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HOUSE

Wednesday, March 4, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Moulton of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 521, L. D. 765; An act to extend the rights and privileges of the Sabattus Water and Sewer District.

S. P. 208, L. D. 152; An act to incorporate the Blueberry Farm Water Company at Camden, Maine.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Judiciary reporting ought to pass on bill an act relating to Secretary of State authorized to destroy records more than two years old, S. P. 362, L. D. 384.

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

In the House, on motion by Mr. Jack of Lisbon, tabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting ought to pass on bill an act to authorize Edward B. Sawyer et al to construct a fish weir in the tide waters of Chandler Bay in the town of Jonesport, near Bar Island, S. P. 152, L. D. 774.

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

In the House, on motion by Mr. Drisko of Jonesboro, tabled pending acceptance of report in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting ought to pass on bill an act to authorize Edward B. Sawyer et al to construct a fish weir in the tide waters of Chandler Bay in the town of Jonesport near Moose Ledge, S. P. 153, L. D. 775.

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

In the House, on motion by Mr. Drisko of Jonesboro, tabled pending acceptance of report in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to regulation of loans by trust companies, S. P. 353, L. D. 376, which was passed to be engrossed in the House February 25th,

Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A, (L. D. 776) in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Sturtevant of Livermore Falls, tabled pending reconsideration.

The following petitions and remonstrances were received, and upon recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred, as follows:

(On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland all petitions were referred to the committee on Legal Affairs, without reading)

By Mr. Bearce of Hebron: Petition signed by J. C. Withington of Bucksfield and 3 others in favor of liberalizing the Sunday Blue Laws. (H. P. 1201)

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: Petition signed by Lewis J. Rosenthal of Waterville and 116 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1202)

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Petition of Louis Roy and 11 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1203)

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. J. Cyr and 17 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1204)

By Mr. Gauvin of Lewiston: Petition signed by Harvey Parent of Lewiston and 53 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1205)

By Mr. Graves of Mount Desert: Petition signed by J. A. Chadbourne of Northeast Harbor and 16 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1206)

By the same gentleman: Petition signed by Lawrence U. Graves of Northeast Harbor and 17 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1207)

By Mr. Hamel of Lewiston: Petition signed by James J. Curran, Lewiston and 46 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1207)

By the same gentleman: Petition signed by Edward F. Joyce of Lew-

iston and 39 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1208)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Petition signed by Harry D. Davis of Vanceboro and 59 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1209)

By Mr. Shaw of Bar Harbor: Petition signed by Dr. Charles S. Higgins of Bar Harbor and 36 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1210)

By Mrs. Morey of Lewiston: Petition signed by William P. Lambert of Lewiston and 46 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1211)

By Mr. Perham of Paris: Petition signed by W. Gerry Emery of West Paris and 75 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1212)

By Mr. Picher of Waterville: Petition signed by R. L. Bisson of Waterville and 65 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1213)

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: Petition signed by Alton P. Meggison of Westbrook and 36 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1214)

By the same gentleman: Petition signed by H. Leroy Welch of Westbrook and 57 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1215)

By Mr. Thompson of Belfast: Petition signed by Hollis Payson of Belfast and 43 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1216)

By Mr. Lizotte of Lewiston: Petition signed by Alfred Dennison Jr. of Lewiston and 22 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1231)

(On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, the following remonstrances were received and placed on file, without reading:)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Remonstrance of Mrs. Geo. H. Fifield of Brewer and 5 others against an act providing for sentences and the imposition thereof (H. P. 1192) (H. P. 1217)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Geo. P. Aiken of Brewer and 16 others against same (H. P. 1218)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Basil C. Gleason of Brewer and 18 others against same (H. P. 1219)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Nelson E. Canfield of Brewer and 14 others against same (H. P. 1220)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Harold S. Burrill of Brewer and 20 others against same (H. P. 1221)

By the same gentleman: Re-

monstrance of Walter M. Hardy of Brewer and 17 others against same (H. P. 1222)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Berton R. Armitage of Brewer and 68 others against same (H. P. 1223)

