

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Legislative Record

OF THE

Eighty-Third Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1927

KENNEBEC JOURNAL COMPANY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Friday, April 8, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence

From the Senate: Final reports of the committees on Federal Relations, Taxation and Public Utilities.

Come from the Senate reports read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to pensions for the blind, H. P. 1226, H. D. 518, on which the House insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed and asked for a committee of conference.

Come from the Senate that body voting to adhere to its former action whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. BISSETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of inquiry as to what can be done.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the House can adhere which will end the bill, or the House can insist and again ask for a committee of conference.

Mr. BISSETT: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have the House insist and ask for another committee of conference. This was put in at the request of Mr. Leadbetter who has to do with the pension committee and of course this would be a great thing for those who do not have enough to get along with. I move you, Mr. Speaker, that we insist on our former action, and that a committee of conference be appointed.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed as conferees on the part of the House Messrs. Bissett of Portland, Brown of Bethel and Bailey of Harmony.

On motion by Mr. Comins of Ed-

dington the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it voted to accept the final report of the committee on Public Utilities; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was tabled.

From the Senate: 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, H. D. 216, on which the House insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and asked for a committee of conference.

Comes from the Senate that body voting to adhere to its former action whereby report "A" of the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting ought not to pass was accepted.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Wyman of Sidney, that body voted to adhere.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Legal Affairs reporting ought not to pass on bill an act defining various words used in Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons, S. P. 379, S. D. 155.

Comes from the Senate the report read and accepted.

In the House, report read and accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta, that body voted to reconsider its action whereby it just accepted the report ought not to pass; and on further motion by the same gentleman, a viva voce vote being taken, the report was tabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Patterson of Castine, it was

Ordered, that all bills incurred by the House, or its members in connection with the funeral services of members of the House who have died during the present session be paid upon the written approval of the Clerk of the House and charged to contingent expenses of committees.

On motion by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta, it was

Ordered, that House Paper 883, a resolve in favor of the State Park Commission, be recalled to the House.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Sturgis from the Committee on Agriculture on petitions relating to a bounty on bears (H. P. Nos. 572, 689 and 690) reported that same be placed on file as the subject matter has been previously reported.

Mr. Dudley from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on bill 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 vehicle provisions of law under his jurisdiction and administration. (H. P. No. 1118) (H. D. No. 374)

Mr. Hale from same Committee on Remonstrance of Portland Bankers' Revolver Club against the passage of House Doc. No. 273, H. P. No. 1204, reported that same should be placed on file.

Mr. Kitchen from the Committee on Ways and Bridges and Taxation jointly reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act relating to a Tax upon Gasoline (H. P. No. 981) (H. D. No. 313) as the subject matter is covered in another bill.

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. HOLMAN from the Committee on Education Resolve in favor of the University of Maine for maintenance (H. P. No. 461) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1302) under title of "Resolve in favor of the University of Maine" and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. BUKER from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill an act relating to regulating hunting wild birds in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay (H. P. No. 616) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1215) under title of an act to regulate the hunting of wild birds in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Majority report of the Committees on Ways and Bridges and Taxation on bill an act relating to a Mill Tax (H. P. No. 748) (H. D. No. 206) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1303) under title of an act

relating to a Mill Tax State Highway Fund and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. SMITH of Somerset
CASE of Washington
BOND of Lincoln
DOUGLAS of Hancock
NICKERSON of Waldo
—of the Senate
PIPER of Jackman
CARLETON of Portland
GOODWIN of Lebanon
HOLBROOK of Vanceboro
GRAM of Mount Vernon
HATHAWAY of Milo
MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft
KITCHEN of Presque Isle
MARDEN of Waldo
AYER of Cornish
LOWELL of Lincoln
METCALF of Farmington
PIKE of Lubec

—of the House

Minority report of same committees reporting ought not to pass in same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ROBERTS of York
—of the Senate
HAMMOND of Van Buren
—of the House

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the majority report. In that connection I will simply make a brief statement that this is the proposed mill tax for highways to go along will the pay-as-you-go program. You will notice on your desks this morning a sheet showing the proposed program as outlined by the Ways and Bridges committee. You will also notice that this bill is reported in new draft. The original bill provided for one mill and it has been decided to reduce that to one-half mill. This is simply a matter for the Legislature to decide as to whether they will vote for a program on a pay-as-you-go basis or whether they wish to make some other arrangement.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: Mr. Speaker, I ask that this matter lie on the table until we can have an opportunity to study the figures.

Mr. HAMMOND of Van Buren: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if the new draft has been printed?

The SPEAKER: The new draft has not been printed.

On motion by Mr. Aldrich these reports were tabled, pending acceptance of either, and the new draft was ordered printed.

Mr. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the gentleman (Mr. Aldrich) would be willing to name a day certain when this matter can be taken from the table? It is getting late now and it will interfere with our work if it goes over into next week very far.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I suppose Tuesday is the first day for which is could be assigned, is it not?

The SPEAKER: The House will later today decide whether there will be any session tomorrow. The Chair is advised that the Senate will not have any session tomorrow and possibly the House will follow suit. On Monday it will be a question of what time to convene. The Chair will also state that the water power bills will be in Monday so that Tuesday will probably be as early as practicable to assign this matter.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I have no desire to try to hold this matter up, but I would like to investigate the figures somewhat myself.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it will come off automatically on Tuesday.

Majority report of the Committee on Taxation on bill an act to provide equitable and uniform taxation for motor vehicles (H. P. No. 1089) (H. D. No. 357) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1331) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DOUGLAS of Hancock
—of the Senate
PIPER of Jackman
CARLETON of Portland
CRAM of Mount Vernon
HOLBROOK of Vanceboro
GOODWIN of Lebanon
HATHAWAY of Milo

—of the House
Minority report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ROBERTS of York
NICKERSON of Waldo
—of the Senate
HAMMOND of Van Buren
—of the House

The SPEAKER: The Chair awaits a motion.

Mr. HAMMOND of Van Buren: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the minority report.

Mr. VARNUM of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, this bill is a matter that has been under consideration by the State Association of Assessors. It is a matter of very great importance to many assessors and is a matter of very great importance to the state. An assessor knows that there are many cars that under the law as it is at present get by without paying any tax in the year in which purchased. In the city of Portland alone this amounted to a million and a half dollars taxable valuation last year. What will it amount to all over the state? In my city alone I know of one hundred and fifty cars that got by. It is not the man who cannot afford to pay the tax who is doing this but it is the man who trades in his car every year. While you might think at first blush that this was a wrong thing, as an actual thing it will not increase your tax but will decrease it; but by getting the other car it will increase that fund. Not only that, but the car of a bootlegger is a car that you cannot get hold of. He will give an address when he registers his car that will be some vacant lot, or some blind alley, and when the assessors go to hunt it up they cannot find it. Those cars are very expensive cars, the most of them. For this reason, and members of the House, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Van Buren (Mr. Hammond) will not prevail.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, a viva voce vote being taken, both reports were tabled pending acceptance of either, and the new draft was ordered printed.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. No. 1108) (H. D. No. 411)
An act relative to the War Bond Sinking fund.

(H. P. No. 1107) (H. D. No. 612) An act relating to compensation for injuries received by state employees.

(H. P. No. 1286) (H. D. No. 613) An act for the protection of black bass in the inland waters of the state.

(H. P. No. 1287) (H. D. No. 614) An act granting the right of eminent domain to electric power companies doing a public utility business.

(H. P. No. 1296) (H. D. No. 618) An act relating to the grading of apples.

(H. P. No. 1298) (H. D. No. 620) An

act to amend Section 28 of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes relating to the support of insane patients.

(H. P. No. 1299) (H. D. No. 621) An act relating to front lights on motor vehicles and tractors.

(H. P. No. 1290) (H. D. No. 610) Resolve to provide for the payment of interest on Kennebec Bridge bonds during the period of construction of said bridge and until tolls and rentals of said bridge shall become available therefor.

(H. P. No. 1297) (H. D. No. 619) Resolve in favor of a fish screen at the outlet of Messalonskee Lake, in the town of Oakland, county of Kennebec.

