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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Wednesday, March 6, 1929.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. C. N. Garland of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Aroostook, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that the President of the Senate, in behalf of this body, send a message of sympathy to the family of Honorable Bert H. Farrington of Jay, late member of the House of Representatives.

Mr. BRAGDON of Aroostook: And as a further mark of respect to Mr. Farrington, Mr. President, I move that this body now stand for one minute with bowed heads.

The motion prevailed and the members and officers of the Senate stood in silence with bowed heads for one minute.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

An act relating to the property of extinct or disbanded Baptist or Free Baptist churches, parishes or societies. (H. D. 124)

An act relating to the Park Commission of the city of Portland. (H. D. 277)

(In the House, bill recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Crosby of Penobscot, tabled pending consideration.)

An act to amend Section 12 of Article 6 of the Private and Special Laws of 1923 entitled "An act to grant a new charter to the city of Portland," making explicit certain powers of the Park Commission of the city of Portland. (H. D. 215)

(In the House, bill recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Dwinial of Knox, tabled pending consideration.)

An Act relating to the Millinocket Municipal Court. (H. D. 80)

An Act relating to wards in the city of Portland. (H. D. 278)

An Act relating to annual report, in the South Portland Sewer District. (H. D. 279)

An Act confirming the construc-

tion of the Ferry Wings at Peaks Island. (H. D. 294)

An Act to repeal sections 4 to 10 inclusive of chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes relative to public warehouses and warehousemen. (H. D. 347)

An Act requiring the State Highway Commission to file with County Commissioners a record of location of state highways, state aid highways and third class highways. (H. D. 390)

An Act to amend the Bridge Act, so called, providing for state and county aid in the construction of highway bridges. (H. D. 391)

The following communication was received:

**"STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AUDITOR**

Augusta, March 5, 1929.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

In addition to the deficiencies recently reported to you by authority of Chapter 2, Section 84, of the Revised Statutes, I am enclosing a statement of other deficiencies which have just been called to my attention by the various departments interested. These are as follows:

Executive Department ...	\$1,420.25
Public Utilities Commission	10.00
Commissioner of Agriculture	23.00
Total	\$1,453.25

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

ELBERT D. HAYFORD,
State Auditor."

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills, were received and on recommendation by the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committee:

Revision of the Statutes

By Mr. Oakes of Cumberland: An act to amend and consolidate section 87 of chapter 82 and sections 9 and 10 of chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes relative to clerks of court, deputy clerks of courts and clerks pro tempore (S. P. 655)

By the same Senator: An act to amend section 6 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relative to

clerk of county commissioners (S. P. 656)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that one thousand additional copies of Senate Paper 620, Senate Document 288, An act providing for the protection of owners of electric storage batteries be printed.

On motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, the House concurring that the Committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters be directed to provide for a complete stenographic report of the hearings held on all bills and orders relative to the question of the export of hydro-electric energy, and cause 2500 copies of such report to be printed for the use of the Legislature so soon as may be after the close of such hearings.

Bills in First Reading

An act to incorporate the New England Public Finance Company (S. D. 312)

Resolve for a teacher's pension for Sadie Cummings (S. D. 310)

Resolve providing for a state pension for Mabel Paul Ferrow of Belfast (S. D. 311)

An act to incorporate the Monroe Loan Society of Maine (S. D. 313)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Oakes, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill An act to provide for service of processes on non-resident operators of automobiles, operating same within the jurisdiction of the State of Maine, who do damage to property or cause injury to persons (S. D. 32) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Murchie, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill an act to incorporate the Maine Pharmaceutical Association (S. P. 93) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomor-

row assigned for second reading.

The same Senator, from the Committee on Salaries and Fees, on bill An act relating to increase of salary of County Attorney of Androscoggin County (S. P. 241) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 657) and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill An act relating to increase of salary of Assistant County Attorney of Androscoggin County (S. P. 243) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 658) and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill an act to increase the salary of the Register of Probate of Androscoggin County (S. P. 242) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 659) and that it ought to pass.

