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HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Manning of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Griffin of Biddeford, the rules were suspended for the purpose of permitting that gentleman to present the credentials of William H. Stone of Biddeford, the newly-elected member of the House from that city.

The credentials were received and ordered placed on file.

On further motion by Mr. Griffin of a committee was appointed by the Chair to escort Mr. Stone to the Governor and Council for the purpose of having the oath of office administered to him.

Thereupon the Chair appointed as such committee, Messrs. Griffin of Biddeford, Gagne of Biddeford, Hale of Portland, Lait of Old Town, Deer- ing of Saco and Staples of Eliot.

The committee escorted Mr. Stone to the presence of the Governor and Council for the above purpose amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Subsequently the committee reported, through Mr. Griffin of Biddeford, that the oath of office had been administered to Mr. Stone.

MR. GRIFFIN: Mr. Speaker, I have the honor to present to the House my colleague, the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Stone.

The SPEAKER: The House hears the report of the committee, the committee is discharged with thanks, and the Chair will ask the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Griffin, to escort his colleague, Mr. Stone to his seat, and the Chair assigns as his seat, Seat No. 119. (Applause)

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Legal Affairs reporting "ought to pass" on bill an act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to applicants for admission to the bar of this State, S. P. 152, S. D. 65.

Comes from the Senate, report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, report read and accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn tabled pending first reading.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Clifford of Bath the rules were suspended and that gentleman was permitted to introduce out of order, an act to amend Section 28 of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the support of insane patients; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Bruce of Belfast the rules were suspended and that gentleman was permitted to introduce, out of order, an act to amend the charter of the Belfast Water District so as to authorize the refunding of the bonds.

MR. BRUCE of Belfast: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature: In introducing this bill out of order I would like to make this explanation. This is a bill to amend the charter of the Belfast Water District so as to authorize the refunding of the bonds. This bill should have been put in long before, but through a misunderstanding by the trustees of the Water Board, it was not handed to me until this morning.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Deakin of Howland the rules were suspended and that gentleman was permitted to introduce, out of order, an act to create the Howland Water District; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

(At this point Mr. Bissett of Portland assumed the Chair amid the applause of the House, the members rising.)

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: An act relating to the grading of apples. (H. P. No. 1054)
(500 copies ordered printed)

Education

By Mr. Thurston of Appleton: An act relating to the qualification of Superintendents of Schools. (H. P. No. 1055)

(On motion by Mr. Thurston of Appleton, 500 copies ordered printed)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Flint of Monson: An act for the protection of black bass in the inland waters of the State. (H. P. No. 1056)

Judiciary

By Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro: Remonstrance of Mrs. Evie Morelen Studley and 14 others against repeal of Direct Primary Law (H. P. No. 1057)

By the same member: Remonstrance of Celesta A. Winchester and 16 others against same.

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Remonstrance of Ruth P. Perkins and 36 others against same (H. P. No. 1059)

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: Remonstrance of Mrs. Eben Welts and 63 others against same (H. P. No. 1060)

By Mr. Hughes of Mapleton: Remonstrance of Annie Craig and 25 others against same (H. P. No. 1061)

By Mr. McIntire of Norway: Remonstrance of H. K. Stearns of Hebron and 11 others against same. (H. P. No. 1062)

By Mr. Winslow of Freeport: Remonstrance of Luther G. Cushing and 57 others against same. (H. P. No. 1063)

By Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock: Remonstrance of Lura L. Crocker and 8 others of St. Albans against same. (H. P. No. 1064)

By Mr. Metcalf of Farmington: Remonstrance of Arbo C. Norton of Farmington and 42 others against same. (H. P. No. 1065.)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act to provide for the organization, operation and supervision of credit unions to define their powers. (H. P. No. 1066)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Dudley of Calais: An act relating to the heirship of an illegitimate child. (H. P. No. 1067)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to trial terms of the Supreme Judicial Court. (H. P. No. 1068)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to State highways (H. P. No. 1069)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: Resolve in relation to a new revision of the Statutes and providing for the appointment of a Commissioner to report to the next Legislature. (H. P. No. 1070)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: An act to create the Maine Real Estate Commission and for other purposes. (H. P. No. 1071)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: An act relating to Insurance. (H. P. No. 1072)

Tabled by Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor, and 1,000 copies ordered printed.)

