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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 15, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wood of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to amend Section one of Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes relative to right to erect and maintain mill dams and to divert water by a canal for mills. (S. P. 149, S. D. 62)

In the Senate, referred to the committee on Judiciary.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

Senate Bill in First Reading

H. P. 33, S. D. 46: An act to repeal Chapter 456 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine of 1870, relating to procuring the enforcement of an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Penobscot River.

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:

Agriculture

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Petition of Walter Morrison and 22 others relating to a bounty on bears. (H. P. No. 572)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: Petition of Daniel G. Chaplin and 36 other residents of Cornish favoring bounty on hedgehogs. (H. P. No. 573)

By the same gentleman: Petition of J. W. White and 83 other residents of Dover-Foxcroft favoring same. (H. P. No. 574)

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: Resolve in favor of the Home for Aged Women at Rockland.* (H. P. No. 575)

Claims

By Mr. Wood of Patten: Resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman

for support of Thomas Robichaud, a State Pauper. (H. P. No. 576)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman for support of Ed. Priest, a State Pauper. (H. P. No. 577)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Medway, for reimbursement of amount expended for the care and maintenance of Martin Reardon, a Pauper. (H. P. No. 578)

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of Henry Soucie of Township No. 14, Range 6, Aroostook County, Maine. (H. P. No. 579)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve to reimburse the town of Vanceboro for support of Otis L. Crocker, a State Pauper. (H. P. No. 580)

Education

By Mr. Deakin of Howland: Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy. (H. P. No. 581)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Hawkes of Standish: An act relating to digging out of fox dens. (H. P. No. 582)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Freeman Witham and others in favor of same. (H. P. No. 583)

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: Petition of David A. Thomas and certain others favoring repeal of present license trapping law. (H. P. No. 584)

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: Remonstrance of D. W. Ellis and 34 others of Fairfield against passage of act relating to the registration of resident hunters and fishermen. (H. P. No. 585)

By Mr. Ayer of Cornish: Remonstrance of Bion Bradley and others against any increase in resident hunters and fishermen's license fee. (H. P. No. 586)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: An act relating to protection of beaver. (H. P. No. 587)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Flint of Monson: An act relating to non-resident fishermen. (H. P. No. 588.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act limiting the granting of hunting licenses (H. P. No. 589.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act to close Pickerel Pond in Township

32, Hancock county (H. P. No. 590.)

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: An act to prohibit hunting with dogs in the town of Verona (H. P. No. 591.)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve to appropriate money to aid in the screening of Biscay Pond in the county of Lincoln (H. P. No. 592.)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Resolve in favor of screening Three Mile Pond, so-called, in the towns of China, Winslow and Vassalboro in the county of Kennebec (H. P. No. 593.)

Indian Affairs

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: Petition of Governor Thomas and other members of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians in favor of an increase in salary for the local priest of the tribe (H. P. No. 594.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Governor Thomas and others of same tribe in favor of the construction of a sidewalk on Main street, so-called, on Old Town Indian Island (H. P. No. 595.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Nelson N. Oranco and others of same tribe in favor of a fixed sum for members of the tribe becoming 60 years of age (H. P. No. 596.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Governor Thomas and other members of same tribe in favor of appropriation for heating, painting and repair work of St. Anne's church on Island No. 1 (H. P. No. 597.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Governor Thomas and other members of same tribe in favor of appropriation for erection of proper fencing about the old and new cemeteries on Island No. 1 (H. P. No. 598.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Governor Thomas and other members of same tribe in favor of allowing individual families of Indians to select their own family physician (H. P. No. 599.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: An act to incorporate the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company and to authorize certain towns to grant assistance thereto (H. P. No. 600.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: An act relating to the appointment of trus-

tees of the Kennebec Water District (H. P. No. 601.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bruce of Belfast: An act to incorporate the city of Belfast school District (H. P. No. 602.)

(Tabled by Mr. Bruce of Belfast pending reference.)

Labor

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: An act in relation to employment agencies (H. P. No. 603.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act prohibiting use of names of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and police officers for gift contests (H. P. No. 604.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hamel of Lewiston: An act relating to the tenure of office of the City Clerk of the city of Lewiston (H. P. No. 605.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Weston of Harrison: An act relating to the Harrison Fire Insurance Company (H. P. No. 606.)