(H. P. No. 1300) (H. D. No. 622) Resolve to provide for the revision of the Statutes.

Passed to Be Engrossed

S. P. 396, S. D. 180: An act relating to the employment of guides by non-residents.

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to offer and I move its passage. I will say, Mr. Speaker, that this amendment came to me from the committee on bills in the third reading, and is, as I understand it, a technical matter.

House Amendment "A" to Senate Paper 396, "An Act Relating to the Employment of Guides by Non-residents."

Amend by adding after the word "sites" in the last line thereof, the following, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 63. Non-residents of the state shall not enter upon any unorganized or unincorporated township of the state and camp or kindle fires thereon while engaged in hunting or fishing without being in charge of a registered guide, during the months of May, June, July, August, September, October and November, or engage in hunting in such unorganized territory during said months without being in charge of a registered guide, and no registered guide shall, at the same time, guide or be employed by more than five non-residents in hunting. And such non-resident, who enters upon any unorganized or unincorporated township of the state and camps or kindles fires thereon, while engaged in hunting or fishing, without being in charge of a registered guide, during the months of May, June, July, August, September, October and November, or hunts in any unorganized territory in the

state during the months above named without being in charge of a registered guide, in violation of any provision herein contained, or any guide who shall guide at the same time, or be employed by at the same time, more than five non-residents in hunting, shall pay a fine of forty dollars and costs for each offense. The provisions of this section shall not apply to non-resident fishermen who camp within the limits of public camp sites maintained by the Maine forest service, or who build camp fires in the fireplaces provided by the Maine forest service on such camp sites.'

Thereupon House Amendment A was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

(S. P. No. 556) (S. D. No. 318) An act to amend the Revised Statutes, relating to the employment of children.

(S. P. No. 562) (S. D. No. 322) An act to amend Chapter 209 of the Public Laws of 1925 relative to zoning ordinances.

(S. P. No. 469) (S. D. No. 324) An act relating to qualification and licensing of agents of insurance companies.

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

(S. P. No. 502) (S. D. No. 325) An act relating to transfer from one sub-division of a department appropriation to another.

(S. P. No. 572) (S. D. No. 327) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of the Register of Probate of Aroostook County.

(S. P. No. 580) (S. D. No. 334) An act relative to the abolishment of grade crossings.

(H. P. No. 533) (H. D. No. 141) An act creating a City Planning Board for the City of Rockland.

(H. P. No. 956) (H. D. No. 293) An act relating to licensing operators of motor vehicles, tractors or trailers.

(S. P. No. 564) (H. D. No. 579) An act to amend the charter of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company.

(H. P. No. 612) (H. D. No. 581) An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for Oxford County.

(H. P. No. 892) (H. D. No. 582) An act relating to the compensation of Judge of Probate in York County.

(H. P. No. 1257) (H. D. No. 583) An act to amend the charter of the Ban-

gor Gas Light Company by an increase in its capital stock.

(H. P. No. 1258) (H. D. No. 584) An act to amend an act to incorporate the Stockton Springs Water Company.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment A, to correct an error in the new draft of the bill and move its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to House Paper 1258, "An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Stockton Springs Water company."

Amend by striking out in the first paragraph the words "and may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any land or real estate necessary for preserving the purity of the water and water sheds" and inserting in place thereof the words "and may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any land or real estate necessary for preserving the purity of the water in and the water shed tributary to Boyd Pond, or Half Moon Pond, in the towns of Searsport and Prospect."

Thereupon House Amendment A was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Carleton of Winterport, the bill and amendment were tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

(H. P. No. 1259) (H. D. No. 585) An act relative to the County Commissioners of Cumberland County.

(H. P. No. 1261) (H. D. No. 586) An act relating to the increase in the salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney for Cumberland County.

(H. P. No. 1262) (H. D. No. 587) An act relating to the salaries of the County Commissioners of Franklin County.

(H. P. No. 1263) (H. D. No. 588) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of Register of Probate in Waldo County.

(H. P. No. 1264) (H. D. No. 589) An act relating to the increase of the salary of the County Attorney for York County.

(H. P. No. 1266) (H. D. No. 591) An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate of Hancock County.

H. P. No. 1260) (H. D. No. 593) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of the County Treasurer of Kennebec County.

(H. P. No. 351) (H. D. No. 597) An act relating to fishing in the tribu-

taries to Upper Shin Pond and in the tributaries to Sebobeis River, in the county of Penobscot.

(H. P. No. 464) (H. D. No. 598) An act relating to fly fishing in the tributaries to the South Branch and West Branch of the Penobscot River; in the tributaries to the East Branch of the Penobscot River; and in the tributaries to the Allagash and St. John Rivers.

(H. P. No. 1274) (H. D. No. 599) An act to establish the legal length limit of square-tailed trout and landlocked salmon in Cumberland County.

(H. P. No. 1275) (H. D. No. 600) An act to prohibit hunting with dogs in the town of Verona, in the county of Hancock.

(H. P. No. 1277) (H. D. No. 602) An act relating to ice fishing by non-resident fishermen. Title changed to An act reducing the fishing license fee for non-residents and relating to ice-fishing by non-residents.

H. P. No. 1279) (H. D. No. 604) An act relating to ice fishing in Cochnewagon Pond, in Kennebec County.

H. P. 1283, H. D. 607: An Act to regulate the trapping of fur bearing animals.

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I offer House Amendment A, and move its passage. This I also understand is to correct errors in the draft.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the amendment.

Mr. KINSMAN of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Hale) states that it is to correct a clerical error I move that the amendment be not read in order to save time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Kinsman, moves that House Amendment A to a bill from the committee of which he is House Chairman be not read.

The motion prevailed, and the bill having had its three several readings, was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

(H. P. No. 1281) (H. D. No. 609) An act relating to protection of fur-bearing animals.

(S. P. No. 571) (S. D. No. 326) An act relating to state school fund and especially relating to high school tuition by non-resident students.

(S. P. No. 560) (S. D. No. 320) Resolve in favor of Mrs. Katie Jesseman of Monroe for damages.

(S. P. No. 561) (S. D. No. 321) Resolve in favor of St. Louis Home for Boys, at West Scarborough.

S. P. 559, S. D. 323: Resolve in favor of Henry A. Day, of Bangor, county of Penobscot and State of Maine, compensating him for loss sustained in road construction upon state highway.

Mr. PAGE of Skowhegan: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know something about that for my own information. I notice that the document calls for a \$7,500 payment. That looks pretty large and I would like to know what it is for if somebody will answer the question.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, answering the question of the gentleman from Skowhegan (Mr. Page) I will say that the Bangor Water Works or the Bangor Water District or the Penobscot Water District, I cannot say which put some patent joints in the water works which leaked and tore out a lot of his road. He had to take this up again and make it over and he did it. Therefore we wish to reimburse him for that part of what he did, leaving the other part—the original contract was about \$14,000, I think, and we gave him \$7,500; if that explains to the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Page.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: Mr. Speaker, may I make an inquiry as to whether anybody is compensating the state for damage that was done to that road?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland may answer if he wishes.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, it is up to the state to look after its interests. The state has an Attorney-General and all the paraphernalia, but the other man has no right to sue the state unless it is granted him by this Legislature.

Mr. INGRAHAM of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who had a contract to build this road was greatly hampered by leakage through the construction of the Bangor and Old Town Water District there, and he was damaged far in excess of the amount allowed. Finally they compromised and allowed him what it cost him to tear up this construction. It would be matter for the state to decide as to collecting from the Bangor Water District.

This fellow is a small contractor and was badly hurt by this piece of

work, and it might be well perhaps to try and recover from the Bangor Water District.

Mr. CARLETON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, somebody has been a long time bringing this matter up ten years back. Why hasn't it been looked after before this time? Has it ever been brought before the Legislature? It seems to me it should have been fixed up long before this time.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I can answer the gentleman. It has been brought up before; it was brought up two years ago.

Mr. CARLETON: Mr. Speaker, may I ask what was done with it at that time?

