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SENATE

Wednesday, March 25, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Stanley Manning of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolve accepting painting of Cyrus H. K. Curtis. (H. P. 1393)

In the House, that body having received it out of order and under suspension of the rules and by unanimous consent; without reference to a committee; it having been read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland received out of order and under suspension of the rules and by unanimous consent; without reference to a committee, and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed, under suspension of the rules, in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

(Under suspension of the rules the following bills and resolves were given their second reading and passed to be engrossed.)

An act relating to the packing and grading of apples. (H. P. 1363, L. D. 906)

An act relating to damages by dogs and wild animals. (H. P. 1364, L. D. 930)

Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls. (H. P. 1365, L. D. 941)

Resolve in favor of the London Guarantee and Accident Co. Ltd. on account of overpayment of taxes for the years of 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925. (H. P. 1366, L. D. 942)

An act relating to the transfer of trust funds of corporations, trustees, unincorporated bodies and associations, and extending the provisions thereof. (H. P. 1368, L. D. 932)

An act relating to the employment of minors. (H. P. 1369, L. D. 933)

An act to provide a town council and manager form of government for the town of Presque Isle, in the county of Aroostook. (H. P. 1362, L. D. 888)

An act to amend the charter of the Gray Water District. (H. P. 1370, L. D. 934)

An act relating to penalty for aiding escape of inmates from state hospitals or Pownall State School. (H. P. 1371, L. D. 935)

An act authorizing and empowering the town of Waterboro to raise money to purchase lands, water and flowage rights.

An act to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Somerset County. (H. P. 1374, L. D. 938)

An act relating to the charter of the city of Belfast. (H. P. 828, L. D. 927)

An act relating to payments to County Law Libraries. (H. P. 972, L. D. 463)

An act relative to the Portland Seamen's Friend Society. (H. P. 1005, L. D. 929)

An act relating to the licensing of recreational camps, tourist homes and similar places. (H. P. 987, L. D. 508)

An act amending an act to incorporate the Bethel Water Company. (H. P. 860, L. D. 928)

An act to increase the salary of the Judge of the Norway Municipal Court. (H. P. 658, L. D. 926)

An act relating to transportation of discharged prisoners. (H. P. 1065, L. D. 620)

An act relating to the construction of third-class highways from special appropriations. (H. P. 1121, L. D. 675)

An act relative to the maintenance. (H. P. 1122, L. D. 676)

From the House:

The Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District (H. P. 1149) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1372, L. D. 936) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

In the House, report read and accepted, the bill given its several readings and passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled

pending acceptance in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Public Utilities on bill "An Act relating to rates charged by the Portland Water District" (H. P. 633, L. D. 218) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1373, L. D. 937) under the title of "An Act to authorize the Portland Water District to acquire all the properties of the Casco Bay Light & Water Company used or useful for the supply of water, and that it ought to pass.

In the House, report read and accepted, the bill given its several readings and passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

ORDER

On motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the map showing highway construction submitted to the legislature by the Highway Department pursuant to order, be distributed by delivering twenty copies thereof to the House of Representatives and five copies thereof to the Senate, for distribution in such manner as is calculated to enable the members of the Legislature to properly examine them.

Thereupon, on motion by the same Senator the order was transmitted immediately to the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to receive an expression from the Senate as to the desirability of afternoon sessions, possibly starting this afternoon. The Chair realizes that there are a number of executive committee meetings and that possibly it will not be convenient to start the afternoon session this afternoon. We could recess, if it would be convenient, until four o'clock or four-thirty and that would facilitate the transfer of papers between the Senate and the House.

Mr. LELAND of Piscataquis: Mr. President, would it cause very much delay if this action were deferred until tomorrow?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair does not feel so.

Mr. LELAND: The Ways and Bridges Committee have several

matters yet to consider in executive sessions and I think it would convenience our committee, at least, to defer afternoon Senate session until tomorrow.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair rather felt that that would be the situation with some committees, but that it would be all right to start tomorrow.

Mr. LELAND: Mr. President, that would be entirely satisfactory to our committee.

Bills in First Reading

An Act to require full returns of expenditures in primary elections and to provide for publicity in connection therewith. (S. P. 579, L. D. 951)

An Act providing for the enlistment of members of the State Highway police. (S. P. 584, L. D. 952)

Resolve appropriating money to pay pauper claims heretofore approved by the Committee on Claims. (S. P. 586) (L. D. 955)

An Act to provide for the further issuance of State Highway and Bridge bonds. (S. P. 587, L. D. 957)

Committee Reports

Mr. Weatherbee from the Committee on Administrative Code on "Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide for eliminating the office of Treasurer of State and establishing a state budget system." (S. P. 290, L. D. 280) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee reported same on bill "An Act to supplement the 'State Administrative reorganization code' by establishing a Bureau of the Treasury in the Department of Finance, assigning certain powers and duties to this bureau, and repealing conflicting acts and parts of acts." (S. P. 291, L. D. 281)

The same Senator from the same Committee reported same on bill "An Act creating to State of Maine Purchasing Agents' Association." (S. P. 459, L. D. 623)

Mr. Crockett from the Committee on Education on bill "An Act relating to public health nursing in the schools" (S. P. 443, L. D. 602); reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient."

