

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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



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

Legislative Record

OF THE

Eighty-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1935

KENNEBEC JOURNAL COMPANY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Saturday, March 30, 1930.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. Mortimer Gesner of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, April 1st, 1935, at four o'clock in the afternoon (S. P. 704) Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was received from the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Governor be requested to return to the Senate for further consideration, (S. P. 642) (L. D. 807) "Resolve Protecting Cod, Haddock, and other Ground Fish in Certain Waters of and Adjacent to Hancock County. (S. P. 711)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the foregoing order was returned from the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Papers from the House, disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to Licenses for Wholesalers in Malt Beverages." (S. P. 347) (L. D. 397)

In Senate on March 5th bill passed to be engrossed.

In House, on March 15th, bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In Senate on March 27th House Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, that body having insisted on its former action, and asking for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as members of such a Committee: Messrs. Gibbons of Portland

Hill of South Portland
Wentworth of Kennebunk.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr.

Blanchard of Franklin, that body voted to insist on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and join the House in a committee of conference; and the President appointed as such members on the part of the Senate:

Senators Blanchard of Franklin
Pillsbury of Kennebec
Burns of Aroostook

From the House:

Bill "An Act Creating the Portland Public Improvement Commission." (S. P. 637) (L. D. 793)

In Senate on March 21st, bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, House Amendment "A" was read. Under suspension of the rules the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; House Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to Games of Sport on Armistice Day." (S. P. 357) (L. D. 338)

In Senate on March 22nd bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, bill indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Schnurle of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration.

From the House:

The Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act Relating to the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge." (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 307) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, the bill substituted for the report and bill as amended by House Amendment "A" passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hathaway of Piscataquis, the bill and report were laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report, in non-concurrence.

Additional papers from the House, disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Registra-

tion of Pleasure Cars by Paupers" (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 360) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, the report was read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Ashby of Aroostook, the bill and report were laid upon the table pending acceptance in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act to Acquire the American Portion of the International Bridge at Baring in Washington County, and to Provide for its Maintenance" (H. P. 218) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, the report was read and accepted.

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, the Senate voted to reconsider its action just taken whereby the report of the committee "ought not to pass" was accepted in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to Closed time on Deer in York County" (H. P. 328) (L. D. 99) reported that the same ought to pass.

In the House, the report was read and accepted and the bill was passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, the report of the committee was read and accepted in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Schnurle of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table pending first reading.

From the House:

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to the Trapping Law in Waldo County" (H. P. 140) (L. D. 42) reported that the same ought to pass.

In the House, the report was read and accepted and the bill was passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. Schnurle of Cumberland, the Sen-

ate voted to reconsider its action just taken whereby the report of the committee "ought to pass" was accepted in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was indefinitely postponed, in non-concurrence.

Sent down for 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 in concurrence.)

"An Act Relating to the Challenging of Voters in Towns," (H. P. 1814) (L. D. 856)

"An Act to Extend the Charter of the Bluehill Water Company," (H. P. 1757) (L. D. 798)

"An Act Relating to the Charter of the City of South Portland," (H. P. 849) (L. D. 293)

"An Act to Incorporate the Presque Isle Water District," (H. P. 846) (L. D. 291)

"An Act Relating to Construction of State Aid Highways," (H. P. 1804) (L. D. 434)

From the House:

Report "A" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Town and County Officers enforcing Laws Along the Highways," (H. P. 1244) (L. D. 464) reported that the same ought not to pass. (Signed) Burket of Cumberland, Fernald of Waldo, Hill of South Portland, Philbrick of Cape Elizabeth, Gray of Presque Isle.

Report "B" from the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1810) (L. D. 851) under the same title, and that it ought to pass. (Signed) Burns of Aroostook, Willey of Falmouth, Weatherbee of Lincoln, Vaughan of South Berwick, Jacobson of Portland.

In the House, Report "B" accepted, and bill as amended by House Amendment "A" passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Burns of Aroostook, Report "B" "Ought to Pass in New Draft" was accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading; House Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence; and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

Report "A" of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act Providing for Assessment of Premium Notes and Insurance Contracts," (H. P. 1149) (L. D. 369) reported that the same ought not to pass. (Signed) Hussey of Kennebec, Carll of York, Winn of Androscoggin, Sleeper of Rockland, Eddy of Bangor.