The reports were severally read and accepted and the bills laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Harriman, from the Committee on State Schools for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories, on Resolve for the construction and equipment of an industrial building at the State Reformatory for Men (S. D. 119) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Bond, from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill An act granting authority to the State Highway Commission in the reconstruction of intra-state bridges (S. D. 211) reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were severally read and accepted, the bill and resolve each read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

An act relating to salaries of County Treasurers (H. D. 472)

An act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county of Cumberland (H. D. 473)

An act to open Virginia Lake in Stoneham to bass fishing (H. D. 474)

An act relating to the salaries of the County Commissioners of Sagadahoc County (H. D. 475)

An act relating to salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County (H. D. 476)

An act to regulate fishing in Prescott Pond in Elliottsville Plantation (H. D. 477)

An act to open Lily Pond, in Knox County, to fishing (H. D. 478)

An act relating to fishing for smelts in Winnegance Creek (H. D. 479)

Resolve providing for a state pension for Rosie E. Clark, of Etna (H. D. 480)

An act relating to expenses and clerk hire of the Commissioner of Agriculture (H. D. 481)

An Act prohibiting interment or disinterment of bodies without permit. (H. D. 274)

An Act to provide for the exoneration of bail in civil action after the entry of the action. (H. D. 275)

Resolve providing for a State pension for Electus Oakes of Thornli'ke. (H. D. 482)

Resolve to provide a State pension for Mary W. Chamberlin of Portland. (H. D. 483)

An act to change the name of the town of East Livermore to the town of Livermore Falls. (H. D. 299)

An act relative to persons authorized to perform marriages. (H. D. 349)

An act relative to the jurisdiction of Courts over offenses under said chapter. (H. D. 351)

An act providing for clerk hire in the office of the Register of Probate of Cumberland County. (H. D. 484)

An act relating to the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Knox. (H. D. 485)

An act relating to the salary of the County Attorney for the county of Lincoln. (H. D. 486)

An act increasing the salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Cumberland County. (H. D. 487)

Resolve providing for a State pension for Jennie S. Sutton of Lewiston. (H. D. 488)

Resolve providing for a State pension for Anna Lou Hobart of Farmington. (H. D. 489)

Resolve in favor of Anna L. Gagan, providing a State pension. (H. D. 490)

Resolve in favor of William S.

Smith of Alna for State pension. (H. D. 491)

An act to incorporate the Eastern Loan Company, Incorporated. (S. D. 107)

An act to aid in the enforcement of statutes governing the use of vehicles on closed or restricted ways and bridges. (S. D. 309)

(On motion of Mr. Murchie of Washington, tabled pending passage to be engrossed)

Resolve for the general distribution of data concerning the resources of the State. (S. D. 306)

An act to amend chapter 34, section 10, of the Revised Statutes, relative to State stipends to agricultural societies. (S. D. 307)

An act to omit the word 'male' from the qualification of voters. (S. D. 308)

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby an act relating to salaries of County Treasurers (H. D. 472) was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to have the Senate reconsider its action whereby an act relating to expenses and clerk hire of the Commissioner of Agriculture (H. D. 481) was passed to be engrossed, and my reason for that is that I think perhaps that is being taken care of by the Appropriations Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Spear, moves to reconsider the vote whereby House Document 481 was passed to be engrossed earlier in today's session. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: This being Wednesday morning, every matter on the table is taken therefrom automatically, in the order in which it appears on the calendar, and the Chair lays before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, "Ought not to pass", on

Resolve in favor of Caratunk Plantation, (H. P. 623), tabled on February 27th by Mr. Weeks of Somerset pending acceptance of the report, and recognizes that Senator.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Mr. President, I move that the report and resolve be recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in non-concurrence.

The motion prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate An Act Relating to taking clams in Trenton, (H. D. 8), tabled on February 27th by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator, the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate An Act to extend the time for taking of smelts in the tidal waters of Stonington and Deer Isle, in the county of Hancock, (H. D. 316), tabled on February 27th by Mr. Littlefield of York, pending consideration. On motion by that Senator the rules were suspended and the Senate reconsidered its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. President, I now move that the bill be passed to be engrossed, as amended by House Amendment A, in concurrence.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, may I inquire through the chair of the Senator from York (Senator Littlefield) whether House Amendment A strikes out the emergency preamble.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD. That is all it does, Mr. President.