Mrs. Carter from the same Committee on bill "An Act relating to

the Superintendent of Schools in Harpswell" (S. P. 182) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Small from the same Committee reported same on bill "An Act prescribing the oath or affirmation to be taken and subscribed to by professors, instructors and teachers in the public schools, colleges and universities of this state." (S. P. 302, L. D. 283)

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill "An Act shortening the closed season on partridges in Waldo County." (S. P. 140)

Mr. Boulter from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill "An Act relating to snares for bobcats." (S. P. 86, L. D. 98)

The same Senator from the same Committee reported same on "Resolve in favor of screening Bear Pond." (S. P. 184)

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill "An Act relating to persons maintaining children's homes to have licenses." (S. P. 468, L. D. 632)

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Military Affairs reported same on bill "An Act relating to pensions for soldiers and sailors of the war with Spain." (S. P. 452, L. D. 609)

Mr. Weymouth from the Committee on Pensions reported same on "Resolve in favor of Augustus Gagnon, disabled veteran." (S. P. 328)

Mr. Page from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds reported same on "Resolve for the erection of an entrance gate to the State Park in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the State House." (S. P. 19)

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The majority of the Committee on Military Affairs on bill, "An Act relating to the completion of the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the War with Spain" (S. P. 422, L. D. 529) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Weeks
Crosby
Shaw
Clement
Burkett
Graves
Smith
Worthen and
Morin

The minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Slocum

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that we accept the minority report "ought not to pass."

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset a division of the Senate was had.

Three having voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative the motion was lost.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same senator, the majority report of the committee "ought not to pass" was accepted.

The majority of the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act relating to registration of motor vehicles" (S. P. 35, L. D. 8); reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Weeks
Murchie
Aldrich
McCart
Authier
Burkett
Farris
Snow and
Varney

The minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Tompkins

(On motion by Mr. Story of Aroostook, tabled pending acceptance of either report.)

The majority of the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act to regulate the sterilization of inmates of institutions" (S. P. 277, L. D. 250) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 590) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

(Signed)

Weeks
Murchie
Aldrich
Snow
Burkett
Tompkins
McCart
Farris

The minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Varney
Authier

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the majority report "ought to

pass" was accepted and the bill laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve relating to rights of the States in the nomination and election of United States senators" (S. P. 508, L. D. 724) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 591) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act relative to the powers of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 475, L. D. 638) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 593) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on bill "An Act to protect cod in waters off the coast of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties" (S. P. 226, L. D. 275); reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 589) under title of bill "An Act to protect cod and other ground fish in waters off the coast of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties"; and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on "Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn" (S. P. 100); reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 594) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act to create a game sanctuary in the town of Hope, Knox county, to be known as the Gribbel Game Preserve" (S. P. 307); reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Military Affairs reported same on bill "An Act relating to military and naval reservists." (S. P. 270)

Mr. Slocum from the same committee reported same on bill "An Act to clarify the payment of military accounts." (S. P. 271)

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Ways and Bridges reported same on "Resolve in favor of the town of Jonesport." (S. P. 158)

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

Mr. Crockett from the Committee on Education on bill "An Act relating to industrial education" (S. P. 374, L. D. 478); reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Boulter from the Committee

on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill "An Act relative to hunting licenses." (S. P. 84, L. D. 96)

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act relating to penalties for violations of rules and regulations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 85, L. D. 97); reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Labor submitted its final report.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance submitted its final report.

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds submitted its final report.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries submitted its final report.