Mr. INGRAHAM: It was turned down as I recall.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, the committee on claims heard the resolve and they believed that there was merit in it. On one side was the electric railroad and on the other the water district digging up at the same time. He had gone along with his road and had very nearly finished when this patent joint burst out for almost half a mile. It threw out his work so that he had to go all over it again and he made a good job of it. He is still doing work for the Highway Commission because he does his work well. The committee was unanimous in thinking that he should have pay for what damage was done by the water company and what he had to pay to get over the track of the Bangor Electric Railroad. We did not give him one cent for what he might lose on the job, but we did give him what we thought was fair for what he was damaged by the different things he had to do. He had done the work once and he had to do it all over again and he did a good job, as I understand it. If I am in error, I would like the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Ingraham) or someone else to correct me. I think it is time when a man does work and does it well and some corporation comes along and makes him do it all over again because it has not been accepted, that the State should pay for it and then take it up with whoever it may be and they can get their pay. We have a competent attorney general and we have all the power in the world, but that man has no power unless we give him the right through the State.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, may I ask one other question in connection with this matter of the gentleman on

the Claim's committee? Has this man ever attempted to collect any money from the Water District, or can he under the law?

Mr. ROUNDS: I could not say.

Mr. HOLMAN of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I have been over this matter very carefully with Mr. Day, and there is no question in my mind but what he is entitled to the full amount which he asked for in the resolve which was \$15,000. The State has received the benefit of his labor and the money he expended and it seems to me that it is a matter of justice and fair play and no more than right that we should reimburse him for this loss. The committee has seen fit to reduce the amount of that resolve to \$7,500, and I sincerely hope that the House will not question the matter.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is, this resolve having had its two several readings, whether it shall be passed to be engrossed. As many as are in favor of its passage to be engrossed will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Forty-two voting in the affirmative and 28 in the negative the motion prevailed and the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

H. P. 189, H. D. 580: Resolve in favor of Forest City International Bridge over St. Croix river between the township of Forest City, Washington county, Maine and the Parish of North Lake, York county, New Brunswick.

H. P. 1270, H. D. 595: Resolve in favor of H. H. Havey and Bradbury Smith to reimburse them for loss under highway construction contract.

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland pending passage to be engrossed.)

H. P. 1269, H. D. 594: Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison for maintenance and current expenses.

H. P. 1271, H. D. 596: Resolve in favor of a road leading from Long Pond to Rockwood and from Tarratine to Greenville.

H. P. 1276, H. D. 601: Resolve to compensate Augustus A. Gilbert, a farmer of Brewer, for a cow shot by a hunter.

(Tabled by Mr. Flint of Monson pending passage to be engrossed.)

H. P. 1278, H. D. 603: Resolve in favor of establishing a feeding or rearing station for fish at, or near, Jackman, in the county of Somerset.

H. P. 1280, H. D. 605: Resolve for

the propagation and distribution of pheasants.

H. P. 1284, H. D. 608: Resolve in favor of the construction of a fishway at Aroostook Falls on the Aroostook river in the Province of New Brunswick.

H. P. 1282, H. D. 606: An act relating to the sale and possession of flash lights and lights fitted for use in the hunting of game in the night time.

(Tabled by Mr. Page of Skowhegan, pending passage to be engrossed)

(H. P. No. 233) (S. D. No. 39) An act to change the closed time on deer in Hancock and Washington Counties.

(S. P. No. 573) (S. D. No. 328) An act to increase the salary of the Clerk of Courts in Franklin County.

(S. P. No. 574) (S. D. No. 329) An Act relating to the salary of the Register of Probate of Franklin County.

(S. P. No. 575) (S. D. No. 330) An act relative to the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Knox County.

(S. P. No. 576) (S. D. No. 331) An act to increase the salary of the County Attorney for Sagadahoc County.

(S. P. No. 577) (S. D. No. 332) An act relating to the salary of the Treasurer of Knox County.

(S. P. No. 579) (S. D. No. 333) An act relating to the salary of the Register of Deeds for Sagadahoc County.

(H. P. No. 740) An act relating to the salary of the County Treasurer of Androscoggin County.

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland pending passage to be engrossed)

(S. P. No. 175) (S. D. No. 74) An act to establish small claims procedure.

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland pending third reading and Senate Amendment A ordered printed)

H. P. 885, H. D. 233: An act establishing fares on passenger boats plying between the westerly end of Peaks Island and the mainland in Portland.

(Tabled by Mr. Tucker of Sanford pending third reading)

H. P. 1144: An act to increase the salary of the Secretary of State.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Poland: Mr. Speaker, I move to table this bill.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Thirty-four voting in the affirmative and 42 in the negative, the motion to table failed of passage.

Thereupon the bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

S. P. 286, S. D. 300: An act to prohibit plug fishing for square-tailed trout and landlocked salmon in Great Pond, of the Belgrade Chain of Lakes, which pond is situated in the county of Kennebec.

Mr. CYR of Waterville: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: This bill as first presented was all right but amendment A from the Senate I believe is a joke. As we are not here to fool away our time, I move the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendment.

A viva voce vote being taken, the bill and amendment were indefinitely postponed.

Orders of the Day

Mr. PAGE of Skowhegan: Mr. Speaker, out of order, I would take from the table House Amendment to House Paper 1282 tabled by me a few moments ago and I would move that it pass to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Page, moves to take from the table House Document 609, an act relating to the possession of certain implements for hunting and fishing, tabled by that gentleman earlier today.

The motion prevailed and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill had its three several readings in the House and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor the House reconsidered its action whereby it passed to be engrossed Senate Paper 390, Senate Document 180, an act relating to the employment of guides by non-residents.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill lie on the table, and to save time perhaps it may be taken up later in the day and save printing. The amendment seems to be rather vicious and I would like time to look it over.

Thereupon, a viva voce vote being taken, the motion to table prevailed.

Senate Order, out of order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House ad-

journ, they adjourn to meet Monday, April 11, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Comes from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, as we are getting along toward the last of the session, and as of course the Governor has five days in which to veto these bills, if in order I would like to send all these claims and salary bills to the Senate immediately so that they may act on them today and we can clean our own House.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk advises the Chair that, with an afternoon session, he can prepare the record so that the Senate will have the papers this afternoon. Would that be satisfactory to the gentleman from Portland?

Mr. ROUNDS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. All I want is to clean house before we go home.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House under unfinished business majority report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance reporting ought not to pass on bill an act to amend Section eight of Chapter 53, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to reference of fire losses, and minority report of same committee reporting ought to pass, S. P. 450, S. D. 216, tabled by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor, April 4, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ingraham.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I think you will recall that I moved the acceptance of the majority report. I do not wish to take your time further as they had me trimmed good and proper on the start. That was my motion.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recalls that the gentleman from Bangor did make that motion, and the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Ingraham) repeats his motion that the majority report be accepted.

The motion prevailed, and the majority report ought not to pass was accepted.

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

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the first matter today assigned being final report of the committee on Interior Waters, which came from the Senate read and accepted, and in the House was tabled by Mr. Piper of Jackman, April 7, pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Jackman, Mr. Piper.

Mr. PIPER: Mr. Speaker, I move that this lie on the table. The Fish River bill has not been reported out of the committee and we cannot make a final report until that bill is reported out.

Thereupon a viva voce vote being taken the final report of the committee on Interior Waters was retabled.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the second matter today assigned being House report ought to pass in new draft of the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill an act concerning financial responsibility for damages caused by the operation of motor vehicles, H. P. 663, H. D. 171,—new draft, H. P. 1255, tabled by Mr. Aldrich of Topsham, April 7, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I am exactly in the same position in relation to this matter that I have been in for the last three or four days. I dislike to take it up in the absence of the gentleman whom I think introduced the bill, Mr. Crockett of Hollis. However, I have no desire to continue this thing along, and I will be very glad, if it seems proper for me to do so, to submit to the House just a few thoughts that have occurred to me in connection with this bill that make me think that possibly it may be an undesirable bill.

