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HOUSE

Monday, March 28, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Folsom of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 512, S. D. 278: Resolve to reimburse the committee on State Sanatoriums for expenses.

S. P. 274, S. D. 264: Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the town of Orland for support of George Savoy.

S. P. 531, S. D. 277: Resolve in favor of Mary Louise Wilcox of Caribou, Maine, compensating her for personal injuries.

S. P. 529, S. D. 275: An act relating to closed time on greater and lesser Yellowlegs.

S. P. 457, S. D. 274: Resolve to appropriate money for the purpose of operating Fish Hatcheries and Feeding Stations for Fish, and for the protection of fish, game and birds and for printing the report of commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, and for maintenance of the Maine State Museum and for other expenses incident to the administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate Somerset Woods Trust, S. P. 354, reporting same in a new draft S. P. 530, S. D. 273, under the title of Somerset Woods Trustees, and that it ought to pass.

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 the bill had its two readings.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, tabled pending assignment for third reading.

Senate bills in first reading continued

S. P. 355, S. D. 271: An act to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of constables in cities.

S. P. 520, S. D. 265: An act to renew the charter of the R. and T. Cement Railroad.

S. P. 521, S. D. 266: An act to establish Board of Police of the city of Waterville.

S. P. 437, S. D. 198: An act to repeal acts incorporating Rangeley Village Corporation.

S. P. 399, S. D. 179: An act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Secretary of State.

S. P. 252, S. D. 94: An act to extend the charter of the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railway Company.

S. P. 481, S. D. 225: An act relating to the State Department of Health.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Temperance on bill an act to regulate the sale of cider, S. P. 186, S. D. 80, reporting same in a new draft, S. P. 525, S. D. 267 under same title and that it ought to pass.

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 Hammond of Van Buren, tabled pending first reading.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Judiciary reporting ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the county of Washington to issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding \$475,000 for the purpose of refunding its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year 1928, S. P. 137, S. D. 60.

Comes from the Senate report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Pike of Lubec the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill given its first two readings.

(Senate Amendment A read by the Clerk).

On motion by Mr. Pike of Lubec Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence: and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

From the Senate Bill An act relating to equal school privileges for all pupils, H. P. 262, H. D. 394, which in

the House was indefinitely postponed, March 17th.

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

In the House:

Mr. MARDEN of Waldo: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House adhere.

Mr. HOLMAN of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter lie on the table.

(At the request of Mr. Holman of Bangor Senate Amendment A read by the Clerk).

The SPEAKER: As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Holman, to table will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division was had

Fourteen voting in the affirmative and 66 in the negative, the motion to table failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Waldo, Mr. Marden—

Mr. CROCKETT of Hollis: Mr. Speaker, if in order I move that the House insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is in order. As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Hollis, Mr. Crockett, to insist and ask for a committee of conference will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Forty-six voting in the affirmative and 49 in the negative, the motion to insist and ask for a committee of conference was lost.

On motion by Mr. Marden of Waldo, a viva voce vote being taken, the House voted to adhere.

From the Senate: Bill an act to obtain the benefit of credit allowed under Federal Estate Tax, H. P. 239, H. D. 58, which in the House was passed to be enacted, March 2,

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair awaits a motion.

Mr. HAMMOND of Van Buren: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if the amendment has been printed?

The SPEAKER: The amendment has not been printed. Would the gentleman like to have the amendment read?

Mr. HAMMOND: Yes, if you please, Mr. Speaker.

(Senate Amendment A read by the Clerk)

On motion by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren, tabled pending reconsideration and Senate Amendment A ordered printed.

From the Senate: Concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to abolish the Federal Estate (Inheritance) Tax, H. D. 11, which was adopted in the House, February 24,

Comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. HOLMAN of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I move that we insist and that a committee of conference be appointed.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce the conferees later in the session.