Thereupon, the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A, in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate An Act Protecting Muskrats in the town of Orrington, (H. D. 76), tabled on February 27th by Mr. Douglas of Hancock, pending consideration; and on motion by that Senator, the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from Committee on Claims, "Ought to Pass in New Draft", on Resolve in favor of C. J. Thomas, (H. D. 459),

tabled on February 28th by Mr. Dunbar of Hancock, pending acceptance of report; and on motion by that Senator, the report was accepted in concurrence, the bill given its first reading, and tomorrow assigned.

The President laid before the Senate House Report from the Committee on Judiciary "Ought to pass" on An Act providing for retirement of Court Stenographers, (H. D. 28), tabled on February 28th by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, pending acceptance of report.

Mr. MARTIN of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that the report of the committee be accepted, and in regard to that motion I want to say that I have prepared an amendment which I will offer, if this motion can prevail, after the bill has had its first and second readings. The second reading will be tomorrow and I will offer the amendment and the matter can be discussed at that time if the Senate desires.

Thereupon, the report of the committee "ought to pass" was accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading, and tomorrow assigned.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Order Relative to Workmen's Compensation Act, (S. D. 254), tabled on February 28th by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, pending passage; and on motion by that Senator, the Order was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate An Act Relative to fees of Sheriffs and their deputies, (S. D. 36), tabled on February 28th by Mr. Littlefield of York, pending second reading.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, I would like to have this bill lie upon the table a few days longer. It was not just what I thought it was when I tabled it and certain things have been called to my attention, so that I would like to have it left on the table.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Senator from York, Senator Littlefield, wish to assign a date?

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: I will take it up right off, Mr. President.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the

Senate House Report from Committee on Judiciary "Ought not to pass" on An Act regulating the supervision of public dances, (H. D. 90), tabled on March 1st by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, pending acceptance of report; and on motion by that Senator, the report of the committee, "ought not to pass" was accepted in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, An act relative to radio reception (S. P. 608) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland pending reference; and on motion by that Senator, the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve relative to bond issue for the purpose of paying a bonus to the Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the war with Spain (S. P. 625) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland pending reference; and on motion by that Senator the resolve was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, An act to provide for the payment of a bonus to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the war with Spain (S. P. 626) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, pending reference; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, An act to provide for the completion of the payment of the bonus to Maine Soldiers and Sailors in the war with Spain (S. P. 627) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland pending reference; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, An act relative to exemption from gasoline tax on internal combustion engines, not operated on the public highways (S. P. 639) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland pending reference; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report "Ought not to pass" on An act relating to the Portland Water District (S. D. 116) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland pending acceptance

of report; and on motion by that Senator the report was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate An Act relating to digging of clams in Biddeford, (H. D. 456), tabled on March 1st by Mr. Murchie of Washington, pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I tabled this bill as I did the bill relating to the digging of clams in Trenton, because it deprived a riparian owner of property in Biddeford of the right to dig clams in front of his own place for commercial purposes. I do not think the clam bills are good legislation, but they are so general over the state that I have no disposition to kill them if they are put in form that will not discriminate against the riparian owners, and for that reason, if anyone wishes to retable for the purpose of offering an amendment, I would have no objection. Otherwise I would make a motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I tabled House Document No. 8, "An Act relating to taking clams in Trenton" merely to save its life; and I will move to retable An Act relating to digging of clams in Biddeford, and try to have an amendment that will make this measure constitutional.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate An Act relating to Westbrook Seminary, (S. D. 86), tabled on March 1st by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. OAKES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Somerset, Senator Weeks.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment A, and move its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A:

"Senate Amendment A, to Senate Document 86: Strike out in the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth lines of Section two, the following, 'The election of all past and present members of the board of trustees, and all their acts and doings in their official capacity are hereby confirmed, legalized and made valid.'"