Report "B" of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1811) (L. D. 852) under the same title, and that it ought to pass. (Signed) Miss Stickney of Brownfield, Ellis of Rangeley, Palmer of Island Falls, Mace of Augusta, Noyes of Franklin.

In the House, Report "B" read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate:

Mr. CARLL of York: Mr. President, I shall move later that we non-concur with the House and that we accept Report "A". Unless some Senator would like to have this laid on the table for further consideration, I would just as soon discuss it now as any time and get it out of the way. It seems to me the time is coming when we might as well kill such bills as they come along instead of having them on the table.

This is a bill concerning mutual insurance, purely. I would like to say at the outset that I am not opposed to mutual insurance. I have in my lifetime incorporated two mutual insurance companies and have been secretary of them, and a director of a third one, and I recognize mutual insurance as a very ancient proposition that is of great value in the State of Maine as a great deal of property could not be taken care of without mutual insurance. At the same time, there are a great many kinds of mutual insurance in these times, and the operations of some I believe in, and in others I don't. There is a very ancient law, I do not know how far back it goes, on the statutes, for incorporating mutual fire insurance companies, which provides that the assured, on receiving his policy, should deposit a premium not of not less than five per cent. That premium note is all the assets a purely mutual insurance company has. The law makes it a first lien on all property covered. Now, under that law there are no restrictions on the premium that shall be charged or their method of doing business.

That is the details of managing their business is wholly up to them. They can write at any rate they choose, with a premium rate of five per cent.

Later on there come in vogue a certain class mutual insurance companies in this state, to write mercantile property, manufacturing property, and on one risk he might pay one percent and another risk, a saw mill perhaps, ten percent, and this old premium note plan of five per cent on the amount insured did not fit. The new companies wrote at an advanced premium. Some of you may be familiar with the Quincy Insurance Company of Massachusetts, which has been doing business in this state longer than I can remember. I can remember when my grandfather used to take out policies in that company. A man came along, driving a horse and wagon, he was dressed in a black suit and wore dinky side whiskers and wore a tall silk hat, to place insurance in that Quincy Insurance Company. They wrote stock company rates and paid a dividend on the fire insurance according to their earnings, and still do. The newer companies that came up wanted to write on the same plan and in 1897 an addition was put on this mutual law. I was in conference with the Insurance Department when that addition was put on.

I am going back to pre-historic days now and some of the younger folks do not remember them. Steve Carr of Bowdoinham was insurance commissioner, and a very nice man. He was a great story teller and a 16-cylinder politician. He got very little pay in his position and one time went before the committee and asked that his salary not be increased as he was afraid somebody else would want his job. They had a deputy commissioner, who I think was perhaps the ablest insurance man ever in our insurance department, and he afterwards went to Massachusetts and later became comptroller of the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company. He was a very able man and he prepared this clause in the law which I am referring to, "Provided, that any mutual company which collects a cash premium of not less than the tariff rate charged by stock companies may take a premium note for an equal amount". Mind you, that is in place of the

five percent level. They may take a "premium note for an equal amount and such companies shall maintain a premium reserve equal to fifty per cent of the cash premium on its policies in force." Now then, there was a lot of opposition to that. Some of the companies wanted a lower rate and Mr. Fletcher,—the insurance department, we will say, under the advice of Mr. Fletcher, insisted that was the very least protection that could be afforded to policy holders, and that became the law.

Now then, certain insurance companies writing policies under that plan proposed an amendment to that law and instead of writing those policies at tariff rates, of course hoping for a dividend at the expiration of the policy, and which the well managed companies had been able to pay, they asked for a change in the law that they might write out a schedule of rates, approved by the insurance commissioner. Now that feature of the law that I particularly oppose reads "approved by the insurance commissioner," and put a brand new feature into our laws, and possibly into our politics. I can see how some young man, anxious for the nomination for Governor might go out and say, "If you will vote for me I will appoint an insurance commissioner who will reduce your rates". We have enough things in politics without having insurance there.