If you look at this draft you will notice it is a bill intended to require anyone who causes an injury to another that he shall give to the Secretary of State satisfactory evidence of his financial responsibility or that he shall file a bond. I would call your attention to the reading of the language of a part of this bill wherein I think it either does not state what it was intended to state, or, if it does, it is undesirable legislation. It provides: "The Secretary of State may require from any person who shall have been convicted of a violation" of the motor vehicle laws. Then it

goes on to say, "or any person who shall have caused the death of or injury to any person, or damage to property to the extent of at least one hundred dollars by reason of the operation of a motor vehicle, or from the person in whose name such vehicle is registered or from both, proof of financial responsibility."

Now that would work out as I see it in this way: If you were driving along on the highway in your automobile, and without any fault on your part whatsoever someone comes into collision with you—a man on the street may step backward and be struck by your car and injured—you being the cause of his injury may be required, and I think would be required under this Statute, to give evidence to the Secretary of State of your financial responsibility up to ten thousand dollars or else give a bond. Now I submit that if you and I are driving along carefully on the highway, and we are so unfortunate as to meet with an accident for which we are in no way responsible, I can see no reason why you or I should be required to file a bond with the Secretary of State or that we should be penalized as a result of our not filing a bond where we are a nowise at fault or having our license taken from us. I think that the bill in the form in which it is presented here, because of the possibilities which I have suggested to you, —I think if you were driving along on the highway and a man standing on the sidewalk should happen to back into the side of your car and be injured, you could be required to file the bond called for hereof. I submit to you that if this is intended to do what appears can be done, there is an attempt to put over in this bill compulsory liability insurance upon everybody. If that is what we are called upon to consider, I think it should be put up to us in different shape than it is here so that we can discuss that proposition on its merits; but it is my judgment as I read this bill that the result of it is that if, from whatever cause, you have an accident which involves injury to person or loss of property or damage to property up to one hundred dollars, you will be required, and every citizen of this State who places himself in that unfortunate position, may be required to file a bond, or to give satisfactory evidence of his financial responsibility. I feel that that bill in that respect is wrong and

for that reason should not receive our approval.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that the new draft in House Document H. D. 577. The Chair will also inquire if any member of the House has any knowledge with respect to the gentleman from Hollis, Mr. Crockett, as to when his return may be expected.

Mr. ALLEN of Yarmouth: Mr. Speaker, I was talking with his wife yesterday and he expects to be here Monday.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I wish it distinctly understood, as I have indicated all along here, that it is perfectly agreeable to me if it is to the House, that this matter be tabled until Monday. My only reason for taking it up this morning was that I feared the House might become tired of my continually tabling it.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Does the gentleman make the motion to retable?

Mr. ALDRICH: I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Topsham, (Mr. Aldrich) that this matter lie on the table.

A viva voce vote being taken, the matter was retabled.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the last matter on page fourteen, an act to amend chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes and to establish a new State Highway Commission, H. P. 1285.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: Mr. Speaker, in connection with this matter I should like to make a motion that the House reconsider its action whereby it voted reference of this bill to the Judiciary Committee. And I should like to say in this connection that my sole purpose for making this or any other motion which I may make this morning is, as heretofore intimated, that this House may be placed in the position in which it stood at the time when this bill was originally offered; and I wish it to be distinctly understood, in view of what has been said to me by the gentleman who introduced it, that there has been on my part no intention, and there is now no intention, to reflect upon the motives of the gentleman in introducing this bill.

So far as I can see, there has simply arisen a misunderstanding. The House, through a lack of under-

standing of the situation extended its generosity to the gentleman who introduced this bill, who I have no doubt in good faith introduced it, believing it was wise to do so. But under the circumstances, in view of the fact that such a misunderstanding has arisen, it seems to me eminently right and proper that we should be placed in the position in which we were at the time the bill was offered. And I would submit—I have given it considerable thought—that I can see no way in which that can be accomplished except by our reconsidering the action which we took the other day, which, if done, will place us in identically the position in which we were at the time that first suggestion was made as to offering this bill. So it is for that reason, Mr. Speaker, and for the purpose of accomplishing that very thing, that I make this motion that we reconsider our action in referring the matter to the Judiciary Committee.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Does the gentleman from Topsham (Mr. Aldrich) desire the matter of the bill to remain in the possession of the House without reference? The bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary and recalled to the House by an order introduced by the gentleman from Topsham, and is now in the possession of the House without reference. If that is the position in which the gentleman desires the bill to be, it is in that position already.

Mr. ALDRICH: Well, Mr. Speaker, that is the position of the bill. Now I desire that this House be placed in the position in which it was at the time this bill was first offered.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman may, if he desires, move to reconsider the vote whereby the House voted to receive the bill under suspension of the rules. Does the gentleman desire to do so?

Mr. ALDRICH: That was what I was going to do subsequent to this motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: I think that the motion which the gentleman first made is unnecessary if he wishes it as a preliminary to the second motion.

Mr. ALDRICH: Very well, Sir, then I will defer to the judgment of the Speaker and I move that the

House reconsider its action by which it voted to grant its unanimous consent to the offering of this bill, H. P. 1285.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Topsham, Mr. Aldrich, moves that the rules be suspended and the House reconsider its vote whereby it voted to receive under suspension of the rules this bill, House Paper 1285, an act to amend chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes and to establish a new State Highway Commission. Is it the pleasure of the House that this motion have passage? All those in favor will signify it by saying aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote was taken.

The Speaker: The Chair is in doubt. All those—

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is rather my duty, and privilege, to say a few words to make my position in this matter absolutely plain to every member within my hearing. To go back! No other person but one, except myself, had anything to do with or knew anything about the drawing of that bill. There was no motive behind the drawing and presentation of that bill other than a sincere desire to express my own views regarding the formation of a new commission if such procedure became necessary. There had been already one measure providing for the formation of a new commission presented to this House, and received with the courtesy which I believe is due to the reception of any and all measures. I did not feel that it would prejudice any move that was under way, or could possibly prejudice any member's mind for or against any person concerned with the investigation then under way, because I realized that in all probability the matter would receive its reference to a committee, there to lie until it was considered with the bill which had gone in a week before relative to the same matter.

Unfortunately, someone was interested enough to read the bill and its preamble, and get knowledge of its contents, and consequently any harm, if such could be done by the preamble or bill, was precipitated upon this House without any act of mine. I have been accused in public of having had motives favoring certain persons and as against certain other persons in the presentation of

this bill, which, I feel sure, if you will read the bill, you will see are not founded upon any facts. My reason for asking for unanimous consent the other day was because I had knowledge, as everyone had, that the Granville bill, so-called, for the formation of a new Highway Commission, was to be given a public hearing on Wednesday last. On Tuesday I presented this bill. I consulted the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House as to the method which might be used to get my bill through the House and Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee, which was to have the hearing on the Granville bill, thinking I wanted my proposition in their possession for their consideration with the other bill. I followed the procedure suggested to me by the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House.

It has been said to me that my procedure was very unwise and was not necessary; that other procedures could have been adopted; that I could have simply passed it to the Judiciary Committee for them to consider as a possible revision of the Granville bill. I grant you that there were other measures that were possible. I submit to you that this is my first term, and I may make very many errors in the method of attempting to legislate. I do believe this, however, and am perfectly willing to let it rest with this House as a deciding fact: I think my conduct has been such that my word will not be doubted by any man in this House. And I therefore want you to take my word when I say that the motives for the bill, both the drafting of the bill and the presenting of it, were absolutely without malice toward anyone, and without the thought that the final findings of the committee then hearing the case could be prejudiced.

The matter has gone to the point —I have had one or two consultations. I have had it within my power to make certain reprisals within the last day. I am not that kind of a legislator. I desire the reputation of being, as the boys say, a straight shooter, a man who can be relied upon absolutely in any contingency. If I can achieve nothing else by my service in this session than that I shall feel that it has been very well worth while. I simply ask now that no action shall be taken by this House other than to grant me

and my measure the same courtesy that has been granted to every man, and to every measure presented to this House this session, even to the anti-evolution bill. That was received and sent along to its committee. I care not how long my measure may be tabled. And if that would be the result of any action here this morning, to table this bill, if it be received by the House, it may remain there with my consent until such time as the full report from the committee that has been holding a hearing in the matter of the Highway Commission investigation shall have been returned to this House, at which time I simply wish consideration before a committee—preferably the Judiciary Committee, because the other bill is before it—a consideration of my bill.