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate an act providing for the appointment of clerks of courts (S. D. 34) tabled on March 1st by Mr. Murchie of Washington pending adoption of Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A."

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, the Senator from Knox, Senator Dwinal, very courteously took this matter off the table last week so that I might offer this amendment and I feel that I should now yield to him, first making the motion that the amendment be adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Murchie, moves that Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" be adopted, and yields to the Senator from Knox, Senator Dwinal.

Mr. DWINAL of Knox: Mr. President, Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" strikes out the last sentence in the amendment which provides that the Chief Justice should make recommendations to the Governor and Council upon a vacancy occurring in the office of clerk of courts in any of the counties and would leave the matter of the appointment to the Governor and Council without any recommendation or consideration upon the part of the court itself. If any bill providing for the appointment of clerks becomes a law, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of any such clerk the first question that will have to be answered by the appointing authority, whoever it may be, will be, "Is the old clerk efficient and deserving of reappointment or is he so inefficient that the Court had better stand for the inconvenience and disadvantage, for a time, of training a new man rather than to continue the old clerk in office?"

That is the first consideration that will have to be taken up in the matter of an appointment, and there is nobody so well able to answer that question and to answer it upon absolutely first hand knowledge as the Court itself. The relationship which exists between

the clerks of the court and the Court is not dissimilar to the relationship which exists between the secretary of this body and the presiding officer. If the Governor had the duty of making an appointment to the secretaryship of the Senate the man to whom he would go as to the manner in which that office is now being conducted would be the presiding officer because he is the one, and the only one, who has absolute knowledge of the efficiency of our secretary. Not only has he the knowledge but he is the man most interested in the continuance in office of an efficient secretary because he is the one who has the benefit of a well conducted secretary's office and he is the one who suffers most if an inefficient man is appointed or if a new man has to be trained for the place.

And so it is with the justices of our courts. They are the men most interested in the continuance in those offices of efficient clerks and they are the ones who will suffer most if an appointment is made upon purely political grounds.

We members here in the Senate are all members of active, busy, legislative committees, and so to a lesser degree we come into contact with that same question ourselves and we are in a position to determine whether or not it would be of any advantage that we should be consulted in determining who the clerks of our committees shall be.

There is no one who is so much interested as the Court in the personnel of the clerk's office. I have heard the criticism of the method of appointment that is provided in the amendment that it is going to inject politics into the court or inject the court into politics but since the court is so vitally interested in the character of the work which is to be done by the clerk I cannot conceive of politics having any more effect on the court in recommendation for appointment to that office than it effects them in the decisions which they are daily handing down from the bench because they are too vitally interested themselves, even if they had the disposition, to make important decisions upon political grounds. I do not feel that there

is any real substance to that criticism. I think that the natural and the obvious method of making appointments to that office is upon recommendation of the Court, speaking through the Chief Justice, and that recommendation submitted to the Governor, the highest appointing power of the State.

The PRESIDENT: Is there further debate?

Mr. CROSBY of Penobscot: Mr. President, I desire to add briefly my voice in opposition to the amendment that is presented by the Senator from Washington, Senator Murchie, whom I love, but the intricate workings of whose mind have seriously undermined my faith in the beautiful story called "Alice in Wonderland."

It must be obvious to the friends of this bill that the opposition is attempting to do what is colloquially known as killing it with kindness. The purpose of this bill is to take the office of the clerks of courts out of politics but the amendment offered by the Senator from Washington (Senator Murchie) keeps it in. I would like to read one paragraph of a letter from the Chief Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court, the Hon. Scott Wilson, who is heartily in favor of this bill. He says, "The only thing the Court desires is to take the matter of the selection of the Clerks out of politics and remove the possibility of a change, except for inefficiency. Changes due to political overturns always bring in inexperienced men, and oftentimes men who are nominated with no expectation of getting a place and with no fitness for it."

I submit to the members of this Senate that this amendment offered by the Senator from Washington (Senator Murchie) would have no other effect than reducing this bill to mere congeries of vowels and consonants and I hope and sincerely trust that the amendment will be defeated.