Pensions

By Mr. Eustis of Strong: Resolve in favor of Abbie A. Norton of Industry for State pension (H. P. No. 607.)

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Resolve providing for a State pension for Lydia A. Bodfish of Elliottsville Plantation (H. P. No. 608.)

By Mr. Wheeler of South Paris: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Arthur H. Murch of Paris (H. P. No. 609.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: An act to increase the salary of County Attorney for Oxford county (H. P. No. 610.)

By Mr. Brown of Bethel: An act to increase the salary of Clerk of Courts for Oxford County (H. P. No. 611.)

By Mr. Pendexter of Hiram: An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for Oxford County (H. P. No. 612.)

By Mr. Snowman of Deer Isle: An Act relating to increases in salary of the Recorder of the Western Hancock Municipal Court. (H. P. No. 613.)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An Act to reimburse justices of the Supreme

Judicial Court for expenses. (H. P. No. 614).

(500 copies ordered printed).

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to sell certain State land situated in Bangor in the county of Penobscot. (H. P. No. 615).

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Clifford of Bath: An Act relating to regulating hunting wild birds in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay. (H. P. No. 616).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Maloon of Bowdoinham: An Act for the better protection of shell fish in the town of Georgetown. (H. P. No. 617).

(500 copies ordered printed).

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: Resolve to aid town of Verona in repair of road. (H. P. No. 618).

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: Resolve in favor of town of Peru, Oxford County. (H. P. No. 619).

By Mr. Mears of Morrill: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Liberty. (H. P. No. 620).

By Mr. Storm of Westmanland Plantation: Resolve in favor of the town of Stockholm. (H. P. No. 621).

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve in favor of the town of Smyrna. (H. P. No. 622).

By Mr. Hughes of Mapleton: Resolve in favor of the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill, Washburn and Wade Plantation. (H. P. No. 623).

By Mr. Leathers of Hermon: Resolve in favor of the town of Hermon. (H. P. No. 624).

By Mr. Dudley of Castle Hill: Resolve in favor of the town of Castle Hill. (H. P. No. 625).

By Mr. Hughes of Mapleton: Resolve in favor of the town of Easton. (H. P. No. 626).

By Mr. Marden of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Troy. (H. P. No. 627).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Unity. (H. P. No. 628).

By Mr. Mears of Morrill: Resolve in favor of road in town of Freedom. (H. P. No. 629).

By Mr. Marden of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Brooks. (H. P. No. 630).

By the same gentleman: Resolve

in favor of the town of Thorndike. (H. P. No. 631).

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: Resolve in favor of the town of Hebron. (H. P. No. 632).

By Mr. Leathers of Hermon: Resolve in favor of the town of Hampden. (H. P. No. 633).

By Mr. Stone of Bridgton: Resolve in favor of the town of Bridgton. (H. P. No. 634).

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve in favor of Molunkus bridge in Macwahoc Plantation, Aroostook County. (H. P. No. 635).

By Mr. Hawkes of Standish: Resolve in favor of the town of Standish. (H. P. No. 636).

By Mr. Eustis of Strong: Resolve in favor of the town of New Vineyard. (H. P. No. 637).

(Tabled by Mr. Eustis of Strong pending reference).

By Mr. Wood of Patten: Resolve in favor of the town of Medway. (H. P. No. 638).

By Mr. Vail of Hodgdon: Resolve in favor of the town of Hodgdon. (H. P. No. 639).

By Mr. Cain of Clinton: Resolve in favor of the town of Clinton. (H. P. No. 640).

By Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Alna for a road. (H. P. No. 641).

By Mr. Maloon of Bowdoin: Resolve in favor of the town of Bowdoin. (H. P. No. 642).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Bowdoin. (H. P. No. 643).

By Mr. Butler of Bath: Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg, in the county of Sagadahoc. (H. P. No. 644).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg, to aid in the reconstruction of Popham Beach road. (H. P. No. 645).

By Mr. Maloon of Bowdoin: Resolve in favor of the town of Bowdoinham. (H. P. No. 646).