No insurance commissioner is qualified to make insurance rates. Some commissioner might say, "All right, we will take stock company rates and knock off twenty-five percent". They could do that easy enough. But making insurance rates requires technical knowledge, expert knowledge, statistics, data, and tabulating machines would be necessary and if you put a rating proposition into the insurance bureau downstairs, that would be any good you would have a good many thousand dollars of expense and would require bigger quarters than they have now.

You may, any of you, now believe if you have a building rated at one per cent and another at one and one-half percent, that they are both too high. Some insurance commissioner may say they are too low, but only technical knowledge will tell why one is worth fifty percent

more than the other, and requires a lot of statistics and averages and data which the average commissioner is not qualified to provide. So I am opposed to this bill because I want to keep the insurance commissioner out of it.

Then there is another feature of this law that I want to call attention to. The old law for some reason or other, the Lord knows why, put in a provision that no domestic mutual insurance company shall insure in one risk an amount exceeding twenty-five per cent of its gross assets. Of course, it is a joke. Artemus Ward would spell it a "joak." I never saw any objection to its remaining in the statutes along with some other curiosities, which makes the Revised Statutes more interesting reading than the ordinary layman is aware of. They are changing it now to ten per cent and when we come to reaffirm in this legislature that ten per cent of your gross assets is good underwriting, we make ourselves ridiculous. Whether it is twenty-five or ten per cent I object to putting it in as our idea of a good statute at this time.

There is a mutual company over in York County, the Saco Mutual, the biggest in this state, which has been doing business since 1827 and its gross assets amount to nearly half a million dollars. We will say if it was \$400,000, on the original law they could write \$100,000 policy. Under this law as they propose to change it, they could write a \$40,000 policy. I have a policy on a farm and out in the country their limit is \$1,000, which is one-fortieth. I can find you a company in Hartford, Connecticut, of \$80,000,000. According to that, they could write a pretty big policy if they put in here ten per cent of their gross assets. If you can find some little country store down here that will carry over \$2500 on it, you will find an awful good one. So that law is ridiculous on its face, and while I am willing that the old curiosity shall stand in the statutes as an antique, I am not willing that this legislature should pass such a ridiculous law, reaffirming that a mutual company can put ten per cent of its gross assets on these policies.

I move the acceptance of the report "ought not to pass," and that report is signed by Hussey of Kennebec, Carl of York, Winn of Androscoggin, Sleeper of Rockland and Eddy of Bangor.

Upon motion by Mr. Ashby of Aroostook, the bill and accompanying reports were laid upon the table pending acceptance of Report "A."

Mr. BURNS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I am offering a bill entitled "An Act Relating to Notary Publics Outside the State," which is Senate Paper 706, and requires unanimous consent for its introduction, and I move that the bill be received under the rule requiring unanimous consent, and that five hundred copies be printed.

In explanation of this bill, I have this to say, that a plaintiff in bringing an action at law on account annexed for a store account or for any other account can prove that account by offering an affidavit of the account annexed, which affidavit bears a certificate of a notary public.

Now in dealing with this question the lawyers have not been confronted with any difficulty insofar as the affidavit of the account annexed bears the signature of a notary public and his seal, who is appointed by the governor and council of the State of Maine; but insofar as these cases deal with the proof of accounts that come here from other states with the affidavit of a notary public and his seal, we are having considerable difficulty because of the strict requirement of the statutes covering this particular case. The statute I refer to is Chapter 96, Section 129 of the Revised Statutes of 1930. Under the interpretation the Maine court has given to the statute, the affidavit of a foreign notary public must also contain a certificate of a clerk of a court of record, which has a seal, certifying that the notary public whose name appears on the affidavit, is in fact, a notary public and the signature of the notary public is genuine.

Now this proposed change doesn't go very far. We still will require that the affidavit of the foreign notary public shall be certified to by the clerk of courts of a court of record, but the certificate of this clerk of court will not be as strict as it is today, that is, requiring the clerk to state under oath and as a matter of fact that the signature is genuine. In Massachusetts and New York these clerks of court have a common printed form on which they place their court seal and their signature, which in effect says that the foreign notary public is a notary

public in the state and that the signature thereto affixed they believe to be genuine, "believe to be genuine." But these printed forms when offered in Maine have not been accepted, and the last decision in regard to that is 132 Maine where the court says because the certificate of the clerk of courts says he verily believes that the signature of the notary public is genuine, it is insufficient under the general law. So this proposed change only goes so far as to permit this printed certificate to be accepted in our state. In other words, when a clerk of courts in a foreign jurisdiction certifies that the notary public whose signature appears there with his seal, is in fact a notary public, it is sufficient.