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor: Remonstrance of Rev. P. H. Jaffarian of Bangor and 9 others against same (H. P. 1224)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of F. W. Leonard of Bangor and 18 others against same (H. P. 1225)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Milton R. Geary of Bangor and 9 others against same (H. P. 1226)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Mrs. Sadie Barnes of Bangor and 53 others against same (H. P. 1227)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of J. B. Ranger of Bangor and 67 others against same (H. P. 1228)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Mrs. E. M. Springer of Bangor and 67 others against same (H. P. 1229)

By Mr. Sweet of Holden: Remonstrance of Amy E. J. Mann of Orrington and 13 others against same (H. P. 1232)

At this point it was voted to take up out of order paper from the Senate, as follows:

“STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Augusta, March 3rd, 1931.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

It gives me great pleasure to transmit herewith a communication from an ex-Governor. The substance of his letter is generous proof of his devotion to the State and his thoughtfulness for mankind of this generation and of those to follow throughout the ages. I have expressed to him such appreciation as was within my power, and I know that you will take the opportunity to perfect that expression by prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) William Tudor Gardiner”

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the communication to the Governor.

March third, 1931.

To
Hon. William Tudor Gardiner,
Governor, and the Senate and

House of Representatives of the State of Maine:—

It long has been my ambition to have the State of Maine own Mt. Katahdin, for to my mind that mountain is the grandest and most beautiful of all the natural attractions of our State.

Beginning as a member of the House of Representatives, continuing through my service as Senator and Governor, later as a private citizen I have consistently maintained my interest in this region and expect some day to see my ambition realized. It has been necessary to overcome many obstacles and some are yet to be surmounted, but time and patience aid a good cause and I am confident of the outcome.

Some time ago I acquired an undivided three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) interest in an area comprising sixteen (16) square miles in Township three (3), Range nine (9), Piscataquis County, within which lies Mt. Katahdin, having purchased the same from the Great Northern Paper Company, whose officials showed a fine public spirit in their willingness to aid me in carrying out my plans.

It was my hope by this time to have acquired the remaining undivided five-eighths ($\frac{5}{8}$) of this area, but this has not yet been accomplished. I, however, shall continue my efforts to obtain the outstanding interest in order to give it to the State at some future date.

The problem that thus confronted me was whether at once to donate to the State my three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) interest, or wait until the remaining portion is acquired. Owing to the uncertainty of life, and being apprehensive lest something might happen to thwart my plans, I have decided to offer at this time to convey my interest in this mountain area as a gift to the State of Maine, and ask that it be accepted by Act of the Eighty-Fifth Legislature in accordance with the terms of the Act of Acceptance submitted herewith.

The only requests that I have to make in connection with this gift are that, in so far as can legally be done with an undivided interest, the donated area forever be used for public park and recreational purposes, forever be left in the natural wild state, forever be kept as a sanctuary for wild beasts and birds, that no roads or ways for motor vehicles shall hereafter be

constructed thereon or therein, and that I be allowed to retain, during my lifetime, the right to determine, and to place whatever markers or inscriptions shall be maintained or erected on or within the donated area herein offered to the State.

In making this gift I desire to show to the people of my native State my appreciation of the honors they conferred upon me in the years gone by.

Percival Proctor Baxter

These communications come from the Senate read and placed on file.

In the House, read and placed on file in concurrence.

Mr. BURKETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, accompanying this communication that has been read, which speaks for itself, I understand that there is a bill that has been accepted by the Senate by unanimous consent and had its two several readings and passed to be engrossed. I move that at this time the House, under suspension of the rules and in concurrence with the Senate, grant unanimous consent for the reception of the bill accompanying this communication. It would be an unusual situation that at this time would induce me to make a motion for the reception of a bill, but I believe this is that unusual situation. It is the wish of Mr. Baxter that no long speeches be made on this matter and the communication speaks for itself. I think we can best show our appreciation of his generous act by at this time passing this bill. You will notice the bill on your desks is simply accepting the gift that he is making, authorizing the Governor and Council to receive on behalf of the State the deed which he has prepared and is ready to give. I think we can best show our appreciation by as speedy a passage of this bill as the Rules of the House will permit. The legal matters have been passed upon by the Attorney-General and the bill seems to be in proper form. I hope my motion will prevail.