By Mr. Ruggles of Carmel: Resolve in favor of the town of Levant. (H. P. No. 647).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Carmel. (H. P. No. 648).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Plymouth. (H. P. No. 649).

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve in favor of the town of Bremen. (H. P. No. 650).

Orders

Mr. Wing of Auburn presented the following order:

Ordered, that the Public Utilities Commission forthwith furnish to this House the following information having to do with the "electrical companies" of the State of Maine as defined in Section 15, of Chapter 55, of the Revised Statutes:

First: A statement of the physical valuation, if any, of each and all of such companies as is on file in the office of the Public Utilities Commission.

Second: A statement of the total valuation of each and all such companies as used by the Public Utilities Commission in authorizing such companies to issue securities.

Third: A statement of the total amount of securities issued by each and all of such companies, with a brief description of the securities so issued.

Fourth: A statement of the valuation of each and all such companies as fixed by the Public Utilities Commission as a reasonable value upon all the property of such companies used in their respective service as a base for the fixing of fair and reasonable rates, tolls and charges of such companies.

Fifth: A statement of the gross revenue, exclusive of electrical railways revenues, of each and all such companies for the fiscal years of 1925 and 1926 as returned to the Public Utilities Commission by said "electrical companies."

Sixth: That the Clerk of this House, upon the passage of this order, deliver a certified copy thereof to the Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I move the passage of the order. There is pending before the Committee on Public Utilities a measure referred to them, and which is House Document No. 36, having to do with inventories and rates of electrical companies. That matter is not yet heard, but is to be heard this coming Thursday. The information sought by the order will be of value, I think, to the Committee on Public Utilities and will enable them to approach the matter of House Document No. 36 with some degree of intelligence and some degree of accuracy. It used to be that one could obtain this kind of information from various reports which were made by the various departments. These re-

ports are no longer printed, and one is unable to obtain information such as the order seeks by reference to any reports; and I trust the House will give this order prompt passage so that this information may be available for the benefit of the committee, and for any other member of the House interested in these matters.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think these reports will not be out until after the first of March, and the returns for 1926 are not available at the present time.

Mr. WING: In reply to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) if the Public Utilities have not this information all that they have to do is to say so. That is embodied in the order.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is upon the passage of the order introduced by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wing. Is it the pleasure of the House that this order receive passage?

Thereupon the order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Clifford of Bath, it was

Ordered, that Senate Paper No. 6, Resolve for appropriating money for the construction and equipment for a new wing for the Bangor State Hospital, be recalled from the engrossing department.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I do not think this is right unless we know what it is recalled for. Will the gentleman from Bath (Mr. Clifford) say what it is recalled for?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath may do so, if he wishes.

Mr. CLIFFORD: Mr. Speaker, I will say that the resolve is recalled merely to arrange for the financial part of the program. I will later offer an amendment providing that half of the money may be expended this year and part next year and part the following year. This is entirely in accord with the Hospital committee and the Hospital trustees.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I think it is an emergency resolve, is it not?

The SPEAKER: The Chair believes so.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, these unfortunates are crowded into one room, and this ought not to be. If

it is an emergency resolve, I think the great State of Maine is in a position to build it without waiting two years. Would you want your children or your friends put in a room with the insane where they are liable to be killed at any minute. I for one do not want to see this go on record to loan a little money this year, and a little money next year, and I for one am opposed to anything that will delay immediate attention to this matter. I am for building the building right off so that these unfortunates can be taken care of now.

Mr. BARTLETT of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the effort of the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) to help us in this Bangor matter. The order of the gentleman from Bath (Mr. Clifford) which I support, is for the purpose of making an amendment, which amendment is known to the trustees of the Bangor State Hospital and approved by them. It is also known to the members of the hospital committee, and is likewise approved by them. It is entirely satisfactory so far as I know to all the members of the Bangor and Penobscot delegations.

Mr. SMITH of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I move that the order lie on the table until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state that the order has already been passed, and the Chair will ask the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) if he doubts the vote whereby the order was passed.

Mr. ROUNDS: I doubt the vote, Mr. Speaker.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Forty-eight voting in the affirmative and 50 in the negative, the order failed of passage.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, it was

Ordered, that the committees of Judiciary, Public Utilities and Interior Waters be granted the use of the House for Thursday, February 24, at 2 P. M., Thursday night, February 24, also Friday at 2 P. M., and Friday evening if necessary, for the purpose of hearings on hydro-electric bills.