The Committee on Towns submitted its final report.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Engrossed

An act relating to the protection of children. (S. P. 581, L. D. 950)

An act relating to pre-bid qualifications for state contracts. (S. P. 583, L. D. 948)

Resolve in favor of Pownal State Schools for additions and improvements. (S. P. 585, L. D. 953)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is advised that the clerical work is simplified considerably if there is any matter which any senator desires to table, if it can be tabled immediately after reading, although of course it is entirely proper and right for any senator to table any matter at any time in its course.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act classifying the bear as a game animal. (S. P. 81, L. D. 93)

An Act having reference to the authorization and approval of issues of stocks, bonds and notes by Public Utilities. (S. P. 118, L. D. 114)

An Act to incorporate the Blueberry Farm Water Company of Camden. (S. P. 208, L. D. 152)

An Act relating to the digging of clams in the town of Kennebunk. (S. P. 224, L. D. 845)

An Act authorizing towns to raise money for repairing and building academies. (S. P. 281, L. D. 248)

An Act to establish a Game Preserve in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop in Kennebec County. (S. P. 306, L. D. 287)

(On motion by Mr. Towle of Kennebec, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

An Act authorizing the establishment of a Federal Fish Hatchery in Maine. (S. P. 354, L. D. 377)

An Act to establish Duck Sanctuaries in Knox county. (S. P. 375, L. D. 479)

An Act relating to Salmon Pond Sanctuary. (S. P. 376, L. D. 480)

An Act relating to ballots for primary elections. (S. P. 387, L. D. 491)

An Act relating to the care of neglected and abandoned animals. (S. P. 421, L. D. 528)

An Act relating to closing of accounts of Public Utilities. (S. P. 425, L. D. 531)

An Act relating to certain pollution of certain waters. (S. P. 435, L. D. 574)

An Act relating to procedure before Public Utilities Commission. (S. P. 441, L. D. 580)

An Act relative to the promotion of medical education. (S. P. 451, L. D. 608)

An Act to authorize York Harbor Village to appropriate money to improve a certain part of York River. (S. P. 509, L. D. 752)

An Act relating to fees for registration of trailers. (S. P. 527, L. D. 846)

(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditure of the Government and for other purposes for the years July 1st 1931 to June 30th, 1932 and from July 1st, 1932 to June 30th, 1933, (S. P. 532, L. D. 814)

An Act relating to Inspectors of Buildings. (S. P. 535, L. D. 836)

An Act to Incorporate the Madawaska Village Corporation (S. P. 538, L. D. 839)

An Act relating to the construction and maintenance of bridges of State Highways. (S. P. 539, L. D. 840)

An Act forbidding sirens on motor vehicles with certain exceptions. (S. P. 540, L. D. 837)

An Act with reference to the meaning of the word "Distributor" as applied to distributors of Gasoline. (S. P. 546, L. D. 847)

An Act classifying Public Heating Companies as Public Utilities. (S. P. 552, L. D. 853)

An Act relating to State Aid for Academies. (H. P. 83, L. D. 56)

An Act relating to fish hatcheries and feeding stations. (H. P. 94, L. D. 65)

An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Chase's Pond in the county of York. (H. P. 577, L. D. 199)

An Act to amend the Charter of the Eastport Municipal Court. (H. P. 586, L. D. 826)

An Act relating to taking of smelts in Gouldsboro. (H. P. 665, L. D. 816)

An Act relating to taxation of shares of stock of Trust and Banking Companies. (H. P. 711, L. D. 233)

An Act relating to the Western Hancock Municipal Court. (H. P. 818, L. D. 827)

An Act relating to the Charter of Old Town. (H. P. 831, L. D. 314)

An Act relating to the Attorney-General. (H. P. 921, L. D. 860)

An Act relating to classification of Registered guides. (H. P. 948, L. D. 427)

An Act with respect to the trial terms of the Superior Court within and for the counties of Androscoggin and Franklin. (H. P. 964, L. D. 455)

An Act repealing obsolete appropriation law. (H. P. 1006, L. D. 543)

An Act relating to a biennial revision of "Fish and Game" Laws. (H. P. 1060, L. D. 616)

An Act relating to County Law Libraries (H. P. 1069, L. D. 848)

An Act to provide for Cooperation between the United States Department of Agriculture, the Commissions of Agriculture of the New England States, and the Maine Department of Agriculture in the collection and publication of statistics and other purposes. (H. P. 1078, L. D. 654)

An Act relating to Legal Holidays (H. P. 1104, L. D. 682)

An Act relating to Probation of officers for Cumberland County. (H. P. 1187, L. D. 772)

An Act relating to ice fishing in Mousam Lake, Square Lake and Goose Pond, situated in the towns

of Shapleigh and Acton, in York County. (H. P. 1274, L. D. 861).

An Act to amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Beach District. (H. P. 1275, L. D. 828).

An Act to authorize the town of St. Francis to compensate Adrienne Michaud for services performed by her in the Public Schools of St. Francis. (H. P. 1276, L. D. 829).

An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford. (H. P. 1277, L. D. 830).

An Act to amend An Act to incorporate the Guilford and Sangerville Water District. (H. P. 1284, L. D. 842).

An Act to authorize the Ogunquit Village Corporation to issue bonds. (H. P. 1285, L. D. 843).