The motion prevailed and by unanimous consent the rules were suspended and bill an act accepting from Percival Proctor Baxter a deed of gift of a portion of Mount Katahdin had its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

The **SPEAKER**: Is it now the pleasure of the House to take up out of order a bill on its passage to be enacted?

The motion prevailed, and on motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, as a slight token of the appreciation of the House of this splendid gift, the bill was passed to be enacted by a unanimous rising vote.

Sent up for concurrence.

(At this point Representative Franz U. Burkett of Portland, assumed the Chair, as Speaker pro tem, amid the applause of the House, the members rising)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Bowers of Portland, it was

Ordered, that there be printed 500 copies of House Paper 1159, an act to abolish the Board of Prison Commissioners.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Sterling from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of King Bartlett and 3 others of Greenwood in favor of changing law in regard to fishing in North, South and Round Ponds, and Alder River (H. P. 716) reported that same be placed on file.

Mr. Ford from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on bill an act relating to the taking of smelts in Bluehill in the county of Hancock (H. P. 130) with accompanying petition reported that same be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Blodgett from the Committee on Claims reported ought not to pass on resolve in favor of Mrs. A. V. Brown (H. P. 694)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of W. A. Golderman (H. P. 518)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of the heirs of Cyrenus B. Downes (H. P. 168)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea (H. P. 479)

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill an act relating to unattended motor vehicles (H. P. 206) (L. D. 148)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act

relating to employees on Third Class Highways (H. P. 967) (L. D. 458)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act to authorize the trustees of York Water District to make and enforce certain rules and regulations (H. P. 577) (L. D. 199)

Mr. Farris from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to collision with unattended vehicles (H. P. 205) (L. D. 147)

Mr. Varney from same Committee reported same on bill an act to facilitate passing of one motor vehicle by another and to lessen the danger of collisions (H. P. 923) (L. D. 401)

(Tabled by Mr. McLoon of Rockland pending acceptance of report)

Mr. Varney from the Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to employment of unlicensed chauffeurs (H. P. 204) (L. D. 146)

Mr. Bailey from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on bill an act to amend fees of the Deputy Sheriffs attending court (H. P. 992) (L. D. 435)

Mr. White from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to clerk hire in Registry of Deeds in Aroostook County. (H. P. 1063)

Mr. Cobb from same Committee reported same on bill an act increasing the salary of Register of Probate in Penobscot County (H. P. 651)

Mr. Thomas from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to salaries of Old Town Municipal Court officers. (H. P. 655)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to compensation of the Judge of Probate, Washington County. (H. P. 937)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to primary nominations (H. P. 202, L. D. 144) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1233) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Report read and accepted.

(On motion by Mr. Scates of Westbrook, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this report was accepted; and on further motion by the same gentleman, tabled pending acceptance).

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to incorporate the Vanceboro Water Company (H. P. 608) (L. D. 209) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1234) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill an act to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Washington County (H. P. 863) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1235) under same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to fishing in the Big Magalloway River (H. P. 185) (L. D. 135)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act prohibiting the shooting of wild birds and waterfowl on Simpson's Pond, in Roque Bluffs. (H. P. 182) (L. D. 132)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to trapping on the Rangeley Game Preserve. (H. P. 186) (L. D. 136)

Mr. Angell from same Committee reported same on bill an act to regulate fishing in Swift River tributaries. (H. P. 188) (L. D. 138)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act regulating fishing in Round Mountain Lake. (H. P. 549) (L. D. 183)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to fishing in Swan Lake. (H. P. 554) (L. D. 188)

Mr. MacKinnon from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to red, silver, silver black, or black foxes. (H. P. 91) (L. D. 62)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to pools at State fish hatcheries and feeding stations. (H. P. 93) (L. D. 64)

