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Thursday, March 10, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 234, S. D. 103: An act to assent to the purpose and provisions of an act of the Congress of the United States entitled an act to authorize the more complete endowment of Agricultural Experiment Stations, and for other purposes.

S. P. 328, S. D. 175: Resolve to reimburse recess committee for expenses.

S. P. 156, S. D. 55: An act relating to the issue of prior preference stock by Boston and Maine railroad in exchange for certain of its bonds.

From the Senate: Bill an act to incorporate the Blue Hill Water Company, H. P. 291, H. D. 74, which was passed to be engrossed in the House February 23.

Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth the bill and amendment were tabled pending reconsideration.

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

Agriculture

By Mr. McIntire of Norway: An act to define and regulate the sale of oleomargarine. (H. P. No. 1099) (500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: An act for the better protection of sheep. (H. P. No. 1105)

(Tabled by Mr. Greenleaf of Auburn and 500 copies ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Deering of Saco: An act relating to the expenditures of State Departments. (H. P. 1106)

(On motion by Mr. Douglas of Chelsea 500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act relating to compensation for injuries received by State Employees. (H. P. No. 1107)

By the same gentleman: An act relative to the War Bond Sinking Fund. (H. P. No. 1108)

By Mr. Deering of Saco: An act to provide for the payment of interest on Kennebec Bridge Bonds during the period of construction of said bridge. (H. P. No. 1109)

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: Resolve appropriating money for maternity and child welfare work. (H. P. No. 1110)

Education

By Mr. Marden of Waldo: Remonstrance of H. D. Hadley and 49 others against passage of law increasing school year to 36 weeks. (H. P. No. 1111)

By Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor: Resolve to designate the State bird. (H. P. 1112)

(Tabled by Mr. Crockett of Hollis pending reference)

Indian Affairs

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: Petition of Governor, Lieut. Governor, and Council of Passamaquoddy Indians in favor of having same rules as Penobscot Tribe. (H. P. 1115)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Governor, Lieut. Governor and Council of Passamaquoddy Indians in favor of a New Church to replace one burned, a water system, and that wood for Pleasant Point be cut on Indian Township. (H. P. No. 1116).

By the same gentleman: Petition of members of Passamaquoddy Indians asking for certain laws. (H. P. No. 1117)

By Mr. McCart of Eastport: An act relating to licenses of Indians for trapping fur-bearing animals. (H. P. No. 1114).

(Tabled by Mr. Flint of Monson pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Wyman of Sidney: Remonstrance of A. B. Davenport and 29 others against any increase in resident hunting and fishing license fees. (H. P. No. 1150)

By Mr. Brackett of Detroit: An

act relating to the protection of fur-bearing animals. (H. P. No. 1113).

Judiciary

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Remonstrance of Ruel W. Kimball and 15 others against the repeal in any manner of Direct Primary. (H. P. No. 1125)

By Mr. Goodwin of Sanford: Remonstrance of Christie Ricker and 21 others against same. (H. P. No. 1126)

By Mr. Douglas of Chelsea: Remonstrance of Mrs. Fred A. Carleton and others against same. (H. P. No. 1127)

By Mr. Wheeler of So. Paris: Remonstrance of Delia H. Lane and 49 others against same. (H. P. No. 1128)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Mrs. Ella A. Wight and 27 others against same. (H. P. No. 1129)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Lester Adams and 25 others against same. (H. P. No. 1130)

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: An act providing for the appointment of a Deputy Secretary of State to be designated a Registrar of Motor Vehicles and to place the administration of the several motor vehicles provisions of law under his jurisdiction and administration. (H. P. No. 1118)
(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act relating to officers and directors of certain corporations. (H. P. No. 1119)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to amend Section 88 of Chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1923 relative to certain corporations. (H. P. No. 1120)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Bruce of Belfast: An act making the Clerk of Courts of Waldo County Recorder of the Belfast Municipal Court. (H. P. No. 1151)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the purchase of stock by certain corporations. (H. P. No. 1121)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relating to evidence in cases arising from personal injury and property damage. (H. P. No. 1122).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Deering of Saco: An act to permit County Commissioners to establish a County Farm. (H. P. No. 1123)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act relating to the care and support of paupers and other dependent persons having no settlement within the State. (H. P. No. 1124)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Douglas of Chelsea: Resolve proposing an Amendment to Section 14 of Article 5, Part first, of the Constitution of the State of Maine, providing for the election of a Governor to fill a vacancy in that office. (H. P. No. 1149)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act relating to County Officers. (H. P. No. 1131)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: An act to regulate issuance of marriage licenses. (H. P. No. 1132).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: An Act authorizing Cities to adopt a form of Local Government. (H. P. No. 1133)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act relating to the registration of trucks. (H. P. No. 1134)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Tucker of Sanford: An act relating to elections. (H. P. No. 1135)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act relating to registration fees payable for jitney busses. (H. P. No. 1136)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act granting the right of eminent domain to electric power companies doing a public utility business. (H. P. No. 1137)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Military Affairs