The Secretary read the bill.

Thereupon, unanimous consent was given for the introduction of the bill, and five hundred copies were ordered printed.

Upon motion by Mr. Burns of Aroostook, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Bill "An Act Relating to Hawkers and Peddlers." (S. P. 221) (L. D. 194) be recalled to the Senate from the Engrossing Department." (S. P. 705)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House read and passed in concurrence.

First Reading of Printed Bills

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

"Resolve Relating to Fishing in Umbagog Lake." (S. P. 211) (L. D. 861)

"An Act to Validate Certain Loans Negotiated by the City of Hallowell." (S. P. 295) (L. D. 860)

"An Act Relative to Vagrant Cats." (S. P. 696) (L. D. 863)

"An Act to Repeal an Act Entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Town of Mason.'" (S. P. 697) (L. D. 859)

"An Act Relative to Regulation of the Use of the Highways by Mo-

tor Vehicles Transporting Property by Hire." (S. P. 698) (L. D. 865)

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Highways" (S. P. 699) (L. D. 864)

(On motion by Mr. Cowan of Lincoln, the bill was laid upon the table pending first reading.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Harmon from the Committee on Pensions on "Resolve Providing a State Pension for Edwin McGray of East Corinth," (S. P. 66) reported that the same ought not to pass, as the case is covered by the Old Age Pension Law when it goes into effect.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Wilbert Dolloff of Belfast," (S. P. 96) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Jackson from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Mary Frances Savage, of Gardiner," (S. P. 60) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Pension to Robert E. Taylor, of Augusta," (S. P. 65) reported that the same ought not to pass, as the case is covered by the Old Age Pension Law when it goes into effect.

Mr. Harmon from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Margaret Ricker of Augusta," (S. P. 121) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Jackson from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold E. Truworth of Athens," (S. P. 180) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Hathaway from the Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act Related to Narcotic Drugs," (S. P. 198) (L. D. 148) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Towns to Regulate the Taking of Clams," (S. P. 307) (L. D. 266) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Ashby from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act Relating to the Appropriation of a Part of the Gasoline Tax for Farm Roads," (S. P. 398) (L. D.

420) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. McDonald of Washington, the bill and report were laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Petition of S. T. Openshaw and 120 others on Jonesport and Beals in favor of the repeal of the Present Closed Season on Lobster Fishing, (S. P. 448) reported that the same be placed on file.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Fernald from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking of Clams in the Town of Roque Bluffs," (S. P. 306) (L. D. 261) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 707) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Burkett from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Purchase of Herring," (S. P. 430) (L. D. 475) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 708) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Worster of Washington, the bill and report were laid upon the table pending acceptance and five hundred copies of the bill ordered printed.)

Mr. Cowan from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to the Classification and Compensation of State Employees," (S. P. 260) (L. D. 204) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 709) under a new title, Bill "An Act Establishing the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Service of the State of Maine," and that it ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland the bill and report were laid upon the table pending acceptance. Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Cowan of Lincoln, one thousand copies of the bill were ordered printed.)

The Majority of the Committee on Indian Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Indians," (S. P. 187) (L. D. 138) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 710) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(Signed) Potter on Penobscot
Harmon of Hancock
McDonald of Washington
King of Orono
Kendrick of Litchfield
Parsons of Hartford
Stoddard of Eastport
Wallace of Sanford
Jandreau of St. Francis.

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

(Signed) Clarke of Cooper.

On motion by Mr. Potter of Penobscot, the Majority Report of the Committee "Ought to Pass in New Draft," was accepted and the bill was laid upon the table pending printing under the joint rules.

The Committee on Interior Waters presented its Final Report.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

"An Act Relating to the Insurance of Steam Boilers." (S. P. 151) (L. D. 83)

"An Act Relative to the Payment of Wages." (S. P. 153) (L. D. 85)

"An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds for the Southern District of Aroostook County." (S. P. 201) (L. D. 831)

(On motion by Mr. Cowan of Lincoln, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.)