Mr. Eaton from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the taking of smelts in the tributaries of Three Mile Pond. (H. P. 183) (L. D. 133)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act to close Duck Pond, known as Meeting House Pond, and Sprague's Pond, in Phippsburg, to ice fishing. (H. P. 191) (L. D. 141)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to licenses issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and game. (H. P. 95) (L. D. 66)

Mr. Sterling from same Committee reported same on bill an act closing the tributaries of Thomas Pond to all fishing. (H. P. 409) (L. D. 195)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act closing Dry Pond to hunting. (H. P. 189) (L. D. 139)

Mr. Rogers from same Committee reported same on bill an act opening Ladd Brook to fishing. (H. P. 552) (L. D. 186)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act regulating fishing in Leeman Brook, or Ladd Brook, so-called, in Abbot. (H. P. 551) (L. D. 185)

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill an act amending the Statute of limitations in certain actions. (H. P. 963) (L. D. 454)

Mr. Varney from same Committee reported same on bill an act to amend Section 60 of Chapter 29, relating to dealer's registration under the motor vehicle law. (H. P. 702) (L. D. 229)

Mr. Hathaway from the Committee on Public Health reported same on bill an act relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons. (H. P. 986) (L. D. 507)

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

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 572) (L. D. 789) An act to change the name of certain waters in Piscataquis County.

(H. P. 500) (L. D. 786) Resolve in favor of the town of Danforth.

(H. P. 516) (L. D. 787) Resolve in favor of the town of Stetson.

(H. P. 1199) (L. D. 788) Resolve in favor of Frank Moulton of Alfred.

Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. 268) (L. D. 240) An act relating to examination of insane convicts.

(S. P. 341) (L. D. 759) An act relating to a State aid road in the town of Sangerville.

(S. P. 370) (L. D. 760) An act relating to salary of Superintendent of State School for Boys.

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

(H. P. 83) (L. D. 56) An act relating to State aid for academies.

(H. P. 187) (L. D. 137) An act relating to fishing in Spear Stream in Peru.

(H. P. 434) (L. D. 719) An act relating to the town of Standish.

(H. P. 1189) (L. D. 778) An act to enable special officers of Bangor police to receive benefits of departments.

(H. P. 1190) (L. D. 779) An act relating to the Highway Commission of Lewiston.

(H. P. 1191) (L. D. 780) An act relating to Loan and Building Associations.

(H. P. 1193) (L. D. 782) An act to grant a new charter to the city of Bangor.

(At this point Mr. Burkett retired as Speaker pro tem, amid the applause of the House, and Speaker Merrill assumed the Chair.)

Passed to be Enacted

(S. P. 194) (L. D. 581) An act authorizing the County Commissioners of Lincoln County to transfer certain real estate.

(S. P. 266) (L. D. 239) An act relating to capital stock of trust companies.

(H. P. 610) (L. D. 210) An act to authorize the merging of Pine Grove Cemetery of Portland, Maine, with Evergreen Cemetery of Portland, Maine.

(H. P. 691) (L. D. 223) An act relating to organization of trust companies.

(H. P. 692) (L. D. 224) An act relating to qualification of trust company directors.

(H. P. 722) (L. D. 253) An act relating to increase of capital stock of trust companies.

(H. P. 746) (L. D. 267) An act to repeal the special law relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor.

(H. P. 749) (L. D. 268) An act to increase the powers of the Portland High School Athletic Field Commission.

(H. P. 752) (L. D. 271) An act relating to commitments to the Reformatory for Women.

(H. P. 830) (L. D. 313) An act relating to steam and gasoline engines.

Finally Passed

(S. P. 114) (L. D. 593) Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Annie M. Welch of Kennebunk.

(S. P. 116) (L. D. 594) Resolve for State pension in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta.

(S. P. 146) (L. D. 595) Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a State pension for Frank A. Choate.

(S. P. 149) (L. D. 596) Resolve providing for a State pension for George A. Choate of Montville.

(S. P. 214) (L. D. 597) Resolve providing for a State pension for Carl Newton of Lewiston.