All I ask, gentleman, is that you will grant me by your vote your confidence in my integrity and your willingness to give to the bill that I present to you the same fair, courteous treatment that you have given to every bill in its reception during this session. (Applause.)

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. Speaker, I should not reply to what the gentleman has said were it not for the fact that his remarks, if I understand them correctly, contain at least a slight intimation that as the result of my action the preamble in this bill got into the newspapers. I wish to say in reply that so far as I know this House in no way reflected upon the integrity of the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft (Mr. Merrill.) This House has in no way at any time intimated, and does not now intimate, that he had any improper motive in introducing that bill. I said to him, and I say now, that while he and I may differ as to the propriety of the introduction of such a bill, I do not thereby asperse his motives in any degree, and I hope that no man asperses my motives because I may disagree with him. That is not the point. That is not the question at all. The question considered here the other day was simply that without knowing what we were being asked to do we granted a consent which, as we know, it is apparent from the action that this House took, would not have been granted. If that was so, then I submit—and this is no reflection on the gentleman or on his judgment—I submit, and I think, that

he should be the first to suggest it himself, that this House should be placed back in the position in which it was before that consent was granted. If I had asked this House to do something, and this House had told me that they were sorry they had done it, I would say to you gentlemen, by all means undo it.

That is all we are asking. I say, as I said before, that had I known what was contained in that bill, I should never have given my consent, if that were needed, to the introduction of it. And I simply ask now that I be permitted to go on record to that effect. Now I do not know. The gentleman says, or started to say—there was an intimation—that through some action of mine this preamble got into the newspapers. All I want to say is this: If you look in the Bangor Daily News or the Bangor evening paper or whatever it is of the day when this was introduced, you will find the preamble there and you will find no record of what the House did in respect to that bill. In other words, before we took any action in this House the Bangor Daily News or whatever the name of the paper is, had the news.

There has been some talk here about "reprisals." I don't know what that means. Reprisals? Reprisals on whom? There are no reprisals to be taken on me. I don't know what reprisals the gentleman refers to that could be taken because I, on my own suggestion, offered an order here asking that I be permitted to be placed in a position, gentleman, where I could act as I would have acted if I had known the circumstances. I am making no charges and have not made any charges. I have not heard any member of this House make any charges. If there are any reprisals that can be taken on anybody, I do not know who it is. If he is referring to me, there are none that can be taken on me, no reprisals whatever. Not the slightest! All I am asking for here—I am sorry this has been precipitated. I say again, that I have no doubt that the gentleman acted in good faith in accord with his judgment, with which I may differ. I do not care about that. I do not care whether he and I agree or not. But I know that without knowing what I was doing I granted my consent to

something that I would not have granted it to had I known what I was doing. There is no sense in all this discussion—talking about reprisals! All I am asking, and I thought that was what this House wanted, was that this House be placed back in the position where it was when this suggestion was made. And I should suppose that the gentleman who offered this bill, understanding that there is a feeling in this House that it would like to take back its action, would be the first to offer that it be done, particularly as there is a bill before the Judiciary Committee of this Legislature dealing with the subject matter of this Commission, which bill could be altered in any form that anyone wants, if you can convince the Judiciary Committee of its wisdom.

Can any man here tell me why, under the circumstances, this bill should have been offered—why should it have been offered when it appears there was a bill dealing with the same matter before the Judiciary Committee which was coming up for a hearing last Wednesday? I ask now, why should this bill, which is of a different character, be offered, and offered in such a hurry that it should get to that Judiciary Committee to be considered at the same time with the other. I am not giving any answer. All I am asking for myself and for this House is that we be put back where we were before. And I will say, and I have said to the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft that if there should be a situation where it becomes desirable to introduce his or any other bill, I will give my consent to it when I see the reason for it. But I say to you, and I say to you, Sir, there is absolutely no reason under Heaven why that bill should be here now. And it being here under the conditions that obtain, I ask that it be taken out.

He is going to say "lay it on the table." If you do that, you will have it here just the same. It should not be here. It ought to be out of this House. It has been received here under a misunderstanding or a misapprehension. I have not accused anybody of anything; but I do ask that we be permitted to be where, if subsequently a situation arises, we can act as we would have acted if this had not occurred. (Applause).

Mr. MERRILL: Mr. Speaker, I have been very much misunderstood and probably through fault of my own. I have not the slightest desire to oppose the action of this House in placing itself in the position in which it was when my bill was introduced the other day,—not the slightest. I did not intend by speaking at the time I did to give any such impression. And if this bill, as I said, should be placed on the table, I am perfectly satisfied. I am perfectly willing, and will be one to vote on the motion, to place this House in the same attitude in which it was when my bill was presented the other day. I have not the slightest objection. In fact, I will vote for it. I do want, however, as I said before, a disposition made of that bill which will simply be accustoming me the same courtesy, according my bill the same treatment, that has been given to every person and every bill during this winter. I am very sorry that I was misunderstood. I hope I have placed myself in the attitude in which I supposed I had placed myself in speaking before.

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, will a motion be in order to lay this bill on the table at this time?

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that such a motion will be in order.

Mr. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill lie on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Foster, moves this matter lie on the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. PATTERSON of Casting: Mr. Speaker, for the same reason that I stated the other day I wish to be excused from voting on this matter, as a member of the investigating committee.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Does the gentleman from Castine, Mr. Patterson, wish to be excused from voting on the question of tabling?

Mr. PATTERSON: I do, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon the gentleman from Castine, Mr. Patterson, was excused from voting, for the reason given.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The motion before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr.

Foster, that this bill, an act to amend chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes and to establish a new State Highway Commission, H. P. 1285, lie on the table. As many as are in favor will say aye —

Mr. PAGE of Skowhegan: Mr. Speaker, I move that a division be taken.

The SPEAKER pro tem: A division is requested. As many as are in favor of this bill lying on the table will rise and stand in their places and remain standing until the monitors have returned the count.

A division was had.

Sixty-nine having voted in the affirmative and 32 in the negative, the motion to table prevailed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: We are now proceeding under orders of the day, having concluded all the matters today assigned and all the matters which come from the table automatically.

On motion by Mrs. Gay of Waldo-boro, the rules were suspended and the members were allowed to smoke. (Applause).

(At this point Speaker Martin resumed the Chair, Mr. Hale retiring amid the applause of the House).

Mr. HEATH of Guilford: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table Senate Document 185, an act to consolidate the general superintendence, management and control of the State Prison, the Reformatory for Men and Reformatory for Women under one board of trustees, and offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

House Amendment A was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment A to Senate Document No. 185.

Amend by striking out the title and all of sections one, two and three, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"An act relative to the superintendence, management and control of the State prison.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Such portions of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto as vest the gen-

eral direction and control of the State prison in a board of three prison commissioners, are hereby repealed; and instead thereof the same duties, powers, management and control of the said State prison are hereby vested in the governor and council."

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure that House Amendment A be adopted? As many as are in favor of the motion to adopt House Amendment A will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Forty-one having voted in the affirmative and 53 in the negative, the motion to adopt House Amendment A failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: Is it now the pleasure of the House that this bill having had its three several readings—

Mr. HEATH: Mr. Speaker, I move the bill lie on the table.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to table failed of passage.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be referred to the next Legislature.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion failed of passage.

Thereupon the bill having had its three several readings was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Aldrich of Topsham, it was voted to take from the table the first unassigned matter, being majority report of the committee on State Prison on resolve in favor of the Prison Commission, H. P. 1088, reporting the same in a new draft, H. P. 1288, H. D. 615, under same title, and that it ought to pass; and minority report of same committee reporting ought not to pass on same resolve, tabled by that gentleman April 7, pending acceptance of either report; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was voted to accept the majority report.

Thereupon the rules were suspended and the resolve received its first reading, and the next legislative day assigned.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, it was voted to take from the table an act relating to liability insurance premiums, H. P. 958, H. D. 291, tabled by that gentleman April 7, pending reconsideration.