Public Health

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: An act relating to sanitary wrappers for ice cream cones. (H. P. No. 1073)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Staples of Eliot: An act relative to overtime work by State employees. (H. P. No. 1074)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Remonstrance of F. A. Turner and 14 others against passage act abolishing Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. No. 1075)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Everett H. Colwell and 25 others against same (H. P. No. 1076)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of W. H. Sargent and 29 others against same. (H. P. No. 1078)

By Mr. Kane of Addison: Remonstrance of Alvah Robinson and 75 others against same. (H. P. No. 1078)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of D. H. Lock and 42 others against same. (H. P. No. 1079)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: Remonstrance of R. E. Mansfield and 28 others against same. (H. P. No. 1080)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Edw. J. H. McDonald and

43 others of Portland and vicinity against same. (H. P. No. 1081)

By Mr. Mansfield of Jonesport: Remonstrance of Harry J. White and 91 others against same. (H. P. No. 1082)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of George F. Mansfield and 95 others against same. (H. P. No. 1038)

By Mr. McCart of Eastport: Remonstrance of George H. Hayes and 51 others against same. (H. P. No. 1084)

By Mr. Pike of Lubec: Remonstrance of Millard Edgecomb and 36 others against same. (H. P. No. 1085)

By Mr. Dennison of East Machias: Remonstrance of F. M. Jasper and 67 others against same. (H. P. No. 1086)

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: Remonstrance of J. W. Anderson and 18 others against same. (H. P. No. 1087).

(At this point the Speaker assumed the Chair, Mr. Bissett of Portland retiring, amid the applause of the House.)

State Prison

By Mr. Gilchrest of Thomaston: Resolve in favor of Prison Commission. (H. P. No. 1088)

Taxation

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An act to provide equitable and uniform taxation for motor vehicles. (H. P. No. 1089)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: An act relative to State Aid apportioned to cities and towns for the improvement of Highways. (H. P. No. 1090)

Ways and Bridges and Taxation

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: An act relating to a tax upon gasoline. (H. P. No. 1091)

(On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk 500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Marden of Waldo: An Act relating to the Mill Tax Highway Fund. (H. P. No. 1092)

(Tabled by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, pending reference)

Orders

Mr. Rounds of Portland presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the State of Maine accept the custody of the flag of the Maine Volunteer Signal Corps tendered

by John R. Lowell, formerly Lieutenant-Commander of the Corps, and that the flag be placed with the flags of Maine regiments in the State Capitol.

The order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. MORRILL of Gray: Mr. Speaker I present the following order and move that 500 copies of the same be printed and that it lie upon the table.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I move that the order be read.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the order.

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a recess committee consisting of eleven members, appointed as follows, one member appointed by the Governor, one member from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, two members from the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, one member appointed by the minority leader of the House, two experts, one on engineering and one on finance, appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House jointly, one member appointed by the Master of the State Grange, one member appointed by the State Chamber of Commerce, one appointed by the Hydro-electric companies of the State of Maine, be named, whose duties it shall be to consider the matter of the exportation of electricity from the State and ascertain the future development and utilization of the water power resources of the State in order best to conserve the public interests and to accomplish the efficient and complete development of such resources. In making such investigation the committee shall examine and consider the reports and information made or obtained by other committees—

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn it was voted to dispense with further reading of the order.

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Gray the order was tabled and 500 copies ordered printed.

Reports of Committees

Mr. King from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to

pass" on Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the town of Kingman for support of Thos. Robichaud. (H. P. No. 437 of the last legislature)

Mr. Patterson from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to issuing warrants in the Lincoln Municipal Court. (H. P. No. 363) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. White from the Committee on Library on Resolve in favor of the Purchase of Maine Physicians Members of the Massachusetts Medical Society at the separation (H. P. No. 879) reported that same be referred to next Legislature.