(H. P. 125) (L. D. 590) Resolve providing for a State pension for Maria E. Collins of Chelsea.

(H. P. 1070) (L. D. 591) Resolve providing for a State pension for Meda C. Peabody of Dixmont.

FINALLY PASSED

(Emergency Measure)

H. P. 1068, L. D. 592: Resolve to appropriate moneys for the payment of certain claims and departmental and institutional overdrafts or anticipated overdrafts for which no legislative appropriation has been made and to provide for carrying on the activities of departments and institutions for the remaining months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER: This being an emergency measure, it is necessary that it have the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of this body. All those in favor of the final passage of the resolve will rise and stand until counted and the monitors have returned the count.

A division being had,

One hundred and thirty voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the resolve was finally passed.

Paper from the Senate, out of order.

Ordered, the House concurring, that the message of Percival P. Baxter to Governor Gardiner, the Senate and House of Representatives, be printed in the acts and resolves for 1931, and that 500 copies be printed for distribution to the members of the Legislature.

Comes from the Senate read and passed.

In the House read and passed in concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Wright of Bath, it was voted to take from the table the 15th unassigned matter, resolve in favor of the State School for Boys, H. P. 867, L. D. 755, tabled by that gentleman February 27, pending second reading;

Mr. WRIGHT: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Carleton.

Mr. CARLETON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be retabled as we are taking care of it in another way. I believe next week we shall be able to take care of these matters satisfactorily to everyone.

The motion prevailed and the resolve was retabled, pending second reading.

On motion by Mr. Wright of Bath it was voted to take from the table the 16th unassigned matter, resolve in favor of the State School for Girls, H. P. 1181, L. D. 757, tabled by that gentleman, February 27, pending second reading.

On motion by Mr. Carleton of Portland, the bill was retabled pending second reading for the same reason as indicated by that gentleman with reference to the 15th unassigned matter.

The Chair lays before the House the first unassigned matter, majority report, ought not to pass, and minority report, ought to pass, of the committee on Towns on bill an act to re-establish the town line between the towns of Hancock and Lamoine, H. P. 65, L. D. 42, tabled by Mr. Graves of Mount Desert, February 24, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes the gentlemen from Mount Desert, Mr. Graves.

Mr. GRAVES: Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of offering an amendment to this bill, I move that the report ought to pass be accepted, and that the rules be suspended and the bill have its first two readings at this time.

The motion prevailed, and the bill had its two several readings at this time.

Mr. GRAVES: I offer House Amendment A and moved its adoption, as follows:

House Amendment A to bill an act to re-establish the town line between the towns of Hancock and Lamoine.

Amend by striking out all of the emergency preamble in said bill, and further amend by striking all of section seven in said bill and by substituting in place of said section seven the following:

"Sec. 7. Such sum as represents the valuation of the portion of the town of Hancock hereby set off to the town of Lamoine as shown by the assessors' books of the town of Hancock for the year 1930 is hereby deducted from the valuation of the town of Hancock, upon which State and county taxes are assessed, and added to the valuation of said town of Lamoine.

"Sec. 8. The said town of Lamoine shall be holden to pay to the town of Hancock in twelve equal annual installments, or in such less number of installments and at such earlier date or dates as said town of Lamoine may vote, such proportion of the debts owing on March 1, 1931, by said town of Hancock, including the debt with reference to the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge after deducting therefrom all debts then due said town, as the last annual valuation of the property situated in the portion of Hancock hereby set off to Lamoine shall bear to the last annual valuation of all of the taxable property in said town of Hancock".

Mr. THOMAS of Harpswell: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be retabled.

Mr. GRAVES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Harpswell, through the Chair, if he will assign a day certain for its consideration?

Mr. THOMAS: One week from today, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon the bill with amendment A was tabled, pending adoption of the amendment, and was specially assigned for Wednesday, March 11th.

Mr. THOMAS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that it will very likely be agreeable to me to have the bill taken off the table earlier. I just wanted to find out whether that amendment was agreeable to all parties.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland 500 copies of the amendment were ordered printed.