Mr. MURCHIE: Mr. President, I hoped not to say anything on this amendment because I have already expressed my views on the matter of the appointment of the clerk of courts from any source. But after the expression of love and affection from my colleague from Penobscot

County, I think perhaps it is not only proper but necessary for me to explain the motive which induced me to offer the amendment. I am not in favor of the bill as it stands; neither would I be in favor of the bill as amended, but I offered the amendment in order that if the bill shall ultimately become a law, it may be a little less objectionable than it is in its present form.

I was particularly impressed by what the Senator from Knox, (Senator Dwinal) said about the similarity between appointing clerks of courts and the similarity of selecting a secretary of the Senate or a secretary of one of the committees of the Legislature. Up to the present time I haven't seen any legislation that purports to give authority to the President of the Senate to select a secretary, or to the Speaker of the House to select a Clerk, or the chairman of any legislative committee to name his own clerk, disregarding, if he wishes, the other members of the committee, or the other members of those bodies.

I cannot believe that there is anything more important or more sacred about the office of clerk of courts than there is about the office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, or one of his associates, or judges of the Superior Court, or the judges, if we are to have them, of a circuit court. If the Governor, with the advice and consent of his Council is of sufficient capacity and intelligence and honesty to be able to select properly a chief justice, it seems to me he can very safely be entrusted with the duty of selecting a clerk of courts. And I want to call the attention of the Senate to one more thing, we have pending in this Legislature a bill providing for a circuit court, the effect of which would be to take the chief justice and the associate justices of the Supreme Judicial Court off circuit, and after that bill becomes a law, if it does become a law, the chief justice will cease to have any direct personal knowledge of the operations of the clerks of courts in thirteen out of the sixteen counties, and whatever recommendations he may make after the

lapse of a few years, will necessarily be based upon hearsay, which will be largely political. I hope the amendment will prevail.

The PRESIDENT: Is there further debate? The Chair will state that the question before the Senate is upon the adoption of Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A."

A division of the Senate was had. Thirteen having voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative the motion to adopt Senate Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" failed of passage.

The PRESIDENT: The question now before the Senate is upon the adoption of the main amendment, Senate Amendment "A." Is it the pleasure of the Senate that Senate Amendment "A" be adopted?

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The question now before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Harriman, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. BRAGDON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that the bill again be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Bragdon, moves that the bill be laid upon the table pending the motion of the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Harriman, to indefinitely postpone. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion to table prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate Resolve in favor of the Trustees of the University of Maine, (S. D. 17), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, pending consideration.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that this matter take its regular course.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Slocum, that this bill was passed to be engrossed in the Senate. In the House it was indefinitely postponed. Does the Senator desire to make a motion?

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Slocum, the resolve was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate An Act relating to the

Portland Gas Light Company, (S. D. 101), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, pending consideration; and on motion by that Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate reconsidered its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed. Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate Resolve to modify the conditions of the gift of B. C. Jordan to the State of Maine, (H. D. 334), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Page of Somerset, pending consideration; and on motion by that Senator, the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook, (H. D. 70), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Crosby of Penobscot, pending consideration; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate An Act relative to canning of short lobsters, (H. D. 348), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Littlefield of York pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and specially assigned for Friday morning next.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Taxation "Ought not to pass" on An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District, (S. D. 105), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, pending acceptance of report; and on motion by that Senator the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Taxation.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act increasing the amount paid by the State for condemned cattle, (H. D. 309), tabled on March 5th by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, pending passage to be engrossed; and on motion by that

Senator the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: As this completes the calendar, awaiting the arrival of papers from the House, the Senate will recess for a short time.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr Oakes of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending an invitation to the Governor to attend the convention and present such communication as he may be pleased to make.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr. Chapman, its Clerk, concurring in

the foregoing proposition for a Joint Convention.

The Senate then proceeded to the House of Representatives where a Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention see House Report)

IN THE SENATE

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring that 2500 copies of the Governor's message of today be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: Is there any further business to come before the Senate?

On motion by Mrs. Pinkham of Aroostook,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.