An Act relating to close time on Damariscotta River. (H. P. 1286, L. D. 844).

An Act exempting charitable Organizations from excise tax. (H. P. 1294, L. D. 851).

An Act establishing the Natanis Game Preserve in the town of Vassalboro in the county of Kennebec. (H. P. 1301, L. D. 862).

An Act relative to the issuing of hunting licenses. (H. P. 1302, L. D. 863).

An Act relating to Pauper Settlements. (H. P. 1304, L. D. 865).

An Act to incorporate Berwick Cemetery Association. (H. P. 1305, L. D. 866).

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Gladys Malcolm. (S. P. 533, L. D. 835).

Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent. (H. P. 1077, L. D. 833).

Resolve in favor of Howard F. Dollard compensating him for damages. (H. P. 1295, L. D. 868).

Resolve in favor of Elwyn Houston of Wells. (H. P. 1296, L. D. 869).

Resolve in favor of Maurice E. Gould of Sherman Mills. (H. P. 1297, L. D. 870).

Resolve in favor of Horace Kelly of Island Falls. (H. P. 1298, L. D. 871).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report "Ought to Pass" from the Committee on Legal Affairs on New Draft An act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District, (H. P.

1372, L. D. 936), tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending acceptance in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the report of the committee was accepted and the bill was given its first reading.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its second reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report, from the Committee on Public Utilities, "Ought to Pass" in a new draft, on An act to authorize the Portland Water District to acquire all the properties of the Casco Bay Light and Water Company used or useful for the supply of water, (H. P. 1373, L. D. 937), tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending acceptance in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted and the bill given its first reading.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, Resolve in favor of Harry C. Aldrich, (L. D. 536), tabled by Mr. Weeks of Somerset on March 18th pending second reading; and that Senator offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 536, Resolve in favor of Harry C. Aldrich. Amend said resolve by adding to the end thereof, 'From the funds of the Fish and Game Department'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted, the resolve given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as so amended

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An act relating to the State School for Girls, (L. D. 762), tabled by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland on March 18th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for Friday morning.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys (L. D. 763), tabled by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland on March 18th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator the resolve was retabled and especially assigned for Friday morning.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An act relating to the State School for Boys, (L. D. 764), tabled by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland on March 18th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for Friday morning.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve in favor of John T. Pratt, New Draft, (L. D. 794), tabled by Mr. Weeks of Somerset on March 18th pending passage to be engrossed; and that Senator offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 794. Amend said resolve by adding to the end thereof, 'from the funds of the Fish and Game Department'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted, and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, Resolve in favor of Coyt Ingraham of Knox, (L. D. 793), tabled by Mr. Weeks of Somerset on March 18th pending passage to be engrossed; and that Senator offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 793. Amend said resolve by adding to the end thereof, 'from the funds of the Fish and Game Department'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Insane Hospitals, "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital, (S. P. 189), tabled by Mr. Farnsworth

of Aroostook on March 18th pending acceptance of the report, and on motion by that Senator, the report of the committee was accepted.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Insane Hospitals, "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital, (S. P. 190), tabled by Mr. Farnsworth of Aroostook on March 18th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator, the resolve was retabled.

The President laid before the Senate, An act to provide for the appointment of a Commission on Revision of the Inheritance and Estate Tax Law, (H. P. 1088, L. D. 662), tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 19th pending second reading.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, as there is a bill in the Legislature dealing with this matter, I move this be retabled until we get the report on the other bill.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought to Pass" on An act relating to trial terms in York County, (S. P. 418, L. D. 525), tabled by Mr. Boulter of York on March 19th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. BOULTER of York: Mr. President, inasmuch as this matter hasn't been taken up by the delegation of York County, I move this matter be referred to the York County Delegation.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, this is entirely unexpected to me, but I wish to say this, that the bill was offered yesterday to be recommitted to the York County Delegation before one of the largest lobbies that we have had in this State House this winter and we wanted to do that. Fifteen minutes after that the York County Delegation met and there was not a word said about this bill. Now, I am perfectly willing to have this bill referred to the York County Delegation to be heard this afternoon at two o'clock.

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, may I inquire just what would be the result of this procedure, if this matter which has al-

ready been passed upon by the proper committee, is referred to the York County Delegation?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would state that if this bill is referred to a committee consisting of that delegation, the question before the Senate would be upon the acceptance or rejection of the report of the committee.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. President, may I further inquire whether that report would supersede the report of the duly constituted committee of this legislature?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would feel that the report of this special committee would supersede the other report.