Mr. KITCHEN: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. BARTLETT: Mr. Speaker, the bill was heard by the committee and then the Insurance Commissioner granted the people behind the bill the right they were after. For that reason I move the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table the seventh unassigned matter, an act to provide for the completion of the vital records of the State, H. P. 1253, H. D. 568, tabled by that gentleman on April 7, pending motion of Mr. Rounds of Portland to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. GREENLEAF of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, now I want to try and bring before the House the value of these records. I do not know that I am able to do it. I am surprised that the lawyers of the House do not rise to the defense of this bill, because the vital records are very important. Of course, among the nations of the world, we are a young nation. Within the memory of many of us a great many of our relatives have moved West. I distinctly remember the home-coming of an uncle of mine who was a forty-niner.

They have lived out there and raised their families out there. Now they become interested in the history of our State and the history of their families. Letters are pouring in asking for records of birth and one thing and another in this State. Prior to 1892 these are very hard to get, and are now very hard to get. In fact, in many cases these records are known to be lying in the offices of secretaries and clerks of the different towns and cities and in closets. The law, of course, takes care of them since 1892, but these records are subject to loss. I know of one case where the records were kept in the town farm and the inmates were using these vital records to kindle fires with.

If this law enacted, these records can be preserved. They have been lost in many cases by fire as in the towns of Ellsworth and Fairfield. I believe that Portland had a fire in which they lost part of their vital records. These are important, as I say. I know of one case where the widow of a civil war veteran tried to establish a veteran's claim and it was with a great deal of difficulty

that she was able to find the records.

If you try to get passports to go to foreign countries, especially where there is need of passports, you have considerable difficulty in producing the information of birth certificates where these records are so fragmentary. We all read in the papers of fortunes that are left and law suits usually follow. At such time it is of vital importance to those concerned that they be able to have the records where they can find out as to their antecedents.

The cost of this, I think, is trivial. The clerk is paid five cents for copying each of these records and sending them in to the keeper of the vital statistics here in Augusta. This is arranged so that where the records are lacking, they can get the records from the town. As it is now, they are not receiving the co-operation that they should receive from these town clerks. This provides a fee of five cents for the town clerk for each record so transcribed. Then it also arranges where the city clerk can authorize certain individuals to act and they can only collect in case they are authorized by the city clerk to go and copy records from the tombstones where these records are needed prior to the act of 1898. For that, also, a fee of five cents is collected.

Income to the State comes from a charge of fifty cents made for each certificate copies. If you wish to go to the Bureau and have the records searched, you pay fifty cents an hour for the services of the expert who searches those records for you.

Now I hope I have shown that the records are vital, and I hope the bill will have a passage.

Mr. VARNUM of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we realize just how vital this matter is in the case of insurance. A great many people—I have been in the insurance business—a great many people do not know when they were born. It is a very vital thing for the insurance company to know. I had one case of the sort in Lewiston. A lady told me that she was born on a certain date, and I put it down. In that application it was asked when she was married. The two dates did not agree. Her statement as to the date

of birth showed that she would not have been old enough to be married at the time she assigned to her marriage. On account of that error the application was sent back and the transaction was delayed. I went to her again. She did not know when she was born; and she knew of no way to prove the date of her birth; but I happened to know that the Catholic Church keeps a very clear and concise record of all the members of its parishes. I went to the city clerk of Lewiston; that is how I found that out. He had no record of her birth. A great many towns and cities have no record. In 1892 it became compulsory. Suppose that application had been allowed to go through and it came to the time when this claim was to be paid, and it was then discovered, through the different certificates made out on these things, that there was a vital error between the dates given. It would have affected the insurance. The beneficiaries would have lost out. As Mr. Greenleaf has said in regard to tracing out members of your families, your ancestors, etc., it is very necessary. It is not a costly thing as the bill is drawn. But it is very vital, something that we should not lightly pass over.

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, I wish, from the medical standpoint, to thoroughly endorse this bill. By not complying with keeping the vital statistic records we are outside the vital statistics area of the United States. It is a very valuable thing to have the statistics in order that we may compare the standing of our state with that of other states as to mortality rates and birth rates, thereby getting some information, some inferential opinion, regarding the success or failure of certain sanitary and proposed health measures. Of course statistics are not absolute proof. But in the aggregate they are accepted as quite definite information. And from the medical standpoint I feel that it is very necessary that vital statistics be kept in as complete form as is possible; and from that point of view I wish to endorse this bill and support the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Greenleaf.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Poland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words in regard to these vital statistics, with due respect to the gentlemen who have spoken on this subject.

I wish to say that in this bill it says that the town clerks of these various towns shall go out and collect these vital statistics at five cents apiece. It is well known that town clerks, as a general thing, in these country towns have something else to do. They do not get much salary, and they do the town work for little or nothing, and they do not have the time to put into this work. By this bill they get five cents apiece; but they get twenty-five cents for recording deaths and births. In my opinion they will not do the work. The state will do that work and the towns will have to pay for it. As to getting these vital statistics for medical purposes, I think, if they want them, they should get them themselves. I am opposed to this, and hope the motion of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Greenleaf, will not prevail.

Mr. GREENLEAF: Mr. Speaker, this bill is working in Vermont and New Hampshire, and is working satisfactorily. I have in my hand a letter from the Department of Vital Statistics in Concord, New Hampshire. The Registrar writes here:

"In reply to your letter of February 15th, would say that we know of no complaints from town clerks in regard to the five cent fee for copying the old records, nor did we have trouble with any town clerks about the work. We believe that in most cases this work of copying old records was carefully and accurately done. Many clerks have their wives or daughters do the work for them. The blanks for this purpose were of a different color (yellow), and were furnished by this department, and vouchers sent on receipt of the records. So far as we know, all towns that had old records sent them all in."

These blanks are provided. It is a very simple thing to fill in the records. It is working satisfactorily there. It is satisfactory to those clerks to do the work.

Mr. DECKER of Portland: Mr. Speaker. I wish to endorse what has been said previously in favor of this bill and I would like to give an illustration of what it may mean to a beneficiary under a life insurance policy. In my experience most companies have a clause in their policies that the death benefits will be adjusted according to the age of the insured. I had a claim, and it was difficult to find the age of the insured;

the records had been burned. After some time I showed that the insured was younger than the age given, and the company paid a larger amount than the policy called for. I feel, from the insurance standpoint, as well as from the medical and other standpoints, that this bill should certainly have favorable consideration.

Mr. COMINS of Eddington: Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to this bill because I believe there is a principle involved, and that is this: That it places our city and town clerks under the direction of our Commissioner of Health in this State House. Now, we have three times in succession voted against the school bill simply because we felt that the towns ought to direct their own affairs. The same principle is involved in this bill—placing our town and city clerks under the direction of the Commissioner of Health. Now, if this work must be done and done under the direction of the Commissioner of Health, why should he not have authority to appoint that man, and why should not that man be paid by the State?

Mr. VARNUM: Mr. Speaker, in reply to that I will say that the Commissioner of Health already is obliged to do it under our present law since 1892.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this bill in Section two says that he shall get five cents for recording. It goes on in another section and says that the Commissioner of Health shall make him go out to the graveyards and get all the inscriptions on the graves. Well, it don't say as to how much he shall get paid for that, but only for recording. He gets five cents for that. What does he get for going out and hunting up all the old graveyards in Maine? I would like to know that. If the gentleman who presented his bill or the men who are sponsors for this bill will say that they will appropriate so much money, I will gladly go in and help them out. But when we go into the small towns and the large towns and say that they shall have to go out and pay for hunting up all those graveyards—I know that down on House Island there are stones dating back to 1812; but there are stones there that are not marked.

Are you going to dig up the graves and see whether there is any in-

scription on the boxes? Let the dead rest. A man born now will be known, in every city in the State. We have one cemetery with about forty thousand in it and another with about eight thousand in it. I do not believe there have been a dozen buried there since 1892. Are you going to dig over all those graves and see what years the people died in?

We have another cemetery with about six thousand in it where there have not been more than a dozen buried in the last twenty-five years. What are you going to do with that? It will cost some money to go over all those gravestones and look them all over. The Commissioner of Health has told me that he has got to have extra clerks to do this. There is no appropriation, I understand. I have been told that there are three thousand dollars somewhere lurking around the State House for this purpose. But I don't know about that. I think it is time to know something more about this bill before we pass it. (Applause)

Mr. Greenleaf asked the unanimous consent of the House to speak a third time; but it was not given.