On motion by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor, it was

Ordered, that there be printed 500 copies each of Senate Paper 144, bill

an act relating to the trapping of fur-bearing animals; and Senate Paper 146, bill an act relating to the protection of fur bearing animals.

On motion by Mr. Cyr of Waterville, it was

Ordered, that when the Clerk of the House makes up the payroll thereof he be instructed to include therein for payment to Lida Hall Berry, the wife of the late Sherman L. Berry of Waterville, the same salary and mileage to which he would have been entitled had he served through the entire session of this Legislature.

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, will the Chair kindly explain what happened to the hospital matter at Bangor?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the order introduced by the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Buker, failed to receive passage. The vote being doubted, there was a division of the House and the order failed to receive passage by a vote of 48 to 50. The resolve itself is still in the engrossing department.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Buker from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an Act relating to fishing in Watchic Pond in town of Standish (H. P. No. 41.)

Mr. Kinsman from same committee reported same on bill "An act to prohibit fox trapping in Knox county (H. P. No. 15) as the subject matter is covered by another bill to be reported later.

Mr. Flint from same committee reported same on bill an act to regulate fishing in Big Magalloway river between Parmacheenee Lake and Sawyer Lake in Oxford County (H. P. No. 83.) together with petition (H. P. No. 84.)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Kinsman from same committee reported "Ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the Cobbosseecontee Fish and Game Association (H. P. No. 42.)

Mr. Flint from same committee reported same on bill an act to regulate fishing in Twin Brooks, so-

called, tributaries to Azisconos Lake in the county of Oxford, (H. P. No. 85.) with the petition therein.

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Military Affairs reported same on resolve authorizing the Governor to receive from the Secretary of War of the United States such "Other Funds," remaining to the credit of the National Guard of this State and to distribute them for the benefit of said National Guard (H. P. No. 110.)

Mr. Page from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on bill an act granting Charles H. Scott the right to maintain a ferry across Eggemoggin Reach in Hancock County (H. P. No. 141.)

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

Mr. Buker from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill an act to prohibit fishing in Lily Pond of Rockport (H. P. No. 13) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 653) under title an act to prohibit fishing in Lily Pond, in the town of Rockport, county of Knox and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Military Affairs on bill an act relating to the unauthorized use of insignia of war veterans (H. P. No. 59) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 654) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Comins from the Committee on Public Utilities on bill an act in relation to the Buckfield Village Corporation especially to establish a Municipal Water System for said corporation (H. P. No. 8) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 652) under same title, and that it "Ought to pass".

Same gentleman from same committee on bill an act relating to the charter of the Norway Water Company (H. P. No. 99) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 651) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Reports read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Bishop from same committee reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act to authorize the Portland Railroad Company to operate Motor Buses. (H. P. No. 26) (S. D. No. 8)

(Tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland pending acceptance of the report.)

First Reading of Printed Bills

H. P. No. 16: H. D. No. 129 An act relative to Portland Terminal Company.

H. P. No. 91: H. D. No. 126 An act relating to the Civil Jurisdiction of the Piscataquis Municipal Court.

H. P. No. 137: H. D. No. 130 An act to change the name of The Associated Charities to The Family Welfare Society of Portland.

H. P. No. 159: H. D. No. 131 An act relative to automobile plates.

H. P. No. 498: H. D. No. 127 An act to provide a better government for the town of Bar Harbor.

H. P. No. 571: H. D. No. 128 An act relating to the city of Bangor Water Works Loan Bill.

Passed to be Engrossed

H. P. No. 2: H. D. No. 107 An act relating to the Edward Little Institute and to the appointment of trustees thereof.

H. P. No. 108: S. D. No. 22 An act to provide for the retirement of police officers and firemen in the city of Westbrook upon half-pay.

H. P. No. 55: S. D. No. 26 An act to repeal acts incorporating the Kendall's Mills village corporation and the Fairfield Village Corporation.

(Tabled by Mr. Ellis of Fairfield pending passage to be engrossed.)