Mr. BOULTER: Mr. President, referring to the question of the delegation meeting yesterday. Our whole delegation did not meet. We feel when we have a delegation meeting the full delegation is entitled to be present and heard on this matter. I do object to calling this meeting at two o'clock this afternoon inasmuch as I, myself, and I presume some other members of this Senate have some executive sessions in which they wish to clean up some matters that should come along.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. President, my only motive in this is that I would like to have this come immediately before the delegation. I do not know nor care whether it is two o'clock or ten minutes past eleven, but I would like to have this come before this committee today. We had an extensive hearing before the Judiciary Committee. The lawyers of York County all came here to express their opinions and we got a unanimous report from the Judiciary Committee, and yesterday the same delegation was here surrounding the senators like a flock of flies, and we supposed we were ready to go to the bat today on this. Now I am perfectly willing to present this to the York County Delegation and let their findings be final, and I offered to do that yesterday and I don't want anyone to put this off and kick it around like a football. It is a matter of dollars and cents and accommodation to the people and, as I can read out of this book, to the oldest county in the State. I am prepared to fight and that is what I want to do and I don't care whether I fight the committee or the legislature and I hope when we

get through there will be no fight but everybody will be satisfied.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I don't want to mix into the fight that the Senator (Senator Littlefield) is referring to, but I think the situation is that if we recommit the bill, it has to go to the House for concurrent action and if the House does not recommit there will have to be a committee of conference, and so I wonder if they are not in as good position to have the little fight right now as they will be in the future.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from York, Senator Boulter, that this matter be referred to the York County Delegation.

A viva voce vote being doubted. A division of the Senate was had. Fourteen voting in the affirmative and thirteen in the negative, the motion to refer to the York County Delegation prevailed.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. President, may I ask that I have a time certain for our committee to convene?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would feel that that would be a somewhat difficult matter because as the matter now stands, it has been recommitted to a committee to consist of the York County Delegation and it has to go to the House. For the purpose of bringing the matter to a head as soon as possible, if the Senator desires, the matter may be sent to the House immediately.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD: Mr. President, I would ask if the Senator from York, Senator Boulter would be willing to assign a time for this hearing.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair does not feel it should anticipate the action of the House. Would the Senator from York, Senator Boulter, be willing to send the matter to the House immediately?

Mr. BOULTER: Mr. President, I think it ought to take its usual course.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Mr. President, in order to bring the matter to a head, I move this be forwarded at once to the House.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Weeks that this matter be sent immediately to the House.

A viva voce vote being had, the motion prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought Not to Pass" on An act relative to sale of real estate for non-payment of sewer assessments (S. P. 413, L. D. 521), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 19th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I tabled this to get more information on the bill. I have been unable to get that information but I yield the floor.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the report of the committee "ought not to pass" was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve in favor of the State Library. (S. P. 557, L. D. 857), tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 19th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator, the resolve received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, An act relating to increases in the capital stock of railroad corporations. (S. P. 117, L. D. 115), tabled by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot on March 20th pending adoption of House Amendment A; and on motion by that Senator, House Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve for the purchase of the History of York, Maine. (S. P. 212, L. D. 808), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 20th pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Chairman of the Library Committee, Senator Crockett.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Crockett of York, House Amend-

ment "A" was adopted, and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve for the purchase of one hundred copies of "Pioneers on Maine Rivers," (S. P. 513, L. D. 810), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 20th pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from York, Senator Crockett.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Crockett of York, House Amendment "A" was adopted and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve for the purchase of "Maine Legislature 1820-1931," (S. P. 530, L. D. 811), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 20th pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from York, Senator Crockett.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Crockett of York, House Amendment "A" was adopted and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought not to pass" on An act relating to itinerant vendors. (H. P. 910, L. D. 364), tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 20th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Pensions, "Ought not to pass" on An act relating to State Pension Law. (H. P. 935, L. D. 412), tabled by Mr. Southard of Kennebec on March 20th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, An act to authorize the construction of a wharf in Long Lake, (H. P. 1264, L. D. 805), tabled by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland on March 20th pending second reading; and that Senator offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 805. Legislative Document 805 shall be amended by striking out in the sixth and seventh lines of said bill, 'far enough to allow the landing of boats and steamers,' and by inserting in place thereof, 'for a distance of not more than one hundred feet. The wharf shall be not over twenty feet in width.' And by adding at the end of said bill the words, 'the opening in the guard rail on the bridge leading to the wharf shall not exceed ten feet. If the said wharf is not built before January 1, 1933, this act shall become void'."

Upon motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the bill and amendment were laid upon the table, pending adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought to pass in a new draft" on An act to incorporate the Lubec Cemetery Corporation, (H. P. 587), tabled by Mr. Murchie of Washington on March 20th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator, the report of the committee was accepted and the bill received its first reading.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator the rules were suspended and the bill received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs, "Ought Not to Pass" on An Act relating to the State Police," (S. P. 450, L. D. 607), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 20th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, pending the outcome of legislation similar to this, I move this bill be retabled.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary, "Ought to Pass in a New Draft," on "An Act relating to Itinerant Vendors and Hawkers and Peddlers," (S. P. 366, L. D. 387), tabled by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin on March 20th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator the report was accepted.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I ask the legislative document number of the new draft?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Slocum, asks a pertinent question. The Chair is advised that the new draft has not been printed.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table, under the joint rules, pending printing.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act regulating the transportation of poultry (H. P. 777, L. D. 323), tabled by Mr. Towle of Kennebec on March 20th pending second reading.

Mr. TOWLE of Kennebec: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Crosby.

Mr. CROSBY of Penobscot: Mr. President, as an antidote for the incipient rigor mortis which has set in on this bill, I offer Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption:

Senate Amendment A to H. P. 777, L. D. 323, entitled "An Act Regulating the Transportation of Poultry."

"Said bill is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof of the words: "firm or corporation," and by striking out all of said bill after the word "do" in the eighth line and inserting in place thereof the following: "The commissioner of agriculture may issue licenses for poultry transportation good for the calendar year in which the same are issued to such applicants as satisfy him of their responsibility and character. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who is transporting from the place of purchase to his home or to the intended place of consumption,

poultry purchased by such person.” Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Le-land of Piscataquis, the bill was laid upon the table pending adoption of Senate Amendment “A.”

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, Resolve appropriating money to cover Departmental Deficiencies (S. P. 559, L. D. 884) tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 20th pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, since the introduction of the original bill two or three other matters have interfered and for that reason I offer Senate Amendment “A” and move its adoption:

“Senate Amendment ‘A’ to Senate Paper 559, L. D. 884, Resolve Appropriating Money to Cover Department Deficiencies.

“Amend said resolve by striking out all of said resolve and substituting in the place thereof the following: Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of three thousand seven hundred and sixty-two dollars for the following departments for deficiencies:

Adjutant General's Department,	\$ 458.39
Commissioner of Agriculture,	320.80
Department of Public Welfare,	66.75
Executive Department,	849.28
Secretary of State	38.25
State Geologist	1,820.00
State Commissioner of Education,	208.53
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“And be it further resolved: That the Auditor is hereby authorized to pay from current funds of the Central Maine Sanatorium for the year ending June thirtieth nineteen hundred and thirty-one, bills of Proctor-Bowie Company of Waterville, Maine, for hardware furnished the Central Maine Sanatorium in the construction of a nurses' home on contract dated May 25, 1928, amounting to nine hundred eighty-seven dollars and forty-four cents.”

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An Act relating to the Salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture (S. P. 537, L. D. 841), tabled by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc on March 20th pending second reading.

Thereupon, Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:—

“Senate Amendment ‘A’ to Senate Paper 537, being a new draft of Senate paper 286, Legislative Document 841.

“Amend said act by striking from the seventh and following lines thereof, the words ‘three thousand, five hundred dollars, provided, however, that the Governor and Council may increase said salary to an amount not in excess of four thousand, five hundred dollars,’ and substitute therefor the words ‘four thousand five hundred dollars,’ so that the second paragraph of said act as amended shall read as follows:

“The commissioner of agriculture shall receive an annual salary of four thousand five hundred dollars.”

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I take just a moment to explain the reason for this amendment and I may say, if the body will permit me to do so, that in my remarks I shall refer not only to this matter but to two or three others of similar character that are to follow, which will make it unnecessary for me to speak further on them.

You will note, if you will refer to the proposed bill to which I have offered this amendment, that the salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture is on a basis of a sliding scale running from three thousand five hundred dollars to forty-five hundred dollars, the amount to be paid to the Commissioner of Agriculture after his election to be determined by the Governor and Council. The same thing applies to the state Auditor, who will receive a sliding scale—the amount I have not in mind—and the same principle is adopted in connection with the salary to be paid to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and to the state Librarian.

Now, I would like to call to your attention that here are three classes of department heads are selected in three different ways. The

Commissioner of Agriculture is elected by the Legislature of the State of Maine and when the Legislature of the State of Maine elects a Commissioner of Agriculture in my judgment the Legislature thereby determines and says that it has elected an efficient and competent man who is entitled to receive what the position is worth, and I am assuming from the sliding scale which the committee has adopted that in this instance they regard the position, if held by an efficient and competent man, to be worth forty-five hundred dollars. And if it is in the power of anybody, after this Legislature has so elected a man, to determine by the amount which shall be given to him, that he is evidently is not efficient and capable and entitled to receive what an efficient and capable man should receive, I would submit that the action of the Legislature may be thwarted by the action of the other body.

Even worse is the case which is submitted with respect to the state Auditor. The state Auditor is elected by the people of the State of Maine and when the people of the State of Maine select the State Auditor they pass judgment on his efficiency and capability, and for anybody thereafter to have the right to say that they will determine whether he shall receive the salary that an efficient man is entitled to or whether he shall receive something less again amounts to nothing less than the thwarting of the expressed will of the people of this state.

With respect to the other two offices, the commissioners who are appointed by the Governor and Council, may I say this, that the positions as indicated by the committee, if held by efficient men, are entitled to the salary which is represented by the maximum in their bill. And if the Governor and Council select a man as Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and after selecting him give the minimum salary I say that thereby they state to the people of the State of Maine and to the outside world that their Commissioner in that department is not sufficiently capable to command the salary which a Commissioner of that department should command; and the same applies with respect to your

state Librarian. Now, on these last two offices, if by any chance they are given the minimum provided in this bill and if by any chance to go out to meet other men of other states in similar departments, they go out representing the State of Maine as having been indicated as men not entirely and completely capable of filling the position.

Now, the thought has been suggested to me that this is in accordance with business principles. I will submit that in filling minor positions like those of stenographers it may be that you should have a sliding scale but I know of no state in the country which has an elective officer whose salary is on a sliding scale to be determined by some other body after the people or the legislature have selected him, and I submit as a matter of principle and for the purpose of making sure that efficient and capable men will be selected, this Legislature should be capable of determining the salaries which the heads of departments shall receive.

Now, I shall not go into the ramifications of this for the purpose of indicting to you the manner in which this privilege could possibly be abused. I shall not go into that at all, but I will leave it just on the principle which I have indicated, that if we are not capable of determining for ourselves what these offices are worth I am frank to say that I feel sorry for us.

Mr. WHEELER of Oxford: Mr. President, I rise to voice my objection to the adoption of the amendment. I am not going into any elaborate discussion over these salary increases, whether they are minimum or maximum. The Committee on Salaries and Fees went into this matter very carefully. The minimum that is set up in these four bills that are on the calendar today are the very same salaries that these four positions are paying. The state Librarian is receiving three thousand dollars and the maximum is four; the salary of the Commissioner of Fish and Game is three thousand dollars and the maximum is four; the Commissioner of Agriculture receives thirty-five hundred and the maximum is forty-five hundred; the state Auditor receives four thousand dollars and the maximum is five thousand.

It seems to me personally—and I think I can speak for my committee as this is the unanimous report

of the committee—that I cannot see any reason why the State of Maine should not adopt minimum and maximum amounts on these salaries. I cannot see any reason why the State of Maine cannot have the opportunity, when, possibly, by the resignation of any person in office, or when by death, we have to have a man to take any office, why the State of Maine should not have the benefit of a minimum salary and a raise to the maximum salary. I take issue with the gentleman from Sagadahoc, Mr. Aldrich, on the grounds that I have not yet lost faith in the Governor and his Council, whether it be our present Governor or governors yet to be elected, and if we are going to question the sincerity of our governors in the matter of meting out justice to the people of the State of Maine we had better go further and take the council orders all away from them. If that is the preferred procedure today I am willing to abide by it but I can see no reason why these minimum and maximum salaries should not be approved. I thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. President, may I say just one word? I wish to remove any impression, if such was given, that anything which I have said was, or was intended to be, a reflection in any manner upon either our present Governor or past governors or any governors whom we may have in the future, but my remarks were also intended to convey the idea that I believe the Legislature of the State of Maine is just as capable as anyone else, through its committees, of determining what these salaries should be; and I submit that our committee has determined that by a maximum which they reached which must necessarily indicate that they feel that that is what a capable and efficient man should receive.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, as a legislator I want to go on record as being opposed to raises in salaries for the heads of departments, as a legislation proposition at this time. Prices are now lower than they have been, unemployment is a condition that we are facing and I do not believe that the legislature wants to tell the taxpayers that they are going to

raise the salaries of heads of departments arbitrarily at this time.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the adoption of Senate Amendment "A" offered by the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Aldrich.

Mr. WHEELER: Mr. President, I ask for a division.

Mr. KITCHEN of Aroostook: Mr. President, may we have the Amendment read?

The Secretary read the amendment.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the adoption of Senate Amendment "A". A division has been asked.

Thereupon, a division of the Senate was had.

Five having voted in the affirmative and nineteen opposed, the amendment was not adopted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, have we any assurance under this bill without the amendment that there will be no raise in salaries?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair assumes that the question of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Slocum, is a general one.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the Senate reconsidered its action just taken whereby this bill 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.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An act in relation to the Salary of the State Auditor, (S. P. 536, L. D. 839), tabled by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc on March 20th pending second reading; and on motion by the same Senator the bill received its second reading.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate, An act relating to the disposal of fines and costs collected by the State Highway Police, (H. P. 585, L. D. 825), tabled by Mr.

Littlefield of York on March 20th pending second reading.

Mr. BOULTER of York: Mr. President, out of courtesy to my esteemed colleague (Mr. Littlefield of York) I move that this matter be retabled.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President: The Chair has been advised that the House has adjourned until four o'clock this afternoon, or recessed, but if the calendar is cleared up in the Senate there would not seem to be any particular reason to change the plans of the Senate made earlier this morning.

The President laid before the Senate, new draft, An act relative to the salary of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game (H. P. 1279, L. D. 832), tabled by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc on March 20th pending second reading; and on motion by the same Senator the bill received its second reading.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate, new draft, An act relative to the salary of the State Librarian, (H. P. 1278, L. D. 831), tabled by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc on March 20th pending second reading; and on motion by the same Senator the bill received its second reading.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Claims, "Ought not to pass" on H. P. 726, Resolve in favor of Edwin T. Clifford tabled by Mr. Southard of Kennebec on March 23rd pending acceptance of report in concurrence; and on motion by the same Senator the report was accepted in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act to provide for continuous revision of the Statutes and Legislatives Assistance (S. P.

278, L. D. 249) tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 23rd pending adoption of House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Somerset, Senator Page.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the bill was retabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Public Utilities "Ought not to pass" on H. P. 1062, L. D. 618, An Act relating to contracts by corporate Public Utilities with holding corporations and with associated subsidiary corporations, tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 23rd pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and on motion by that senator the bill and report were retabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence and especially assigned for Friday morning next.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary "Ought not to pass" on S. P. 392, L. D. 466, An Act to encourage and provide for a system of uniform accounting in cities, towns, etc., tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 23rd pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that senator the bill and report were retabled pending acceptance of the report and especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary "Ought to pass in a new draft" on S. P. 359, L. D. 381, An Act relating to the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles, tabled by Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin on March 23rd pending acceptance of the report.

Mrs. CARTER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I move that this be retabled. I ask this as there is other legislation pending of a similar nature.

The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium (S. P. 232, L. D. 901), tabled by Mr. Spear

of Cumberland on March 23rd pending second reading.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter.

Thereupon, on motion by Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on State Sanatoriums; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was transmitted at once to the House for concurrent action.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium for maintenance (S. P. 233, L. D. 899), tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 23rd pending second reading.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter.

Thereupon, on motion by Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on State Sanatoriums; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was transmitted at once to the House for concurrent action.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act relating to the weight of bread (S. P. 502, L. D. 732), tabled by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland on March 23rd pending second reading.

Mr. JACKSON of Cumberland: Mr. President, I am awaiting further information on this bill and respectfully request that it be retabled, and so move.

Thereupon, the bill was retabled pending second reading.

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve for the purchase of one hundred copies of the "History of the town of Cushing," (S. P. 325, L. D. 809), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 23rd pending adoption of House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from York, Senator Crockett.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Crockett of York, House Amendment "A" was adopted and the resolve as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the

Senate, Resolve in favor of Harry W. Hill of Limerick (H. P. 48), tabled by Mr. Leland of Piscataquis on March 24th pending adoption of House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Leland of Piscataquis, House Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act to regulate expenditures in connection with matters of legislation submitted to the people under the provisions of Article 31 of the Constitution providing for the Initiative and Referendum, New Draft. (S. P. 582, L. D. 949), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 24th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator, the bill received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An Act relative to the construction of poles and wire lines upon and along State and State Aid Highways, (S. P. 578, L. D. 909), tabled by Mr. Littlefield of York on March 24th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator, the bill received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Divided Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary, Majority Report, "Ought to Pass" and Minority Report "Ought Not to Pass" on An Act to amend the primary election law providing for the nomination of candidates for county offices by convention, (S. P. 72, L. D. 49), tabled by Mr. Weeks of Somerset on March 24th pending acceptance of either report; and on motion by that Senator, the bill was retabled and especially assigned for Friday morning.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Administrative Code "Ought to Pass in a New Draft",

and under new title on An Act relating to the administration of the State, in order to secure better service, (S. P. 60, L. D. 20), tabled by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot on March 24th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator, the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Southard of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby it ac-

cepted the "ought not to pass" report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on An Act to establish a game preserve in the City of Lewiston, (L. D. 171); and on further motion by that Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Boulter of York

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.