The Chair lays before the House

the second unassigned matter, bill an act relating to the payment for support of inmates of the Pownal State School, S. P. 322, L. D. 298, tabled by that gentleman February 24, pending passage to be engrossed; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Daigle.

On motion by Mr. Daigle the bill was retabled, pending passage to be engrossed.

The Chair lays before the House the third unassigned matter, bill an act relating to the salary of the County Commissioners of Androscoggin county, H. P. 1144, L. D. 721, tabled by the member from Lewiston, Mrs. Morey, February 24, pending second reading; and the Chair recognizes the member from Lewiston, Mrs. Morey.

On motion by Mrs. Morey, the bill was retabled pending second reading.

The Chair lays before the House the fourth unassigned matter, Senate report, ought to pass in new draft, of the committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate Madawaska Water Company, S. P. 312, L. D. 288, new draft, S. P. 496, L. D. 717, under title of "An act extending charter of Madawaska Water Company." This came from the Senate report read and accepted and the new draft passed to be engrossed, and was tabled by Mr. Daigle of Madawaska, February 25, pending acceptance in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Madawaska, Mr. Daigle.

On motion by Mr. Daigle, the report was accepted in concurrence, the bill had its two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair lays before the House the fifth unassigned matter, House report, ought to pass in new draft, committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to County Law Libraries, H. P. 588, new draft, H. P. 1069, tabled by Mr. Snow of Bluehill, February 25, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bluehill, Mr. Snow.

Mr. SNOW: Mr. Speaker, for the reason given one week ago, I move that the matter again be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed, and the bill and report were retabled, pending acceptance of the report.

The Chair lays before the House the sixth unassigned matter, an act relating to payments to County Law Libraries, S. P. 40, L. D. 237, tabled by Mr. McCart of Eastport, February 25, pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BREWSTER of Wells: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of Mr. McCart, I move that this be retabled.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was retabled pending passage to be enacted.

The Chair lays before the House the seventh unassigned matter, bill an act relating to public health nursing in the schools, S. P. 443, L. D. 602, which came from the Senate referred to the committee on Education and which on February 25 in the House was tabled by Mr. Williams of Falmouth, pending reference in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, this matter and the two following matters I yield the floor to the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farris.

Mr. FARRIS: Mr. Speaker, the seventh, eighth and ninth unassigned matters were tabled by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, on February 19. Last Wednesday they came off the table automatically under the rules and were retabled by the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Williams. Now Mr. Rounds is ill and unable to be about and it is a question whether or not he will be able to return to the Legislature at this session. In order, however, that there may be sufficient time to ascertain what he wants to do with these matters I move that they be retabled.

The motion prevailed and the seventh, eighth and ninth unassigned matters were retabled, the seventh pending reference in concurrence; the eighth, being House report, ought not to pass of the committee on Judiciary, on bill an act relating to patients in insane hospitals, H. P. 705, pending acceptance of report; and the ninth, being Joint order relative to investigating insane hospitals, which in the House January 29th was referred to the committee on Insane Hospitals, and came from the Sen-

ate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence, pending reconsideration.

The Chair lays before the House the tenth unassigned matter, bill an act to exempt United States Government mail carriers from the gasoline tax, S. P. 516, L. D. 761. This came from the Senate referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges, and, on February 27, was tabled by Mr. Lowell of Lincoln, pending reference in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. Lowell.

On motion by Mr. Lowell, the bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

The Chair lays before the House the 11th unassigned matter, Senate report ought to pass of the committee on Judiciary on bill an act to provide for continuous revision of the Statutes and legislative assistance, S. P. 278, L. D. 249. This came from the Senate report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed, and was tabled on February 27 by Mr. Burkett of Portland, pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett.

On motion by Mr. Burkett, the bill and report were retabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

The Chair lays before the House the 12th unassigned matter, Senate report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate the Knox Water District, S. P. 195, L. D. 158. This report came from the Senate read and accepted and in the House on February 27 was tabled by Mr. Hobbs of Hope, pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hobbs.