Report read and accepted.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it voted to accept the report of the committee on Library on the above resolve; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was tabled pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Richard Jacobson of East Waterford, compensating him for damage done his orchard by deer. (H. P. No. 456)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of North Yarmouth. (H. P. No. 512)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of F. C. Handy for reimbursement for checks lost in the mail. (H. P. No. 513)

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

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve in favor of A. H. Wadleigh, compensating him for damage done his orchard by deer (H. P. No. 73) reported same in new draft (H. P. No. 1053) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve in favor of Hanson A. Barney of Guilford (H. P. No. 125) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1052) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Same gentleman from same

Committee on Resolve in favor of Arthur B. Clough compensating him for damages done his garden by moose (H. P. No. 261) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1051) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same committee on Resolve in favor of B. F. Marley (H. P. No. 334) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1050) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

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

Mr. Hale from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act repealing the inheritance tax law as to non-resident descendants. (H. P. No. 527) (H. D. No. 136)

Report read and accepted and the bill having already been printed was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. No. 292) (H. D. No. 330) An act relating to the Augusta Water District.

(H. P. No. 787) (H. D. No. 331) An act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

(H. P. No. 1047) (H. D. No. 335) 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.

(H. P. No. 1048) (H. D. No. 334) An act relating to precautions at temporary crossings.

(H. P. No. 894) (H. D. No. 332) Resolve authorizing sale of lot in Moose River Plantation

(H. P. No. 937) (H. D. No. 333) Resolve in favor of the South Kennebec Agricultural Society.

Passed to be Engrossed

(H. P. No. 1014) (H. D. No. 325) An act relating to two or more towns maintaining Union Town Farms.

(H. P. No. 1015) (H. D. No. 326) An act defining dealers in motor vehicles.

(H. P. No. 1016) (H. D. No. 327) An act relating to notices of foreclosure of mortgages of personal property.

(S. P. No. 10) (S. D. No. 152) Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital.

(S. P. No. 26) (S. D. No. 153) Re-

solve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital.

Passed to be Enacted

An act relating to the Oquossoc Angling Association.

An act to amend Chapter 62 of the Public Laws of 1923, relating to the production and sale of certified seed.

An act to amend Section 77 of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to reserved automobile registration numbers.

An act relating to taking alewives in Eastern Penobscot River in the town of Orland.

An act to annex a portion of Frenchville to Saint Agatha.

An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the opening and closing of the polls at primary elections.

An act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, relating to closing of polls at elections.

An act increasing the fees for permits for opening paved public highways.

An act granting Charles H. Scott the right to maintain a ferry across Eggemoggin Reach in Hancock county.

An act for the better protection of shell fish in the town of Georgetown.

An act to eliminate Jackman from the Maine Forestry District.

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company, approved April 2nd, 1856, as amended by an act approved February 13th, 1880.

An Act to set off a part of the town of Penobscot in the county of Hancock and annex the same to the town of Castine.

An Act to incorporate the Great Pond Railway Company.

An Act to enable the Home for Aged Men to hold property up to \$1,000,000.

An Act to incorporate the Union River Railway Company.

An Act to provide for the retirement of firemen in the City of Augusta upon half pay.

An Act relating to close time on scallops.

An Act relating to the property of extinct or disbanded Congregational churches, parishes or societies.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Daniel Jewett.

Resolve to reimburse the city of Bath for support of William A. Griffin, a former resident of Malaga Island.

Resolve in favor of the town of Athens for reimbursement for sheep killed by dogs.

Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support of John Pomeroy, a Civil War Veteran.

Resolve in favor of the Cobbosseecontee Fish and Game Association.

Resolve providing a State pension for Joseph A. Trueworthy. (H. P. 909) (H. D. 252)

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland pending final passage, and specially assigned for Thursday, March 10)

Resolve for teacher's pension for Etta M. Patten.

Resolve in favor of Alvin Bolstridge of Winterville.

Resolve in favor of the Estate of Eddie Fitzgerald, Seven Islands, Maine. (H. P. 74) (H. D. 261)

(Tabled by Mr. Wing of Auburn pending final passage.)

Resolve in favor of Clifford T. Kennedy of Vanceboro for reimbursement for expenditures for civil suit brought against him.

Resolve to reimburse the town of Lincoln for support of State paupers.

Resolve in favor of the town of Yarmouth.

Resolve to reimburse the Biddeford & Saco Railroad Company for over-payments on taxes.

Resolve in favor of the town of Abbot for reimbursement of moneys expended for the support of Scott W. Pierce and family.

Resolve to reimburse the town of Washburn for support of George H. Inman, a State Pauper.

Resolve providing for a State pension for Lewis F. Ryan of Guilford.

Resolve in favor of Highmoor Farm in the town of Monmouth.

Resolve making appropriation for the support and maintenance of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

Resolve in favor of scientific investigation in agriculture in Aroostook County.

Resolve in favor of animal husbandry.

Resolve in favor of the town of Leeds for reimbursement for money expended in rebuilding a bridge. (H. P. 938) (H. D. 286) (Tabled by Mr. Deering of Saco pending final passage)

(Emergency Measure)

An act to incorporate the Bangor Bridge District, S. P. 96, S. D. 36.

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, I would move that this act be tabled.

Mr. HOLMAN of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, we cannot hear very well on this side of the hall. May I inquire the reason for the tabling of this act.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may answer if he cares to.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, I would say that it is no move inimical to the eventual passage of this act. It is simply for the reason that if a bill introduced by me and on its way through the Legislature should receive passage, it may make a material difference in the allocation of the funds for this bridge, and I simply wish time to take that matter up.

Mr. HOLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if the gentleman would have sufficient time if we assigned the matter for special consideration tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may answer if he chooses.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, I doubt very much if that would afford sufficient time. I would like very much the courtesy of allowing it to remain on the table until I withdraw it.

Thereupon the motion to table prevailed.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, House Paper 889, an act relative to the salary of the Mayor of the City of Augusta, it being recalled in pursuance to a joint order.

On motion by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, House Paper 830, an act relative to the Kennebec Agricultural Society at Readfield, which was recalled from the committee, and the Chair awaits a motion.

Mr. CRAM of Mt. Vernon: Mr. Speaker, that bill was recalled because it was sent to the wrong committee. We would like to have

it sent to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Thereupon on motion by Mr. Cram, the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: Under tabled and today assigned, as appears on the House Calendar, the Chair lays before the House an act in relation to the bridge built across the Kennebec river between Bath and Woolwich, S. P. 315, tabled by Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft, March 2, pending reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. Merrill the bill was returned to the Senate without action by the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act to incorporate the City of Augusta Cony High School District, H. P. 871, tabled by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta, March 2, the pending question being reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. Kinsman, the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act to authorize the issuance of bonds for construction of State highways conditioned upon an amendment of the Constitution increasing the amount of bonds issued for State highways and bridges, S. P. 407, S. D. 177, tabled by Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft, March 8, the pending question being reference in concurrence.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as it seems to me that this bill should be considered by the Highway Commission in reference to its general policy of highways, I would move that this be referred to the committees on Judiciary and Ways and Bridges jointly in non-concurrence.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I move that the word "Judiciary" be stricken out from the gentleman's motion.

The SPEAKER: Possibly the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft (Mr. Merrill) would amend his motion.

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, I would wish to amend my motion and thank the gentleman from Auburn (Mr. Wing). I move that it

be referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

The motion prevailed and the bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act relating to the fees of jurors, H. P. 761, tabled by Mr. Piper of Jackman, March 8, pending further consideration.

On motion by Mr. Piper the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill to the committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, an act to provide an excise tax upon tobacco products and to make the proceeds available for the development of Maine and for general and rural education, H. P. 932, H. D. 274, tabled by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren, March 8, pending the motion of Mr. Brewster of Dexter to recede and concur.

Mr. HAMMOND of Van Buren: Mr. Speaker, I can see no argument to refer the tobacco tax bill to the joint committees on Taxation and Education. A tax committee is only concerned with the raising of revenue; it has nothing to do with the expenditure of money. If a bill is to be acted upon by a committee a department of which has the expenditure of money, you might as well abolish the Taxation committee because there is no need of such committee.

For instance our law provides that one-half of the Savings Banks tax goes to education but no legislation effecting a tax of those institutions should ever be and never has been referred to any committee other than Taxation. If the theory of those advocating the joint reference of this bill be carried through the cigarette tax bill now pending before this Legislature and now referred to the committee on Taxation alone might properly be referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs because the revenue derived from that source goes into the general treasury.

As I have stated there are two bills—one a tax on cigarettes, another a tax on tobacco. These two matters should be heard together, but if the cigarette tax bill is to be heard by the committee on Taxation alone and the tobacco tax by the joint commit-

tees on Education and Taxation, there will have to be two separate advertisings and two separate hearings. So, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Brewster, will not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Brewster, to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill. The original reference was to the committee on Taxation. The Senate then referred it to the committees on Taxation and Education, and the motion of the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Brewster, is that the House recede and concur in the reference of this matter to the committees on Taxation and Education.

Thereupon Mr. Brewster of Dexter, was given leave to withdraw his motion.

On motion by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren, the House voted to insist on its former action whereby this bill was referred to the committee on Taxation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, H. P. 1017, an act relating to dog licenses, tabled by Mr. Greenleaf, of Auburn, March 8, the pending question being reference to a committee, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn Mr. Greenleaf.

On motion by Mr. Greenleaf, the bill was referred to the committee on Agriculture, that being the committee suggested.

On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson, 500 copies ordered printed.

The SPEAKER: In accordance with the House order, the Chair will now lay before the House unassigned matters previously tabled during the past week, and the first is report "ought not to pass" of the committee on Judiciary on H. D. 51, an act to create the office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, place the administration of several motor vehicle provisions of law under his jurisdiction and administration and to place the State Highway Police, the appointment of highway police officers, and the administration of the State Highway Police law, under the jurisdiction and control of said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, H. D. 178, tabled by Mr. Morrill of Gray March 1, pending acceptance of the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes

that the gentleman (Mr. Morrill) is not in his seat.

Mr. VARNUM of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be re-tabled.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division, and that in the meantime Mr. Morrill be sent for.

A division of the House being had, Thirteen voting in the affirmative and 73 in the negative the motion to retable failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the acceptance of the report of the committee on Judiciary, and the Chair notes that the gentleman from Gray (Mr. Morrill) is approaching his seat.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have it retabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that that motion has just been lost, a division of the House being taken.

Mr. MORRILL: Then I will abide by it, Mr. Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Morrill the House voted to accept the report of the committee on Judiciary, "Ought not to pass."

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act to create and to define the powers and duties of a State Commission to represent the State in arranging and carrying out a program for the celebration of the bicentennial of the birth of George Washington, H. P. 945, H. D. 288, tabled by Mr. Wing of Auburn, March 1, pending assignment for third reading.

On motion by Mr. Wing the rules were suspended and the act was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House "ought not to pass" report of the committee on Insane Hospitals on Resolve appropriating money for an addition to the third female wing of the Augusta State Hospital, S. P. 25, tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland, March 2, the pending question being the acceptance of the report in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Rounds, for the reason that this report has to do with the next one on the calendar, this matter was re-tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, ought to pass report of the committee on Insane Hospitals on resolve making an appropriation for a Nurses' Home at the Augusta State Hospital, S. P. 27, S. D. 134, tabled by Mr. Rounds, March 2, the pending question being the acceptance of the report in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

On motion by Mr. Rounds the report was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended and the bill have its several readings at this time, so that an amendment can be offered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that this is a resolve and the first reading should be given now.

Thereupon the resolve received its first reading.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment that I would like to offer and I move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, offers House Amendment A to Senate Document 134 in favor of the Augusta State Hospital, and the Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment A to Senate Document No. 134.

WHEREAS, at the present time the nurses at the Augusta State Hospital are housed in the same buildings as are the patients, and,

WHEREAS, as the room for the proper care of the patients and the nurses has become inadequate, and,

WHEREAS, the crowded conditions render impossible proper treatment of residents and citizens of this State who may be confined therein, and,

WHEREAS, it is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace health and safety that the appropriations specified in this resolve be made available for the new construction and equipment of a nurses' home in connection with said hospital, which in the mind of the Legislature constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution,

RESOLVED: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated for the construction and equipment of a nurses' home for the Augusta State

Hospital, the sum of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars, the same to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Hospital Trustees, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council. The foregoing amount is to be made available as follows:

a. \$20,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, which sum is to be taken from the funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. b. \$115,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928.

In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, it has been stated here that the Insane Hospital is over-crowded. There are now in there three hundred and fifty-three patients above the accommodations that are provided. This new nurses' home will take care of sixty-five, and it seems to me, as the tendency to insanity increases in this State owing to conditions that have been put on us by the Volstead Act, that it is time to do something for the unfortunate people of the State of Maine, and not wait until 1929. As I understand, the original bill provides for thirty-five thousand dollars in 1928 and one hundred thousand dollars in 1929.

Now if we have to wait two years (and, and as I understand, in this other resolve the Bangor Hospital is going to take from forty to fifty patients out of this hospital and carry them down to Bangor) I think it is time that this House look after the unfortunate and go right ahead and build a home right off. I think it is time to take some action now. If you pass this under "Emergency," on the first day of January, 1928, those sixty-five patients can be housed, but if you let it go ninety days and then take the original bill, it will be some time in December, 1929. I think it is time that we hurry up these things and not wait a year to get them in, because in another year they may have so many more that they will want two, one for the female wing and one for the male wing.

Mr. BLAISDELL of Franklin: Mr. Speaker, I merely want to give you just a few figures relative to the over-crowded conditions over there, not necessarily speaking for or

against the situation as it now exists. I have what I consider the accurate figures today of the conditions at your hospital. On the women's side of the hospital there are available four hundred and twenty-nine beds; the hospital has six hundred and two female patients, which makes an excess on the women's side of the hospital of one hundred and seventy-three patients. On the men's side they have beds for four hundred and nineteen patients, and they have six hundred and three patients, an excess of one hundred and eighty-four men patients in the hospital, making a total capacity at that hospital, in beds, of eight hundred and forty-eight, and there are twelve hundred and five patients there. That is three hundred and fifty-seven more patients than the hospital can properly care for.

It is further interesting to note that your nurses' home, as Mr. Rounds has said, will relieve only from fifty to sixty, and you still have three hundred overload. It is very interesting to note that the pest house of the Augusta Insane Hospital is housing employees, and there is no opportunity, in case of an emergency of contagious disease, for the immediate caring for that. If scarlet fever or diphtheria, etc., break out, there is no opportunity for caring for them at present. Those are the correct figures as to the situation at that hospital.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that Amendment A presented by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, be adopted?

Thereupon Amendment A was adopted and tomorrow morning at ten o'clock assigned for the second reading of this resolve as amended.

On motion by Mr. Rounds the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the second reading was assigned for tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was tabled pending assignment for second reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act to authorize the Portland Railroad Company to operate motor busses, H. P. 26, S. D. 8, tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland, March 2, pending assignment for third reading; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

Mr. ROUNDS: I yield to the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Robie.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook the bill was retabled and specially assigned for Friday of this week.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House "ought to pass" report of the committee on Library on resolve to appropriate money for the erection of a new State Library, H. P. 470, H. D. 121, tabled by Mr. Deering of Saco, March 2, pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. DEERING of Saco: Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee be accepted.

On motion by Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock, the matter was retabled pending the motion of Mr. Deering of Saco to accept the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act relating to expenditures and returns of candidates for public office, H. P. 92, H. D. 31, tabled by Mr. Holman of Bangor, March 2, the pending question being assignment for third reading; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Holman.

Mr. HOLMAN of Bangor: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: This bill, H. D. 31, an act relating to expenditures and returns of candidates for public office, I laid on the table March 2 for the purpose of offering an amendment. It seems to me that to have the bill in its present form would do a great injustice to a poor man who is running for public office, and ultimately to our Primary System as a whole. It would simply confer on the rich man the opportunity of going ahead and advertising himself without any restrictions whatsoever, while the poor man who might be a candidate for the same office would find it impossible to avail himself of this great power simply because he cannot afford it. For this reason I have prepared an amendment to the bill, after interviewing the Governor and several members of both the House and the Senate.

This bill, while covering some three or four typewritten pages, really makes only two changes in our present primary system. In the first place, it requires all candidates for public office to file with the Secretary of State, under oath, a true ac-

count of all expenses they have incurred, including printing, postage, newspaper advertising, in fact everything. And in the second place, it holds those expenses within certain definite limits. These limits, after careful consideration, have been fixed in the following manner: For State-wide offices, including United States Senators, \$5,000; for members of Congress, \$2,000; for State Senators and County Officials, \$500 for each ten thousand votes cast for the candidates at the previous gubernatorial election; for representative districts with three or more representatives, \$300; and for all other representative districts, \$150. These maximum amounts really represent approximately three times the allowances now permitted under our present primary law. While some, possibly, might feel that these amounts are a little too high, and others that they may be too low, there is this to be said, that they will use all candidates alike.

And so I am appealing to the members of this House who believe that the poor man should have the same opportunity in politics as the rich man—I am appealing to the members of this House who believe in equal rights for all and special privileges for none, to support this amendment. Its favorable consideration will do much to strengthen our present primary system, a system that is free almost entirely from the old time Fourth of July Convention spirit, with its self-appointed political bosses, a system that has given to us, with very few exceptions, some of the best, ablest, and cleanest public officials in the history of the State. And, so, Mr. Speaker, I move at this time the adoption of Amendment A to House Document 31. (Applause.)

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendment lie on the table and that 1,000 copies be printed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Holman) presents House Amendment A to H. D. 31, and the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale, moves that it lie on the table and that 1,000 copies be printed.

Mr. HOLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have the amendment adopted, if we can, at this time, and then I would be glad to move,—in fact I had planned to move myself

that it lie upon the table pending printing. It seems to me that we just as well adopt the amendment at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman is approaching argument in the opinion of the Chair which, of course, is not in order.

Mr. HOLMAN: Mr. Speaker, I insist upon my former motion that we adopt the amendment at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale, has precedence.

Mr. HOLMAN: Then I beg the pardon of the House.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale, that this amendment lie on the table and that 1,000 copies be printed. As many as are in favor of this motion will say aye; those opposed no.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House "ought to pass" report of the committee on Agriculture on an act to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in the State. H. P. 234, tabled by Mr. Wing of Auburn, March 3, the pending question being the acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wing.

On motion by Mr. Wing, the report of the committee was accepted, the rules were suspended, and the bill received its first reading.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Patten, Mr. Wood, who desires, I understand, to offer an amendment.

Mr. WOOD of Patten: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I have an amendment which I would like to offer.

The SPEAKER: If the Chair may interrupt, it will state that the amendment should be offered after the second reading of the bill.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that the bill is not in amendable order now?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the bill has not been printed.

Mr. WING: I understand, Mr. Speaker, that the rules have been suspended.

The SPEAKER: For the giving of the first reading.

Mr. WING: Do I understand the Chair to rule that a bill cannot be amended at the time of its first reading?

The SPEAKER: The Chair so rules. The House, of course, can suspend the rules and amend the bill at any time. If the gentleman wishes to have the rules suspended, an amendment can be offered at this time.

Mr. WING: The point I am wishing to make is to have the bill read once, the amendment offered, then the entire matter can be printed so that we can all see it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that if the amendment is offered under suspension of the rules it can be done at this time.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn the rules were suspended in order that the gentleman from Patten, Mr. Wood, may be permitted to offer an amendment at this time.

Mr. Wood of Patten offered House Amendment A and moved its adoption as follows:

House Amendment A to House Paper 234.

Amend Section one by inserting after the word "in" in the second line thereof the words "any town or plantation in this State, or in any unorganized township adjacent to any town or plantation."

Amend Section two of said House Paper 234 by inserting after the word "county" in the ninth line thereof, the words, "if the bear is killed within the limits of an adjacent unorganized township claim for bounty shall be made before the treasurer of an adjacent town or plantation."

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that this amendment be adopted?

Mr. FLINT of Monson: Mr. Speaker, I am against this amendment, and I will try and explain why I am against it. This divides the State into two territories, the northern part, or the unorganized towns, and the southern part, or the organized towns. The bill calls for a bounty of ten dollars and this amendment cuts out the paying of the bounty in the northern part of the State in the unorganized towns. You should have a bounty on the whole state or none at all, and I move the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn,

the bill and amendment were tabled and ordered printed, and specially assigned for Thursday, March 10.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House an act to provide for the purchase of books for the Penobscot County Law Library, H. P. 369, H. D. 311, tabled by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor, March 4, pending assignment for third reading; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. BARTLETT: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment which I would like to offer and move its adoption. It is very short and merely corrects the title of the act as well as the act itself.

House Amendment A to H. D. 311 Substitute name "Penobscot Bar Library Association" for the name "Penobscot County Law Library" as appears in act and title to the same.

The amendment was adopted and tomorrow assigned for the third read-

ing of the bill as amended by House Amendment A.

The SPEAKER: This appears to dispose of the calendar. Is there any further business under orders of the day?

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk: Mr. Speaker, may I ask what committee has now got the bill, an act relating to the fees of jurors, H. P. 761?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that that was referred this morning to the committee on Judiciary. Is there any further business under orders of the day?

There being no response the notices were read by the Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Brunswick.

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.