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: An act relating to the Military Law. (H. P. No. 1138)

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: An act to name the State Park at Kittery, in the county of York. (H. P. No. 1139)

(Tabled by Mr. Staples of Elliot pending reference)

Pensions

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: An act relating to pensions for the blind. (H. P. No. 1140)

(On motion by Mr. Bissett of Portland 500 copies ordered printed)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Norwood of Warren: An act relating to approval by the Governor and Council of decision by the Public Utilities Commission. (H. P. No. 1141)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An act relating to the officers of the Senate and House. (H. P. No. 1142)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act relating to the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Sagadahoc County. (H. P. No. 1143)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act to increase the salary of the Secretary of State. (H. P. No. 1144)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: An act relating to the Farm Lands Loan Commissioners. (H. P. No. 1145)

MR. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, at the request of the State Auditor, on February 17, I introduced an act relative to the Farm Land Loan Commission to authorize the sale of land acquired by the State of Maine through foreclosure proceedings, and that bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary. It seems that there was an error in the bill which would render it null and void. The bill has not been heard by the committee yet and at the suggestion of the State Auditor I introduce this bill; and, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this should go to the committee on Judiciary rather than to the committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and I so move.

The motion prevailed and the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Holman of Bangor: An act in relation to the building and lot of land in Bangor known as Bangor State Arsenal, being public land and owned by the State. (H. P. No. 1146)

(500 copies ordered printed)

State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories

By Mr. Williams of Falmouth:

Resolve in favor of the State Reformatory for Men for the completion of a building now in process of erection. (H. P. No. 1094)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the State Reformatory for Men for maintenance, personal services, repairs and equipment. (H. P. No. 1093)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys. (H. P. No. 1095)

Taxation

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relating to taxation of insurance companies. (H. D. 1147)

(Tabled by Mr. Decker of Portland pending reference and 1000 copies ordered printed)

Towns

By Mr. Douglas of Chelsea: An act to encourage and provide for a system of uniform accounting in cities, towns and village corporations. (H. P. No. 1148).

(Tabled by Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor pending reference and 500 copies ordered printed).

Orders

Mr. Cole of South Portland presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a committee of three, joined by two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to examine the conditions, with reference to existing welfare laws, including the operation of the laws, concerning dependent mothers, wards of the State, charities and corrections patients at the insane hospitals, the School for Feeble Minded at Pownal, State Reformatory for Women, State Reformatory for Men, the State School for Boys, the State School for Girls, giving particular attention to the laws governing such dependents and institutions, and to make recommendations, if any, with regard to the laws, concerning the same. Also ordered that the committee shall make its report to the eighty-fourth legislature and make its recommendations as to the welfare legislation for the State.

On motion by Mr. Cole the rules were suspended to enable that gentleman to introduce the foregoing order at this time; and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was tabled and 500 copies ordered printed.

Mr. Belleau of Lewiston presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that H. P. 731, an act abolishing caucuses in the city of Lewiston and substituting therefor primary elections, be recalled from the committee on Legal Affairs.

The order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Boston from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act relating to bond given by presidents of Savings Banks (H. P. 331) (H. D. 85).

Mr. Crockett from same Committee reported same on bill an act for giving notice of joint depositors (H. P. 71) (H. D. 34).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the payment of dividends by Savings Banks and Institutions (H. P. 333) (H. D. 87).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Foster from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of the State Armory in the city of Portland (H. P. 474) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1101) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if that is an emergency act.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would state that the new draft carries an emergency clause.