From the Senate: Bill an act in favor of Hancock in the county of Hancock, S. P. 324, S. D. 101, which was recalled to the Senate by Joint Order from the committee on Towns,

Comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Flint of Monson, it was voted to concur with the Senate.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings allot to the committee appointed to investigate the Highway Department the room known as Hearing Room at the Highway Commission office for their use during the investigation.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was

Ordered, that the Governor be requested to return to the House resolve in favor of Wallace W. Yates of Grand Lake Stream, Washington County, which was finally passed in the House, March 23rd.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act authorizing

national banks to act as executors and trustees (H. P. 1009) (H. D. 322) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to make certain the legal boundaries of the town of Old Orchard and set off the town of Old Orchard from the city of Saco any right, title or interest which the city of Saco may have within said boundaries (H. P. 873) (H. D. 230) reported that same be referred to the next Legislature.

(Tabled by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk pending acceptance).

Mr. Sargent from the same Committee on Memorial of the City Council of the city of Brewer praying for the passage of an Act relating to pensioning members of the Police Department of the city of Brewer (H. P. 375) (S. D. 58) reported that same be placed on file, as the matter to which it refers has been previous reported.

Mr. Piper from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act relating to the taxation of forest property in organized towns and plantations" (H. P. 147) (H. D. 44).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. King from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve to reimburse the city of Old Town for support of George Loring and family, Indians (H. P. 699.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to reimburse the town of Vanceboro for support of Otis L. Crocker, a State pauper (H. P. 580.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to reimburse Reed Plantation for support of a State pauper (H. P. 454.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman for support of Thomas Robichaud, a State pauper (H. P. 576.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve reimbursing town of Machiasport for medical expenses of Indians. (H. P. 824.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to reimburse the town of Richmond for support of Arthur H. Weeks and family, State paupers. (H. P. 814.)

Same gentleman from same Com-

mittee reported same on Resolve to reimburse the town of Lebanon for support of Mary Mawson and child, State paupers. (H. P. 825.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve to reimburse the city of Old Town for support of Joseph Pelkey, a State pauper. (H. P. 698.)

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill an act to incorporate the city of Belfast School District. (H. P. 602.)

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

Mr. King from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of Lloyd F. Sewall of Bangor (H. P. 815) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1225) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Mrs. Blanche M. Banks of Auburn for money due her under Chapter 276 Public Laws of 1917, as the wife of John William Banks, a sailor in the late war, (H. P. 510) (H. D. 132.)

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill an act relating to acknowledgments of bank officials by Justices of the Peace. (H. P. 972) (H. D. 307.)

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act relating to increase or decrease of capital stock, or stock, bond or script dividend. (H. P. 670) (H. D. 176.)

Mr. Littlefield from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to capital stock. (H. P. 672) (H. D. 178.)

Mr. Goodwin from same Committee reported same on bill an act making the father and mother joint natural guardians of their minor children, with equal powers and rights. (H. P. 530) (H. D. 139)

Mr. Blaisdell from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the increase of the capital stock of certain corporations charged with the performance of a public duty, and to duties payable to the State for such increase. (H. P. 671) (H. D. 177.)

Mr. Bishop from the Committee on

Salaries and Fees reported same on bill an act relating to salaries of Registers of Probate. (H. P. 112) (H. D. 39.)

Mr. Brackett from the Committee on Towns reported same on bill an act to set off a part of the town of Sebec and annex the same to the town of Bowerbank. (H. P. 399) (H. D. 106.)

