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SENATE

Wednesday, November 7, 1934.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. A. T. McWhorter of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Friday, November 9th at ten-thirty in the forenoon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. ABBOTT of York: Mr. President, I have a bill which is an emergency measure and I would like to ask unanimous consent at this time to present the bill. I will explain it if necessary. It is for the protection of cattle from the "Bang's Disease." The reason why I present this is that the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry has appropriated nineteen thousand dollars to be available to this State to assist in the control of the business. It carries no monetary power with it and can be enacted to go into effect by the first of the year.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state to the Senator from York (Senator Abbott) that perhaps strictly under the rules such a statement should not be made without suspension of the rules, but the Chair thought it well to have the whole statement before the Senate and in the record, and will feel obliged to rule that under the joint order already adopted by concurrent action by both branches this session cannot entertain any legislation except that dealing with the subject of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. ABBOTT: Well, Mr. President, I do not care to press the matter, but I would ask for a suspension of the rules to explain the whole matter because I think there is a copy of the bill on everyone's desk. It is immaterial to me except that I thought it would be of assistance to the agricultural interests of the State to have this put in at this time; more so, perhaps, than many of us realize.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair sympathizes with the Senator but feels compelled to rule that the clear language of the joint order already adopted forbids the recep-

tion of any bill. The Chair would be glad to extend to the Senator from York (Senator Abbott) on request great liberality in the use of personal privilege to explain any bill.

Mr. ABBOTT: I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Senator wish to make any statement to the Senate under personal privilege, liberally construed?

Mr. WEATHERBEE of Penobscot: Mr. President, do I understand the Chair to take the position that once the Legislature has passed an order that it then has no power to rescind that order or by unanimous consent to receive and act upon legislation?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would understand that after the passage of a joint order any variation from the provisions of the procedure outlined in the joint order would require concurrent action. An order introduced for concurrent action would of course, open the whole matter provided the Legislature sees fit to take such action. The Chair understands that the Senate by concurrent action with the House has tied its own hands and tied the hands of the House for the reception of any legislation except under a new joint order.

Mr. WEATHERBEE: Then Mr. President, a new joint order for the introduction of this bill might be offered?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair understands that such an order would be perfectly in order.

Mr. WEATHERBEE: It is an important matter, so the gentlemen of the Agricultural Department state. The Federal Government has allotted nineteen thousand dollars for this purpose and that allotment might be withdrawn at any time. It is of great importance that something be done to eradicate this abortion disease among cattle and unless the state does take action the disease will spread and it will greatly decrease the value of cows in the State of Maine, decreasing the value more than one-half, and it means really the destruction of the cow industry in Maine unless this disease is stopped. Now, I think the Chair, of course, will give the gentleman (Senator Abbott) the opportunity to draft his order and we can then ascertain whether the House and Senate, under the circumstances, with this danger confronting us, will give reception to the bill.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Senator move for a recess until ten-thirty?

Mr. WEATHERBEE: Yes, Mr. President.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot

Recessed, until ten-thirty o'clock.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Oxford,

Adjourned, until Friday morning at ten-thirty o'clock