H. P. No. 11: H. D. No. 108 An act to establish the Narragansett Game Sanctuary in the town of Gorham.

Orders of the Day

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action on the order introduced by me last Friday inviting Ex-Governor Pinchot to speak before us tomorrow evening; and I now yield the floor to the gentleman from Saco, Mr. Deering.

Mr. DEERING of Saco: Mr. Speaker, the reason for that motion is to present a subsequent order which seems to take care of the situation in another way and perhaps a little more satisfactorily.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, to reconsider its action of last Friday receive passage.

The motion prevailed and on further motion by the same gentleman

the order introduced by him last Friday was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Deering of Saco, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the Senate proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held in the hall of the House of Representatives Wednesday, February 16, 1927, at eight o'clock for the following purposes:

First, to invite the Honorable Ralph O. Brewster, Governor of Maine, to introduce to the joint convention the Honorable Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, and

Second, to invite the Honorable Gifford Pinchot to address the Joint Convention.

On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it referred to the committee on Labor House Paper 603, an act in relation to employment agencies; and on further motion by the same gentleman, this bill was tabled pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong, it was voted to take from the table Senate Document 10, relative to State of Maine Associates, tabled by that gentleman, January 25, pending passage in concurrence.

Mr. EUSTIS of Strong: Mr. Speaker, the order provides that the president and treasurer of the State of Maine Associates be requested by the Secretary of the Senate to prepare for the information of the Eighty-Third Legislature a statement of moneys including the names of the persons or organizations contributing same and how and where said money was expended. All the information asked for is now before the members of the House and Senate in the statement prepared by the treasurer of the State of Maine Associates. The Chairman of the Associates was here some time ago at a public hearing, at which all members of the House and Senate had an opportunity to ask any questions which they desired. I now move the indefinite postponement of the order.

On motion by Mr. Lait of Old Town, the order was re-tabled and assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Davitt of Millinocket, it was voted to take from the

table House Document No. 96, an act for the protection of life from the peril of fire in public buildings, used for purposes of education, mercy, correction and theatres, tabled by that gentleman on February 9, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table House Paper 438, tabled by that gentleman February 10, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 70, an act relating to fees for registration of vehicles, tabled by that gentleman, February 10, pending re-consideration; and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill, the Senate having referred the bill to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion by Mr. Page of Skowhegan, it was voted to take from the table House Paper 464, an act relating to fly fishing in the tributaries to the South Branch and West Branch of the Penobscot river; in the tributaries to the East Branch of the Penobscot river; and in the tributaries to the Allagash and St. John rivers, tabled by that gentleman, February 10, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth, it was voted to take from the table House Paper 463, remonstrance of Edward W. Brann and 70 others against any change in the pickerel the fishing law relating to Grahams and Leonard's Lakes, the Union river and its tributaries, in Hancock county, tabled by that gentleman February 10, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Paper 531, an act to authorize the city of Portland to provide, by ordinance, for the retirement, pension and annuity to dependents of members of the police and fire departments, tabled by that gentleman, February 11, 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. Robie of Westbrook, it was voted to take from the table House Paper 499, an act defining storage or processed eggs and regulating the distribution thereof, tabled by that gentleman, February 11, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Piper or Jackman, it was voted to take from the table Senate Paper 149, Senate Document 62, tabled by that gentleman earlier in the day, being an act to amend Section one of Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, relative to right to erect and maintain mill dams and to divert water by a canal for mills; and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was voted to refer this bill to the committees on interior waters, public utilities and judiciary in non-concurrence with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, it was voted to take from the table communication from the forest commissioner regarding the Hardwood Association, tabled by that gentleman, February 11, pending consideration; and on further motion by the same gentleman the communication was referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation and 500 copies ordered printed.

During the reading of the notices the clerk read the following:

"Members of the House of the 83rd Legislature:

I wish to thank you sincerely for the resolution of sympathy that you passed last Wednesday, and for the beautiful flowers which I have received from you.

Your thoughtfulness, kindness, and good-will, will ever be remembered by me.

I am feeling very much better and hope soon to be in your hall again, and thank you all personally.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRANCES MARTIN.

Tuesday, February the fifteenth."

On motion by Mr. Anderson of New Sweden,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.