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

Report "A" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on bill an act to regulate ice fishing in the Belgrade Chain of Lakes, so-called, in the counties of Kennebec and Somerset. (H. P. 850) and petitions H. P. 1018 to 1025 inclusive.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CRAFTS of Piscataquis
LORD of York
—of the Senate
FLINT of Monson
WOOD of Patten
MACKINNON of Mexico

—of the House
Report "B" of the same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same bill and petitions.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DRAKE of Sagadahoc
—of the Senate
KINSMAN of Augusta
STORM of Westmanland Pl.
STONE of Bridgton
BUKER of Bath

—of the House

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor, both reports tabled pending acceptance of either, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will announce at this time the conferees on H. D. 11, concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to abolish the Federal Estate (Inheritance) Tax, and they are Messrs. Holman of Bangor, Hale of Portland and Chase of Cape Elizabeth.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 81) (H. D. 479) An act rela-

tive to catching smelts in Salt Pond in the town of Blue Hill.

(H. P. 87) (H. D. 480) An act to regulate the taking of pickerel in Union River in the county of Hancock.

(H. P. 715) (H. D. 483) An act to regulate fishing in certain brooks in the town of Durham, in the county of Androscoggin, and the towns of Freeport and Pownal, in the county of Cumberland.

(H. P. 716) (H. D. 484) An act relating to ice fishing in Cochnewagon Pond, in Kennebec County.

(On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson recommitted to the Committee of Inland Fisheries and Game.)

(H. P. 889) (H. D. 490) An act relative to the salary of the Mayor of the city of Augusta.

(H. P. 942) (H. D. 491) An act relating to the use of seines, weirs, nets and artificial flies.

(H. P. 963) (H. D. 492) An act to repeal Special Law of 1917, Chapter 181, establishing a close time on lobsters.

(H. P. 1138) (H. D. 493) An act relating to the Military Law.

(H. P. 1171) (H. D. 494) An act to name the State Park at Kittery, in the county of York.

(H. P. 1221) (H. D. 495) An act relating to the taking of beaver and muskrat.

(H. P. 1222) (H. D. 496) An act relating to the salary of the Clerk of Courts in Lincoln County.

(H. P. 1223) (H. D. 497) An act relative to salary and expenses of the County Commissioners of Lincoln County.

(H. P. 1224) (H. D. 498) An act relating to the Recorder of the Lincoln Municipal Court.

(H. P. 1184) (H. D. 499) An act to provide for compensation of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

(H. P. 1196) (H. D. 500) An act to incorporate the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company and to authorize certain towns to grant assistance thereto.

Mr. Eustis of Strong offered House Amendment A and moved its adoption, as follows:

House Amendment to bill an act to incorporate the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company and to authorize certain towns to grant assistance thereto, being H. P. 1196,

Amend said bill by striking out

all after the word "Company" in the title thereof, so that said title shall read as follows: "An act to incorporate the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company."

The amendment was adopted and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

(H. P. 61) (H. D. 252) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of County Attorney in Penobscot county.

(H. P. 708) (H. D. 459) An act relating to conveyance of pupils of high school grade.

(H. P. 743) (H. D. 460) An act relating to Winterport Ferry Company.

(H. P. 751) (H. D. 461) An act relating to requiring children between certain ages to attend school unless excused or excluded by the committee.

(H. P. 853) (H. D. 464) An act relating to the taking of white perch in certain waters in Washington and Kennebec Counties.

(H. P. 888) (H. D. 465) An act relative to the fees of sheriffs and their deputies.

(H. P. 960) (H. D. 466) An act relating to fees of deputy sheriffs in attendance upon the courts.

(Tabled by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk pending assignment for third reading.)

(H. P. 1211) (H. D. 469) An act to amend an act to abolish the Board of Public Works of the city of Lewiston and to provide a Highway Commissioner.

(Tabled by Mr. Hamel of Lewiston pending second reading.)

(H. P. 1212) (H. D. 470) An act to change the salary of the Superintendent of the State School for Boys.

(H. P. 1213) (H. D. 471) An act relating to school supervisory unions.

(H. P. 1214) (H. D. 472) An act to repeal a law to establish a Board of Road Commissioners for the town of Mount Desert, in the county of Hancock.

(H. P. 1216) (H. D. 473) An act relating to diplomas to be issued by State Normal Schools.