"An Act Relating to Terms of the County Commissioners' Court for the County of Washington." (S. P. 248) (L. D. 828)

"An Act Relating to Pensions for State Employees." (S. P. 426) (L. D. 830)

"An Act Relating to Beauty Culture." (S. P. 636) (L. D. 796)

"An Act Relating to Revocation of Medical Doctors' Licenses." (S. P. 651) (L. D. 834)

"An Act Relative to Motor Vehicle Transfer Certificates." (S. P. 652) (L. D. 824)

"An Act Relating to Vital Statistics." (S. P. 654) (L. D. 825)

"An Act Relating to Obstruction of Justice." (S. P. 655) (L. D. 854)

"An Act to Provide for Pensions for Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish War, and Philippine Insurrection, and their Dependents." (S. P. 656) (L. D. 829)

"An Act to Incorporate the Eastport Cemetery Corporation." (H. P. 1146) (L. D. 334)

"An Act Relating to a Superintending School Committee for the Town of Mount Desert." (H. P. 1761) (L. D. 781)

"An Act for the Regulation of Cosmetics." (H. P. 1772) (L. D. 801)

"An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the Town of Richmond, in the County of Sagadahoc." (H. P. 1787) (L. D. 822)

"An Act Relating to School Unions." (H. P. 1795) (L. D. 838)

(On motion by Mr. Schnurle of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.)

"An Act to Amend the City Charter of Bangor." (H. P. 1529) (L. D. 674)

"An Act Relating to Licenses for Selling Clams." (H. P. 1799) (L. D. 842)

"An Act Relating to taking of soft Shelled Clams." (H. P. 1800) (L. D. 843)

"An Act Relating to Roadside Improvement." (H. P. 1801) (L. D. 844)

(Emergency Measure)

"Resolve Appropriating Money for the Construction of Road and Terminal Approach in the Town of Lincolnville or the Town of Northport to Penobscot Bay, and for the Construction of a Road and Terminal Approach in the Town of Islesboro to Penobscot Bay." (H. P. 1802) (L. D. 846)

Which resolve being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 24 members of the Senate and none opposed, was finally passed.

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate, Resolve Protecting Cod, Haddock, and other Ground Fish in Certain Waters of and Adjacent to Hancock County (S. P. 642) (L. D. 807), recalled from the Governor by Joint Order passed this morning; and on motion by Mr. Pinansky of Cumberland, under suspension of the rules the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the resolve was finally passed and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was laid upon the table pending final passage.

On motion by Mr. Schnurle of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Bill, An Act Relating to School Unions (H. P.

1795) (L. D. 838), tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. SCHNURLE of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move the indefinite postponement of this bill and in so doing I wish to say that if any of you would take the time to read into this bill you will find that its gives the Commissioner of Education the power to dissolve existing school unions, gives him power to set up new groups whether they want to or not and to dissolve all existing contracts after a certain period of time. I think we should leave a little discretion in matters of this kind to the towns themselves. I do not think the State should usurp all the power that belongs to the towns and I move for indefinite postponement of this bill.

The motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ashby of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table, Senate Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs "ought to pass" on bill, An Act amending Section 2 of Chapter 16 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to Bangor and Aroostook Railroad (S. P. 218), tabled by that Senator on March 28th pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator the report was accepted and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act to pro-

vide a town council and manager form of government for the town of Oakland in the county of Kennebec (H. P. 1778) (L. D. 815), tabled by that Senator on March 26th pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill as amended by House Amendment "A" was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution to authorize the use of voting machines in elections (S. P. 114) (L. D. 25), tabled by that Senator on March 27th pending final passage.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin the resolve was retabled pending final passage.

On motion by Mr. Winn of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act relating to hours of labor (H. P. 1796) (L. D. 839), tabled by that Senator on March 28th pending motion to indefinitely postpone; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Bissett.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will appreciate it very much if we can reduce our calendar just a little bit more this morning.

On motion by Mr. COWAN of Lincoln,

Adjourned, until Monday afternoon, April 1st, at four o'clock.