Mr. ROUNDS: I move that it have its first reading under suspension of the rules, and I will state my reasons for it. The city of Portland now has Market Street roped off because there is danger of the building falling down, and they want to get it fixed as soon as they can. That is the reason why I would like to have this passed through quickly.

Thereupon the report of the committee was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that this resolve has not yet been printed. Does the gentleman still wish to have his motion put?

Mr. ROUNDS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon the rules were suspended and the resolve had its first reading at this time and tomorrow was assigned for its second reading.

Mr. Clifford from the Committee on

Banks and Banking on bill an act relating to the use as part of name the words "Bank," "Saving," "Trust" and kindred words, H. P. 330, H. D. 84, reported same in a new draft, H. P. 1102 under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to legalize and make valid the proceedings of the town meetings in the town of Otisfield in the county of Cumberland, held March second, 1925 and March first, 1926 (H. P. 725) (H. D. 197) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1104) under the same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Sargent from same Committee on bill an act relating to pensioning members of the Police Department of the city of Brewer (H. P. 374) (H. D. 92) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1103) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

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

Mr. Sturtevant from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported Ought to pass on bill an act relating to investment of savings deposits (H. P. 332) (H. D. 86).

Mr. Boston from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to collateral loans by Savings Banks (H. P. 450) (H. D. 116).

Mr. Sturtevant from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to investment of Savings banks (H. P. 329) (H. D. 83).

Reports read and accepted and the bills having already been printed were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Majority report of the committee on judiciary reporting "ought not to pass" on bill an act set to provide for jury commissioners. (H. P. 134) (H. D. 46).

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MAHER of Kennebec,
CARTER of Androscoggin,
—of the Senate
DUDLEY of Calais,
WING of Auburn,
BARTLETT of Bangor,
PATTERSON of Castine,
WING of Kingfield,
ALDRICH of Topsham,
—of the House

Minority report of same committee on same bill reporting a new draft

(H. P. 1100) under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Report was signed by the following members.

Messrs. OAKES of Cumberland,

—of the Senate

HALE of Portland,

—of the House

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Calais, the House voted to accept the majority report of the committee on judiciary, ought not to pass.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

H. P. 786, H. D. 336. An Act to incorporate Bridgton and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize certain towns to grant assistance thereto.

(On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the rules were suspended and the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.)

H. P. 456, H. D. 343. Resolve in favor of Richard Jacobson of East Waterford, compensating him for damage done his orchard by deer.

H. P. 512, H. D. 344. Resolve in favor of the town of North Yarmouth.

H. P. 513, H. D. 345. Resolve in favor of F. C. Handy for reimbursement for checks lost in the mail.

H. P. 1053, H. D. 349. Resolve in favor of A. H. Wadleigh, compensating him for damage done his orchard by deer.

H. P. 1052, H. D. 348. Resolve in favor of Hanson A. Barney of Guilford.

H. P. 1051, H. D. 347. Resolve in favor of Arthur E. Clough compensating him for damage done his garden by moose.

H. P. 1050, H. D. 346. Resolve in favor of B. F. Marley.

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. P. 527, H. D. 136. An Act repealing the inheritance tax law as to non-resident decedents.

H. P. 292, H. D. 330. An act relating to the Augusta Water District.

H. P. 787, H. D. 331. An act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

H. P. 1048, H. D. 334. An act relating to precautions at temporary crossings.

H. P. 1047, H. D. 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.

(Tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland pending third reading.)

S. P. 254, S. D. 162. Resolve for the purchase of 150 copies of "Ellsworth, Maine; an History."

S. P. 13, S. D. 169. Resolve in favor of the Pownal State School for additions and improvements.

H. P. 894, H. D. 332. Resolve authorizing sale of lot in Moose River Plantation.

H. P. 937, H. D. 333. Resolve in favor of the South Kennebec Agricultural Society.

S. P. 86, S. D. 158. Resolve to reimburse Cumberland County Fish and Game Association for one-half the amount expended in screening Peabody Pond in the county of Cumberland.

(Tabled by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta pending third reading.)

H. P. 369, H. D. 311. An act to provide for the purchase of books for the Penobscot County Law Library.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under orders of the day the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask for a suspension of the rules in order to make a motion to reconsider the action of the House taken on February 25th accepting the report of the committee on Legal Affairs, ought not to pass in reference to H. P. 284, H. D. 71, an act to create a board of registration of master plumbers; and I will say in that connection that my reason for doing this is that I am advised by those who are very decidedly interested in this matter that they have a feeling that the matter was not satisfactorily presented at the time it was before the committee on Legal Affairs. If this privilege is granted, I shall follow the motion which I am now making with a motion to recommit this matter to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. EUSTIS of Strong: Mr. Speaker, it is with some regret that I rise to oppose the motion of the gentleman from Topsham (Mr. Aldrich). When this bill was heard before the Committee on Legal Affairs, about twenty, I should say, offhand, appeared against the bill and about three in its favor. There was a unanimous report in opposition to it and the report was accepted by the House and Senate. It is now pro-

posed to introduce a bill covering the same subject matter, without any material change. This bill you are all familiar with. It creates another commission and I think we have commissions enough now. It pays a salary of \$10 a day while engaged in this work. It sets up a board, composed of master plumbers, so that any man in this State, or any business, who hires a plumber, must pass this examination and the standard is set by this Board consisting of master plumbers. My objection to the bill is based on the fact that it places a hardship on the rural sections, particularly to those hardware dealers who are unable to employ, or who possibly have no chance to employ, a man who can set up and follow these standards of which we know nothing. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I oppose the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: Mr. Speaker, I had not expected to have to say anything further in this connection but I must justify the request which I have made by saying that it would seem to me that if the proponents of this bill feel that through no fault of their own it was not properly presented, from their standpoint, to this committee, it can work no hardship on anybody except for the time that would be consumed in the rehearing, to permit them to endeavor to present this matter, or have it presented in a manner satisfactory to them. Now I might say—I know little of this bill—but it is my understanding that the point about this bill which was not satisfactorily presented for the proponents before the Committee on Legal Affairs affects a matter of real interest to this State, namely, the question of sanitation and health, and particularly the question with respect to sanitation and health in your camps or places where summer visitors are to come. For that reason it is a matter of very considerable concern, not only to those who are proposing this bill but to the inhabitants of this State. Feeling as I do, without knowing anything more than I am told as to the matter,—that it may not have been presented satisfactorily,—I can see no reason why this matter might not be considered. I may say that so far as I understand, the members of the

Legal Affairs Committee, or those who have been seen, do not raise any objection to this matter being re-committed to that Committee.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that the rules are now suspended?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the motion before the House is to suspend the rules.

Mr. WING: I think the House should understand this rule, "When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration; and no measure containing the same subject shall be introduced during the session unless three days' notice is given to the House of which the mover is a member."

It is extremely difficult to me to disagree with the gentleman from Topsham, (Mr. Aldrich), with whom I have very pleasant relations at table, and friendly relations otherwise, but if you will pardon me for a young man being reminiscent this bill has always been around this Legislature, (laughter) and I do not wish to impugn the motives of the Committee on Legal Affairs. Perhaps some gentleman who has served one or two terms in the Legislature may have had the benefit of former hearings on this bill and quite regardless of my intimate and friendly relations with the gentleman from Topsham, I think we had better stop and proceed with something else, and I oppose his motion.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich, that the rules be suspended. As many as are in favor of this motion will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will return the count.

A division of the House being had,

Four voting in favor, and so many rising in opposition that the count was not taken, the motion failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Poland, Mr. McKnight.

Mr. McKNIGHT: Mr. Speaker, out of order I ask unanimous consent of this body to a suspension of the rules that I may present an act to amend Section 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the sawing and packing of shingles. (H. D. 1152).

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion to suspend the rules will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will return the count.

A division being had,

Eighty-five voting in the affirmative and none in the negative the rules were suspended and the gentleman introduced the act referred to, which was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER: Under tabled and today assigned, the Chair lays before the House resolve providing a State Pension for Joseph A. Trueworthy H. P. 909, H. D. 252, tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland, March 9, pending final passage; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale.

Mr. HALE: Mr. Speaker, I should like to have this resolve retabled and assigned for tomorrow morning; and I will say in reference to that assignment that such a disposition of the matter will ultimately expedite the business of the House, in my opinion.