(H. P. 1217) (H. D. 474) An act relating to appeal in non-support cases.

(H. P. 1218) (H. D. 475) An act to incorporate the Casco Title Guaranty Company.

(H. P. 1219) (H. D. 476) An act relating to the tenure of office of the Chief Engineer and members of the

Fire Department in the city of Biddeford.

(H. P. 1142) (H. D. 478) An act relating to the officers of the Senate and House.

(H. P. 473) (H. D. 481) Resolve in favor of the Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic.

(H. P. 694) (H. D. 482) Resolve to reimburse the city of Bangor for support and burial expenses of Maud Ward, a State pauper.

(H. P. 811) (H. D. 485) Resolve to reimburse the city of Bangor for support of Richard Googins, a State pauper.

(H. P. 813) (H. D. 486) Resolve to reimburse the town of Danforth for support of Isaac Paul and family, Indians.

(H. P. 817) (H. D. 487) Resolve in favor of W. S. Poland of Belfast, for reimbursement for amount paid the State for dog tax, for which no refund was made.

(H. P. 820) (H. D. 488) Resolve in favor of town of Island Falls.

(H. P. 826) (H. D. 489) Resolve to reimburse the city of Bangor for support of Thomas Burns, a State pauper.

(H. P. 39) (H. D. 451) Resolve in favor of William H. Hall of Augusta, Maine.

(H. P. 451) (H. D. 453) Resolve to reimburse the town of Milo for support of a State pauper.

(H. P. 475) (H. D. 454) Resolve to reimburse the town of Unity for support of a State pauper.

(H. P. 511) (H. D. 455) Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support of a State pauper.

(H. P. 514) (H. D. 456) Resolve to reimburse the town of Prentiss for poultry killed by dogs and wild animals in the years 1917 and 1918.

(H. P. 515) (H. D. 457) Resolve in favor of the town of Whitefield, for reimbursement for sheep killed by dogs.

(H. P. 695) (H. D. 458) Resolve to reimburse the city of Bangor for support of Oscar L. Merrill, a State pauper.

(H. P. 821) (H. D. 462) Resolve to reimburse the town of Lee for support of Oliver T. Lyons, a State pauper.

(H. P. 843) (H. D. 463) Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of In-

dians for the general care, maintenance, and education thereof.

(H. P. 1209) (H. D. 467) Resolve in favor of the Charles H. Cutter Coal Company of Boston, for loss incurred by said company in the sale and delivery of 4000 tons of bituminous coal to the Augusta State Hospital during the strike in the year 1922, which was settled by Government regulation and interference.

(H. P. 1210) (H. D. 468) Resolve to compensate Mary A. Stevens for personal injuries due to defect in a building of the property of the State of Maine.

(H. P. 1112) (H. D. 477) Resolve to designate the State bird.

Passed to be Engrossed

(H. P. 726) (H. D. 198) An act relating to application for license to build or extend wharves and fish weirs.

(H. P. 974) (H. D. 310) An act to accept the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States, approved Nov. 23, 1921 as amended and approved Jan. 2, 1927, entitled "An Act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy and for other purposes."

(H. P. 1013) (H. D. 320) An act relating to the Oxford County Agricultural Society.

(H. P. 1012) (H. D. 321) An act to amend the act providing for State and County aid in the construction of highway bridges.

(H. P. 1197) (H. D. 439) An act relating to bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs.

(H. P. 240) (H. D. 450) An act relating to compensation of members of the Legislature.

S. P. 387, S. D. 164: An act relating to the approval of stocks, bonds and notes.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House under "tabled and today assigned" House report ought to pass in a new draft—committee on Legal Affairs—on an act relating to the Kennebec Agricultural Society of Readfield, tabled March 25 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds pending acceptance of the report, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

On motion by Mr. Rounds the report was accepted, and the new draft ordered printed under the joint rules.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under orders of the day.