Mr. DEERING of Saco: Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps there is a little misunderstanding about what constitutes "ancient and vital statistics" and about where the money comes from. I would like to say, relative to the expenditure of money to the Library Department, that one line says "ancient and vital statistics" and in that line it recommends an appropriation of one thousand dollars each year to pay for compiling these ancient statistics. It has been requested this year by a great many people that they increase a slight amount to make it two thousand dollars for the second year giving them for the two years three thousand dollars for this purpose. It looks to me as if that is all the money that can possibly be expended for this purpose.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rounds wants to know about hunting up gravestones. By the bill you receive five cents apiece for all the gravestones you hunt up. I think that would be quite a good fee in the cemetery that he speaks of! But there are a lot of people who were buried before 1892, who have no stones. It does not look to me to be right that there

should be this distinction made between the statistics of those who had stones, the wealthier people, and others who have no record.

Mr. INGRAHAM of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER: The previous question is moved. As many as are in favor of the Chair entertaining the previous question will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will return the count.

A division was had.

The SPEAKER: It is apparent that a sufficient number have arisen. Is it the pleasure of the House that the main question be now put? As many as are in favor of putting the main question will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will return the count.

A division was had.

The SPEAKER: It is apparent that a sufficient number have arisen. The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that this bill be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had, Seventy having voted in the affirmative and 28 in the negative, the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk, it was voted to take from the table the fourth unassigned matter, an act relating to the mill tax highway fund, H. P. 1268, H. D. 592, tabled April 7 by that gentleman, pending second reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill received its second reading and the next legislative day assigned for the third reading.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk, it was voted to take from the table the eighth unassigned matter, an act repealing certain inheritance tax laws as to non-resident decedents, H. P. 527, H. D. 136, which was passed to be engrossed in the House March 10th, tabled on April 7 by that gentleman, pending motion by Mr. Hale to adopt Senate Amendment B.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale.

On motion by Mr. Hale Senate

Amendment B was adopted in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill having had its three several readings, was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment B.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the third unassigned matter, H. P. 1265, H. D. 590, an act relating to compensation of Judges of Probate, tabled by that gentleman April 7, pending assignment for third reading.

Mr. HALE: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment A and move its adoption. The effect of this amendment is to change \$3,500 in the draft, which is the salary of the Judge of Probate, and increase it to \$4,000 to the Judge of Probate of Cumberland County. I make this motion pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Cumberland County Delegation. As I understand it, it is a matter which concerns the county only, as the salary is paid from the county estimates and is not paid out of the State funds.

House Amendment A was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment A to House Document 590, an act relating to compensation of Judges of Probate.

Amend House Document 590 by striking out the words "three thousand five hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "four thousand dollars."

House Amendment A was adopted and the third reading assigned for the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further matter that can be taken from the table?

Mr. HALE of Portland: I move that after the notices are read, the House recess until 2:30 this afternoon.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that unless there is some debate, the session will be reasonably short, and members who wish to take the afternoon train west probably will have ample time to do it.

Thereupon the House recessed until 2:30 this afternoon.

After Recess

The Speaker in the Chair.

The following papers from the

Senate taken up out of order under suspension of the rules.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 612, S. D. 363: An act to render unlawful all disturbances to the reception of radio waves used for radiotelephony.

S. P. 603, S. D. 360: Resolve to pay certain deficiencies.

S. P. 586, S. D. 344: Resolve in favor of Murtagh Hughes of Bangor, to reimburse him for loss sustained in construction of State highway at Edgecomb, Maine.

S. P. 587, S. D. 345: Resolve to reimburse the town of Phippsburg for expenses incurred in fighting forest fires by the State militia.

S. P. 601, S. D. 359: An act to regulate camping within the limits of game preserves or sanctuaries.

S. P. 588, S. D. 346: An act relating to the trapping of fur-bearing animals.

S. P. 590, S. D. 348: An act relating to recording of instruments and conveyances.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House a veto message from the Governor:

"STATE OF MAINE,
Office of the Governor,
Augusta, April 4, 1927.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

There is returned, herewith without my approval, a resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital, providing for the construction of a Nurses' Home at an expense of \$135,000."

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the matter about which the Governor communicates has been adjusted and that the veto message will not be sustained; and I move that the further reading of the message be dispensed with.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. DEERING of Saco: Mr. Speaker, in order to explain to the House the reasons for the veto, the only reason why the measure was vetoed was because of the uncertain situation so far as the tax rate was concerned at the time. That having been straightened out, we are not asked to vote on this.

Mr. BARTLETT of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire through the

Chair if this refers to the Nurses' Home.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Bartlett) is correct.

Mr. BARTLETT: Mr. Speaker, I support the gentleman from Saco.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question is shall this resolve be finally passed despite the objections of the Governor. A vote yes is in favor of the resolve. A vote no is against it.

Mr. DEAKIN of Howland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know what arrangements were made for taking care of this.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Saco, Mr. Deering, may answer if he wishes.

Mr. DEERING: Mr. Speaker, the only question was the method of getting the money to do this, and that difficulty having been entirely ironed out so that the finances are in condition that this home may be built, there is no further objection to it. It was simply a question of where the money was coming from.

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it is with the consent of the Governor that this shall be passed over his veto. Is that correct?

Mr. DEERING: It is correct.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is so informed. Is the House ready for the question? If so, the Clerk will call the roll. Each member will answer as his name is called. A vote yes is for the resolve. A vote no is against it.

YEA—Aldrich, Allen, Anderson, New Sweden, Ayer, Bailey, Bartlett, Bisbee, Bishop, Bissett, Booker, Brackett, Brewster, Briggs, Brown, Buker, Burns, Carleton, Portland, Carleton, Winterport, Chamberlain, Chaney, Chase, Church, Clifford, Cowell, Cram, Crawford, Cyr, Daigle, Davitt, Deakin, Decker, Deering, Douglas, Dudley, Castle Hill, Ellis, Eustis, Flint, Forhan, Fuller, Gay, Gilcrest, Gillespie, Goodwin, Lebanon, Greenleaf, Hale, Harris, Hawkes, Holbrook, Houghton, Hughes, Ingraham, Jones, Kane, Addison, King, Kinsman, Kitchen, Laughlin, Leathers, Littlefield, MacKinnon, Maloon, Marden, McIntire, Mears, Merrill, Metcalf, Milliken, Morin, Norwood, Patterson, Pendexter, Piper, Powers, Rawley, Robie, Westbrook, Ruggles, Sargent, Seavey, Snowman, Staples, Eliot, Staples, Waterville, Stone, Bridgton, Storm, St. Clair, Thurston, Tripp, Vail, Varnum, Webber, Weston, Williams, Webster, Wing, Kingfield, Winslow, Wood, Wyman.

ABSENT—Anderson, South Port-

land; Belleau, Blaisdell, Boston, Boynton, Breen, Bruce, Butler, Cain, Clinton; Cole, Comins, Crockett, Dennison, Dudley, Calais; Farrington, Ferguson, Folsom, Foster, Gagne, Goodwin, Sanford; Greene, Griffin, Hammond, Hamel, Hathaway, Heath, Holman, Jackson, Lait, Lowell, Mansfield, Mariner, McCart, McKnight, McLean, Melcher, Morrill, Nadeau, Page Pike, Richardson, Robie, Gorham; Rounds, Roy, Saucier, Smith, Snow, Stone, Biddeford; Sturgis, Sturtevant, Tucker, Wheeler, White, Williams, Falmouth; Wing, Auburn.

Yes—96.

Absent—54.

The SPEAKER: This requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present. Ninety-six voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the resolve is finally passed.

Senate Bills in First Reading Continued

S. P. 591, S. D. 349: An act relating to consent required to be given in adoption of children.

S. P. 611, S. D. 362: An act to ratify, affirm and make valid certain doings of the city council of the city of Bath.

S. P. 613, S. D. 364: An act relating to proposed changes in freight rates.

S. P. 592, S. D. 350: An act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1921 relating to clerk hire in the office of Registry of Deeds for the Southern District of Aroostook county.