Thereupon the matter was retabled and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House House Amendment "A" to an act to provide for the payment of a bounty on bears killed in the state, (H. P. 234), tabled on March 9 by Mr. Wing of Auburn, pending the motion of Mr. Flint of Monson to indefinitely postpone the amendment.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Monson, Mr. Flint.

Mr. FLINT of Monson: Mr. Speaker, I feel the same about this amendment as I did yesterday. I am not greatly opposed to a bounty on bears, but I am opposed to this amendment. I am opposed to dividing the State into two territories so that in organized towns and plantations there is a \$10 bounty on bears and none in unorganized towns and territories, creating, if you please, a preserve or sanctuary for the bears to propagate. If this amendment should be adopted as a part of a bounty on bear bill, the trappers, I believe, would go into the unorganized townships and trap bears and bring them down into the organized

towns and claim the bounty before the treasurer of the town or plantation, and no one can tell where the bear is killed. In fact, the bears are not tagged, and a bear caught in an unorganized township looks just the same as one caught in an organized town. As far as concerns saving money for the State, or reducing the number of bears in my opinion it would do neither. There is no need so far as the bears are concerned. It will not save any deer, as the trapper who goes north and pays his ten dollars for a license would use deer and moose for bait for his traps just the same. I cannot see how this amendment would help conditions in any way. Therefore, I hope my motion will prevail.

Mr. GREENLEAF of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the gentleman from Monson (Mr. Flint).

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. GREENLEAF: I would like to ask what part of the bear does a man have to carry in to claim the bounty? Is it the nose or the ears or the whole carcass or what?

Mr. FLINT: I cannot tell. I think it is just the nose and ears.

Mr. GREENLEAF: Mr. Speaker, I do not know but what he might earn big money if he carried in the whole carcass!

Mr. WOOD of Patten: Mr. Speaker, I rise to resent the implication that people will falsify their oath before the Town Treasurer. It is required that as to every bear killed under this law, oath shall be made as to where it was killed. As I understand the situation, the whole thing is for the benefit of the sheep raisers and nothing else. I am offering this amendment that provides for a bounty on all the organized towns and plantations.

Amendment A. Section 1. A bounty of ten dollars for each and every bear killed in any town, plantation or township adjacent thereto, shall be paid to the person killing the same.

In the two years ending June 30th, 1925, there was paid in bear bounties, \$4,915.00, notwithstanding that in all of the counties in the state with the exception of two, the bounty paid was only five dollars. I am wondering how much benefit the farmer received from this money expended by

the state or how much benefit he received from any added protection.

Just because there is one mad dog would you want to kill off all the dogs? It is a well known fact that dogs kill many more sheep than do the bears and this fact is borne out by figures from your State Auditor, and just because there are some outlaw bears that do kill sheep, do you want to outlaw all bears?

I have lived in the woods and have been employed in various occupations connected therewith for thirty-three years and I have never seen but six live, wild bears in all that time. I read in a Bangor paper the other day where a man made the statement that if he had carried a gun last fall while in the woods he could have killed twenty-five or thirty bears. Does any member of this House believe any such statement? I leave it to you, gentlemen, many of you who have been in and about the woods a great deal. Bears are not nearly as numerous as you would be led to believe.

I want to do anything I can to protect the farmer in his most honorable calling and to this end I am offering Amendment A. which provides a bounty on bears killed in any town, plantation or township adjacent thereto, which would seem to me to cover all the territory inhabited by any bears that would be likely to destroy the farmer's stock. This would tend to keep the professional bear trapper from going into the deep woods to trap bears for the sake of the state stipend.

Do you ever stop to consider, gentlemen, that to encourage the trapping of bears in the deep forests creates a very dangerous condition, and what a steel trap, sufficient to hold a bear with jaws studded with three-fourths inch teeth, would do to a man who stepped into it? I have travelled many miles alone in the forest infested with bear traps and that is the only thing I have ever been afraid of, and I know of at least two men trapped in this manner, one, whose bleached bones were found long afterwards, the other being liberated after three days and his life saved though he was always afterward a cripple.

It would seem to me that the scope taken in by the proposed amendment would entirely safeguard the interests of the farmer insofar as is pos-

sible, and at the same time tend to discourage the professional trapper who would enter the deep forests of our State, kill our deer and moose for bait and trap bears for the sole object of the bounty.

Let us protect, so far as is possible and practical, our wild life. Many times have I found bear traps baited with deer, moose and even beaver killed in the spring of the year to provide bait for those traps. Trappers far away from settlements must necessarily have bait. How do they get it? I leave it to you, gentlemen, that while a bear trapper in nearby towns and plantations may get legitimate bait wherewith to bait his traps, the trapper far away in the woods must procure his bait near the scene of his activities.

Confine the trapping of bears for the bounty nearby to inhabited territory and keep the dangerous bear trap out of the deep woods so that wild animals as well as human beings may have a fair measure of safety therefrom. Let us hunt bears in our forests for sport and profit, in the proper season, with rifles such as other game animals are hunted, and in this manner we will receive much greater profit than the nose will bring when sent to the State Treasurer. (I will say here that an average bear will bring about forty dollars when shipped to the Boston market.)

Gentlemen, I am willing to concede to any of you the better knowledge of general legislative matters. I am not here to expound theories on water power or hydro-electric problems or in ways to finance the State's program, but I do know something about what happens when the professional trapper goes into the woods in the spring of the year to collect bear bounties. I have made a life-long study of the wild animals of our forests, who are my friends, and I feel free to state that this bill as reported will lead to much harmful practice and I sincerely hope that the report of the committee will not be accepted.

Mr. FLINT of Monson: Mr. Speaker, I do not always disagree with my brother game warden, but the amendment here speaks of unorganized townships. Now there is a lot of territory adjacent to the unorganized townships that run clear to the

Canadian border. Where is this line of "adjacent territory" going to be drawn and how is it going to be drawn?

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker, I will answer my colleague that any wild land townships that adjoin any organized town or plantations will be applicable to this bounty, and Mr. Speaker, that will take in all the territory that will be anywhere near any settlement.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Monson, Mr. Flint, to indefinitely postpone House Amendment A, offered yesterday.

Mr. FLINT: Mr. Speaker, I call for a division of the House.

A division of the House being had, Twenty-six voting in the affirmative and 74 in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment failed of passage.

Mr. PAGE of Skowhegan: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the bill itself be indefinitely postponed, and I will state my reason why I make the motion.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of order.

The SPEAKER: There is now pending before the House the adoption of the amendment itself which should be disposed of first.

Mr. PAGE: Mr. Speaker, I thought that had been taken care of.

Mr. WOOD of Patten: Mr. Speaker, I now move you that the amendment be adopted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Patten, Mr. Wood, moves that House Amendment A be adopted. Is this the pleasure of the House.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, in reading the printed amendment here I would like to inquire whether where it says insert after the word "in" in the second line; and in the second paragraph of the amendment, in the ninth line, it refers to the printed bill or the original bill. I cannot read this amendment into the bill in such a way as to get any grammatical construction out of the finished product at all.

Mr. WOOD: Mr. Speaker, the amendment refers to the original bill.

A viva voce vote being taken, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. PAGE: Mr. Speaker, I now move the indefinite postponement of the bill itself. I believe that the

bear in the State of Maine is the greatest game animal that we have, and if we put a bounty on bears, we will be in the same position that the West is in at the present time in regard to buffalo. Out there they are trying to save a few for samples and have protected them very carefully. There are a lot of people from outside the State who come into the State in the fall of the year for the sole purpose of hunting bears. They leave a lot of money and do not take out a lot of bears. As for protecting the sheep by a bounty, let me say that the State of Maine, during the last six years, has paid out only about \$5500 per year for damage to sheep by bears, and has paid about three and a half times that amount for damage done to sheep by dogs. Now, it would be my honest opinion that if they really want to protect and save the sheep, we had better go to work and license the bears and put the bounty on the dogs. (Laughter). That is all. I move the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Page, moves that the bill as amended be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. ELLIS of Fairfield: Mr. Speaker, personally I know but little about bears, but I am interested in the sheep industry. I have not the figures myself, but most of you have seen the amount paid out for damage to sheep by bears. But to my mind that represents a small part of the damage to the sheep industry.