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to introduce certain joint resolutions and move their passage.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale, asks leave to introduce certain joint resolutions and moves their passage.

Consent of the House being given, the resolutions were read by the Clerk as follows:

State of Maine,

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

Joint Resolutions in relation to the gift of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

Whereas, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid of New York, has presented to the State of Maine a marble bust of its distinguished citizen, James G. Blaine, to be kept perpetually in the Blaine Mansion, and

Whereas, the Legislature of this State desires to signify to Mrs. Reid its appreciation of this gift:

Be it resolved that the Legislature extend to Mrs. Whitelaw Reid its grateful acknowledgment of her generosity.

And be it further resolved that the Secretary of State be instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Reid.

Thereupon the resolutions received passage and were sent up for concurrence.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table majority report committee on Judiciary ought not to pass on bill an act conferring jurisdiction in matters of divorce, annulment of marriage, care and custody of children and support of children and wives on the Probate Court, S. P. 89, S. D. 31, and minority report same committee on same bill in a new draft, S. P. 519, S. D. 260, under title of an act conferring concurrent jurisdiction in matters of divorce, annulment of marriage, care and custody of children and support of children and wives on the Probate court, tabled March 25 pending the motion of Mr. Patterson of Castine to accept the minority report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair sees that the gentleman from Castine, Mr. Patterson, is not in his seat.

Mr. ROUNDS: Then I will withdraw my motion.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle it was voted to take from the table House Amendment A to 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 that gentleman, March 25, pending adoption of the amendment.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we passed Amendment A.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the records show that the amendment has not been adopted.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to get it back to the committee on Claims. That is what I am after.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, moves that this matter be recommitted to the committee on claims.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make some explanation. There is some misunderstanding about this bridge. We would like to have this matter go back to the committee on Claims, and I think it can be straightened out so that everybody will be satisfied.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Rounds it was voted to recommit the whole matter to the committee on Claims.

Mr. HAWKES of Standish: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table bill an act to create the office of deputy treasurer of Cumberland County, H. P. 457, H. D. 117, the same having been tabled by me March 27 pending third reading, and I wish to offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

House Amendment A to H. D. 117, H. P. 457, an act to create the office of Deputy Treasurer of Cumberland County.

Amend by striking out the words "fifteen hundred" in the first section thereof and insert in place thereof the words "ten hundred and forty."

On motion of Mr. Hale of Portland, the amendment was tabled, pending adoption.

On motion by Mr. Hathaway of

Milo, it was voted to take from the table an act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company, H. P. 787, H. D. 331, tabled by that gentleman March 23rd, pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman from Castine (Mr. Patterson) is now in his seat.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table majority report of the committee on Judiciary ought not to pass on bill an act conferring jurisdiction in matters of divorce, annulment of marriage, care and custody of children and support of children and wives on the probate courts, S. P. 89, S. D. 31, and minority report of same committee on same bill in a new draft, S. P. 519, S. D. 260, under title of an act conferring concurrent jurisdiction in matters of divorce, annulment of marriage, care and custody of children and support of children and wives on the probate courts, tabled by that gentleman on March 25, pending motion of Mr. Patterson of Castine to accept the minority report.

Mr. PATTERSON of Castine: Mr. Speaker, I spoke on this matter last Friday and I think there were more members of the House present then than there are now. My views remain the same today, I think, as they were on Friday. I do not know just what the proper motion on that is. The motion before the House is to accept the minority report; and I presume a vote is in order at this time.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Castine, Mr. Patterson, to accept the minority report of the committee on Judiciary on a bill conferring certain jurisdiction on the probate court.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: This is a matter of considerable importance, affecting the jurisdiction of our courts, and so I will ask that this be retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to retable prevailed and the bill was especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Crawford of Houlton, it was voted to take from the table an act relating to active

retired Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, H. P. 526, H. D. 135, tabled by that gentleman March 23rd pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill be passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Port-

land the bill was retabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30th.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland,
Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.