S. P. 593, S. D. 351: An act relating to the salary of the clerks of the Supreme Judicial Court.

S. P. 594, S. D. 352: An act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of Clerk of Courts in the county of Cumberland.

S. P. 595, S. D. 353: An act relating to the salary of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Courts in Cumberland county.

S. P. 596, S. D. 354: An act relating to increase in clerk hire in the office of Registry of Deeds in Franklin county.

S. P. 597, S. D. 355: An act relating to clerk hire in the office of Register of Probate for Franklin county.

S. P. 598, S. D. 356: An act relating to the salary of the Judge of Probate of Knox county.

S. P. 308, S. D. 342: An act relative to an increase in the salary

of the Judge of the Houlton Municipal Court.

S. P. 113, S. D. 339: An act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in Franklin county.

S. P. 80, S. D. 338: An act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in the county of Aroostook, Northern District.

S. P. 81, S. D. 337: An act increasing the allowance for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county of Aroostook, Northern District.

S. P. 158, S. D. 340: An act to increase the salaries of the clerks in the offices of the Clerk of Courts, the Register of Probate, and the Register of Deeds for Sagadahoc county.

S. P. 307, S. D. 341: An act relating to clerk hire in the office of the Probate court in Knox county.

S. P. 614, S. D. 365: An act relating to the use of proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued for State highways and bridges.

S. P. 600, S. D. 358: Resolve providing for the construction of an International Bridge over St. John River between the town of Fort Kent, Aroostook county, Maine, and the Parish of St. Francis, Madawaska county, New Brunswick.

From the Senate: 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 printing the report of the 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, S. P. 457, S. D. 274, which was finally passed in the House, March 31.

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

In the House, Senate Amendment A read.

On motion by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was finally passed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by Mr. Kins-

man the House voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to the operation of portable sawmills, S. P. 498, S. D. 252, which was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence.

Comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. INGRAHAM of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I move that we recede and concur with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, a viva voce vote being taken, the bill was tabled pending the motion of Mr. Ingraham of Bangor to recede and concur.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Final report of the committee on Indian Affairs.

In the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

From the Senate: Final report of the committee on Agriculture.

In the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: Is there any member here who is certain that all bills have been reported from the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. CRAWFORD of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I think there is one that has not been reported, and I move that the final report of the committee of Agriculture be tabled.

The motion prevailed.

From the Senate: Majority report of the Committee on Education on bill an act to provide State aid for academies, institutes, seminaries, and junior colleges (S. P. No. 363) (S. D. No. 140) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. No. 636) under title of an act to provide State aid for maintenance and upkeep for academies, institutes, seminaries and junior colleges and that it "Ought to pass".

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. ALLEN of Penobscot

Messrs. SPEIRS of Cumberland

—of the Senate

BREWSTER of Dexter

HOLMAN of Bangor

BOOKER of Rumford

Mrs. FOLSOM of Norridgewock

Mrs. GAY of Waldoboro

—of the House

Minority report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Mrs. PINKHAM of Aroostook

—of the Senate

Mr. EUSTIS of Strong

—of the House

Comes from the Senate the majority report read and accepted, and the new draft passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House:

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk: Mr. Speaker, I would like to hear Senate Amendment A read.

(Senate Amendment A read by the Clerk.)

Mr. BREWSTER of Dexter: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the majority report.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to the bill, but inasmuch as the amendment tends to upset the financial program for which many of us are working, I move that it lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman wish the amendment printed?

Mr. CHASE: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon the bill and amendment were tabled and the new draft ordered printed, pending the motion of Mr. Brewster of Dexter to accept the majority report.

From the Senate: Report "A" of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on bill an act to create a Board of Boiler Inspection within the Department of Labor and Industry. (S. P. 410) (S. D. 200)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. CARTER of Androscoggin

—of the Senate.

WING of Kingfield

ALDRICH of Topsham

BARTLETT of Bangor

HALE of Portland.

— of the House.

Report "B" of same Committee on same bill reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 552) (S. D. 343) under title of "An Act to provide for the safety of life and property and to create a Board of Boiler Rules which shall formulate rules and regulations for the safe construction, use and operation of steam boilers; to provide for the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the Board of Boiler Rules; to provide for the inspection of steam boilers and the fees to be charged therefor; and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act and that it "Ought to pass."

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. MAHER of Kennebec
OAKES of Cumberland
—of the Senate
DUDLEY of Calais
PATTERSON of Castine
WING of Auburn
—of the House

Comes from the Senate report "B" read and accepted and the new draft passed to be engrossed.

In the House on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor, both reports were tabled and specially assigned for Monday afternoon, April 11.

Reports of Committees

Majority report of the Committees on Ways and Bridges and Taxation on bill an act relating to a tax upon gasoline (H. P. 755) (H. D. 212) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1304) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ROBERTS of York
NICKERSON of Waldo
SMITH of Somerset
CASE of Washington
BOND of Lincoln
—of the Senate.
PIPER of Jackman
HOLBROOK of Vanceboro
GOODWIN of Lebanon
CRAM of Mount Vernon.
HATHAWAY of Milo
KITCHEN of Presque Isle
METCALF of Farmington
AYER of Cornish
LOWELL of Lincoln
MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft
PIKE of Lubec
MARDEN of Waldo
— of the House.

Minority report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HAMMOND of Van Buren
CARLETON of Portland
—of the House.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, I move that the majority report be accepted.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk these reports were tabled, pending the motion of Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle to accept the majority report, and the new draft was ordered printed.

Mr. MALOON from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in favor of Opportunity Farm (H. P. 833) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1305) under title of "Resolve in favor of Opportunity Farm for assistance in obtaining a supply of pure water" and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Mr. BISBEE from same Committee reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of procuring testimonials for the purpose of marking the unmarked graves of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War (H. P. 250).

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

The SPEAKER: We have completed the routine for this afternoon, and there is a resolve appropriating money for the compilation and publication of data concerning the resources of the State, which I am advised it would be advantageous, in order to further the publicity program of the State, to take up at this time. Several members who are not here have been advised, not in reference to this resolve in particular, that there would not be any enactors taken up this afternoon; but if there is no objection to this resolve, and if the members present know that any members who are absent have no objection, it may possibly be all right to take it up at this time.

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the resolve lie on the table until Monday.

The SPEAKER: In that case the Chair will not put the resolve before the House if that is satisfactory to the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Hale). Is there any further business to come before the House?

Mr. BARTLETT of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move to reconsider the vote taken this morning whereby we accepted the report of the committee ought not to pass on bill an act providing for the appointment of a Deputy Secretary of State to be designated as Registrar of Motor Vehicles. My reason for doing that is this: I would like to reconsider this vote in order that the bill might be recommitted and two reports be made out.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Bartlett, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby the report of the committee ought not to pass on bill an act providing for the appointment of a Deputy Secretary of State to be designated as Registrar of Motor Vehicles was accepted this morning.

The motion prevailed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk: Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn until 4.30 Monday afternoon.

Mr. INGRAHAM of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Kennebunk if he will withdraw his motion temporarily.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if we could not expedite matters by holding a session tomorrow? We have been willing to

stay here and attend to business and now want to get through. I would like to know how much unfinished business could be taken care of tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Ingraham) that the Senate is not going to hold any session tomorrow. Furthermore, earlier this morning an order was passed stating that adjournment would be today, when the House did adjourn, to 4.30 on Monday, and undoubtedly many members have arranged their plans to be away tomorrow; in fact the Chair has a suspicion that some are already away. The Chair would feel that it would be hardly fair to those members who have gone away to have a session tomorrow inasmuch as they are relying upon the order already passed. In view of the fact that the Senate has adjourned and will not transact any business tomorrow, the Chair does not feel that the House would gain very much, if anything.

Mr. BARTLETT of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, it is quite generally understood that Senator Carter's funeral is tomorrow and for that reason both branches should adjourn and not hold a session on that day.

The SPEAKER: I think that was the underlying reason why a session is not being held tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk,

Adjourned until 4.30 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 11.