To the man who has a flock of sheep damaged by bears, or dogs either for that matter, the number that is killed and paid for is a small part of the loss. The rest of the flock is damaged, too. You can see that in the town where two or three flocks have been damaged by bears the sheep raisers will go out of business. Also it is an indirect damage to the sheep industry all over the State of Maine. I believe in the protection of our game to a certain point, but when you go beyond that and allow them to become a menace to the industries of the State, I should look at it from the business standpoint. You are paying out money to the department of agriculture for the benefit of agriculture. You are paying men to advance the interests of orchards and

gardens and then let them be damaged by wild animals. Our State is peculiarly adapted to the raising of sheep, especially in the outlying districts away from the markets. You all know that a large quantity of western lambs are brought into the State for sale. At the present time it seems to me that the sheep industry is about the only agricultural line in the State in which there is a chance of indefinite enlargement, with a prospect of sale of the products for a paying price. We all know that a large part of the wool used in industries here is imported. If there is anything that can be done to encourage and help our sheep industry, I am in favor of the farmers of the State having an opportunity of making a reasonable profit.

Mr. WHITE of Dyer Brook: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words here. I was brought up in the woods and have always lived here. My town has 17,000 acres of wild land. I have been selectman for a considerable number of years, and to my recollection there was just one case where I have had to investigate damage by bears, but seven or eight times I have had to investigate damage by dogs, and I, for one, heartily endorse the motion of the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Page, for the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The SPEAKER: The question, before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Page, to indefinitely postpone the bill. Those in favor will say aye; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Fifty-nine voting in the affirmative and 64 in the negative the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill failed of passage.

Thereupon the bill had its second reading and tomorrow was assigned for its third reading.

The SPEAKER: We are proceeding under orders of the day.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth it was voted to take from the table H. D. No. 74, an act to incorporate the Blue Hill Water Company, tabled by that gentleman earlier in the session.

On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed; and on

further motion by the same gentleman Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson it was voted to take from the table H. D. 170, being House Amendment A to resolve to appropriate money to aid in the screening of Alford's Lake in the county of Knox, tabled by that gentleman, March 8, pending adoption of the amendment and on further motion by the same gentleman the amendment was adopted and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended, in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Crockett of Hollis it was voted to take from the table, H. P. 1112, a resolve to designate the State bird, tabled by that gentleman earlier in the session; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table ought to pass report of the committee on Legal Affairs on an act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes relating to applicants for admission to the bar of this State, S. P. 152, S. D. 65, tabled by that gentleman, March 9, pending first reading.

Mr. Wing: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if that matter is now in printed form?

The SPEAKER: It is in printed form, the Chair will state.

On motion by Mr. Wing, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its three several readings and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn it was voted to take from the table resolve in favor of the estate of Eddie Fitzgerald, H. P. 74, H. D. 261, tabled by that gentleman March 9, pending final passage.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Engle Lake, Mr. Burns.

On motion by Mr. Burns the House voted to reconsider its action

whereby the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. BURNS: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

House Amendment A to House Document 261.

Amend title and body of resolve by striking out the words "the estate of Eddie Fitzgerald" wherever they occur therein, and by substituting therefor the words "Mrs. Eddie Fitzgerald."

Thereupon the amendment was adopted, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland it was voted to take from the table report of the committee on Library, referring resolve to the next Legislature, in favor of the purchase of "Maine Physicians, Members of the Massachusetts Society at the Separation" tabled by that gentleman, March 9, pending the acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the matter was recommitted to the committee on Library.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle it was voted to take from the table H. P. 1092, an act relating to the mill tax highway fund, tabled by that gentleman, March 9, pending reference to a committee; and on

further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state at this time that the two new members will be assigned the same committees that their predecessors had, the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Staples, being assigned to the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, Library and Bills in the Third Reading; and the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Stone, the committees on County Estimates and Pensions.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest that it would be glad to entertain a motion as to the hour of adjournment to tomorrow, whether we shall convene at nine or ten o'clock. Nine o'clock seems to be convenient to a number of the members. It is immaterial to the Chair.

Mr. ELLIS of Fairfield: Mr. Speaker, I move that when we adjourn it be until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: Before putting the motion the Clerk will read the notices.

(Notices read).

A viva voce vote being taken,

The House adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.