. George: Resolve in favor of the town of North Haven. (H. P. No. 432)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Vinalhaven. (H. P. No. 433)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of St. George. (H. P. No. 434)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: Resolve in favor of Lexington Plantation. (H. P. No. 435)

By Mr. Bruce of Belfast: Resolve in favor of the City of Belfast. (H. P. No. 436)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor, it was

Ordered, that 500 copies be printed of each of the following bills: Bill an act to incorporate the Union River Railway Company, H. P. 286; bill an act to incorporate the trustees of St. Peter's By-the-Sea Protestant Episcopal Church, H. P. 287; bill an act relating to Opportunity Farm Association, H. P. 288.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Judiciary reported "ought not to pass" on bill an act to regulate the sale of property under a power of sale mortgages (H. P. No. 18)

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Flint from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "ought to pass" on bill an act to establish the Narragansett Game Sanctuary in the town of Gorham, in the county of Cumberland. (H. P. No. 11)

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill an act relating to the Edward Little Institute and to appoint trustees of said corporation. (H. P. No. 2)

Reports read and accepted and the bills ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Passed to be Engrossed

(H. P. 54) (S. D. 28) An act to incorporate the Division of Maine, Sons of Veterans.

(H. P. 57) (H. D. 19) An act to

authorize the town of Boothbay Harbor to raise money to help keep in repair the Old Burying Ground situated in the town of Boothbay.

(Tabled by Mr. Eustis of Strong pending third reading.)

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Beatrice M. Holmes of Cutler, for State Aid.

Resolve in favor of Roy Wentzel for balance due for services rendered while employed by the State Highway Commission.

Resolve in favor of the Lincoln County Fair Association for the state stipend for 1922.

Resolve in favor of the town of Lincoln for reimbursement of support of Virginia Brewer.

Resolve in favor of the town of Bar Harbor to reimburse it for support of Ida M. Bates, State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of Henry Moore for breaking and shoveling snow in unorganized territory, winter of 1922 and 1923.

Resolve in favor of the Cornish Agricultural Association for stipend for 1922.

Resolve in favor of the town of Cornish to reimburse it for the support of Nanum Littlefield and wife, State Paupers.

Resolve in favor of the town of Berwick to reimburse it for support of George Perry, State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of Garland for sum paid H. E. Rowe for one lamb killed by dogs.

Resolve in favor of the town of Connor for interest on school fund.

Resolve in favor of the town of New Sweden for interest on school fund.

Resolve in favor of the town of Oakfield for interest on school fund.

Resolve in favor of the town of Vanceboro to reimburse it for money expended for support of Otis L. Crocker, State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of Portage Lake to reimburse it for assistance furnished the family of Levite Dumond, State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of Sangerville for assistance furnished Fred E. White, State Pauper, in 1923.

Resolve in favor of Knox Publishing Company, Rockland for reimbursement of primary advertising in 1924.

Resolve in favor of Ariel Victor Colby and Charlotte May Colby, minor children of Victor Colby, on ac-

count of death of Victor Colby by accident on the Dexter State Road, June 22, 1923.

Resolve in favor of the town of Durham for reimbursement for deficit in tax refund for 1923.

Resolve in favor of the town of Presque Isle to reimburse it for money expended for support of Noel Bear, Indian.

Resolve in favor of Raymond Smith of Stillwater, for 21 sheep killed by dogs in 1921 and 1922.

Resolve in favor of the town of Kingman for reimbursement for supplies furnished Ed. Priest, State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of Rumford to reimburse it for aid to a State Pauper, William Fernald.

Resolve in favor of the town of Oakland to reimburse it for aid furnished to the family of Harry Sabine, a State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of Thomaston for fire hose destroyed by fire at the State Prison in 1923.

Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls, reimbursement for support of Melvin Mulligan, State Pauper.

Resolve in favor of the town of Presque Isle to reimburse it for money expended for support of Mitchell Bear, Indian.

Resolve in favor of Jelino Caron, Seven Islands, for bob-cat bounty.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Page of Skowhegan, it was voted to take from the table, H. D. 53, H. P. 187, an act establishing a low rate tax on intangible property in accordance with Constitutional amendment permitting the same, tabled by that gentleman, February 1, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Taxation.

On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong, it was voted to take from the table H. P. 284, H. D. 71, bill an act to create a board of registration of Master Plumbers, tabled by that gentleman February 4, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of So.

Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby H. P. 266, remonstrance of R. A. Davis and 210 others of Friendship, Warren, Thomaston, St. George, Cushing and Rockland against any change in the present smelting law on Georges River was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game; and on further motion by the same gentleman the paper was referred to the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor it was voted to take from the table H. P. 271, an act relating to a bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs, tabled by that gentleman on February 3, the pending question being indefinite postponement.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan.

Mr. FORHAN: Mr. Speaker, I understand that the motion before the House is the indefinite postponement of this bill. I trust the motion will not prevail.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Monson, Mr. Flint, for the indefinite postponement of H. P. 271, an act relating to a bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs. The motion is debatable.

Mr. FLINT of Monson: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Monson, Mr. Flint, asks leave to withdraw his motion for indefinite postponement of the bill.

Leave to withdraw being granted, on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Houghton of Lee, it was voted to take from the table, H. P. 234, an act to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in the State, tabled by that gentleman February 2, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr.

Speaker, I would like to inquire in connection with House Paper 271, if there were not some petitions referred to another committee than the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will inform the gentleman that certain petitions bearing on the same matter were referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it referred

to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game earlier in the session certain petitions in favor of a bounty on hedgehogs; and on further motion by the same gentleman said petitions were referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Boston of Gardiner,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.