Mr. HOBBS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be recommitted to the committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

Mr. BURKETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to the recommitment of this bill provided there are good and sufficient reasons for it. We had an extended hearing on it with people present who were interested on both sides of the measure from Rockland and

Knox county generally. The matter was thoroughly gone into. If proper, I would like to ask the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hobbs, through the Chair, his reason for asking for recommitment at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett, asks the gentleman from Hope, Mr. Hobbs, through the Chair, if he will give a reason for his motion.

Mr. HOBBS: Mr. Speaker, the reason for recommitment is for two minor amendments, and I have here several petitions, with 465 signers, from Rockland, Thomaston and Camden in favor of this bill.

The SPEAKER: Does that answer the question of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Burkett?

Mr. BURKETT: I would like to ask the gentleman through the Chair, if his purpose in recommitment is to have another hearing on the bill?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may reply, if he wishes.

Mr. HOBBS: Mr. Speaker, I think that is the purpose.

Thereupon the motion prevailed and the bill and report were re-committed to the committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

The Chair lays before the House the 13th unassigned matter, House report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Ways and Bridges on bill an act relating to the bridge between Richmond and Dresden, H. P. 882, tabled by Mr. Bowers of Portland, February 27, pending acceptance of the report, and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Bowers.

Mr. BOWERS: Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Jackson.

On motion by Mr. Jackson, the bill and report were retabled pending acceptance of the report.

The Chair lays before the House the 14th unassigned matter, majority report ought to pass in new draft and minority report ought not to pass of the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act providing for probation on jail sentences where a fine is paid, H. P. 606, L. D. 207, the new draft being numbered, H. P. 1192, L. D. 777, and entitled "An act providing for sen-

tences and the imposition thereof" tabled by Mr. Sargent of Brewer February 27, pending acceptance of either report; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Sargent.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, the bill and reports were retabled pending acceptance of either report.

The SPEAKER: Are there any other matters to be considered under orders of the day?

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the 20th unassigned matter, bill an act to provide a penalty for circulating false reports concerning banks and loan and building associations, H. P. 1194, L. D. 781, tabled by that gentleman March 3, pending second reading.

On motion by Mr. Burkett, the bill had its second reading.

Mr. BURKETT: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment A and move its adoption. I will state that it simply corrects some errors in the wording of the bill without changing its form or purpose.

House Amendment A to House Paper 1194, L. D. 781.

"House Paper 1194 is hereby amended by striking out all of said bill after the word 'conviction' in the fourth line of said bill and substituting in place thereof the following words: 'be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than eleven months, or by both such fine and imprisonment'."

Thereupon amendment A was adopted and under suspension of the rules the bill as amended by House Amendment A had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ELLIS of Rangeley: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have the House reconsider its action of yesterday on House Paper 490, report of the committee on Claims, ought not to pass, on resolve in favor of

Guy B. Durrell, whereby the report was accepted, and sent up for concurrence. I might say that there are other matters pending relative to this same claim and that is the only reason I have for reconsideration. The testimony given before the committee on these other matters might have some bearing on the case of Mr. Durrell.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inquire if the gentleman knows where the papers are?

Mr. ELLIS: No, I do not.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that they are not before the House. Consequently the gentleman's motion would not be in order.

Mr. ELLIS: Is there any way, Mr. Speaker, by which we can get the motion in order? I understand that after today we cannot take this matter up.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that the House has no knowledge of the status of the matter and the present place in which the papers are. If in the Senate, they cannot be reached. If on file, they may be reached by a Joint Order of the House and Senate to have them recalled.

Mr. ELLIS: Is a motion to recall in order?

The SPEAKER: Not as yet. The Chair would suggest that the gentleman defer action until he knows where the papers are. If he wishes to give notice at this time for reconsideration that would protect his rights.

Mr. ELLIS: Mr. Speaker, I will do that. The physician who attended this hearing has a claim here and his testimony might have some bearing on the case.

The SPEAKER: Are there any other matters that can come under orders of the day? If not, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Whitefield,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning.