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SENATE

Thursday, March 11, 1937.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Raymond L. Hart of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will declare a recess.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flanders Bay," (H. P. 309) (L. D. 97) reported that the same ought not to pass.

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

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Lewis of Lincoln, tabled pending consideration.

From the House: The Committee on Legal Affairs on bill, "An Act to Repeal the Organization of the Plantation of Dallas," (H. P. 622) (L. D. 202) reported that the same ought not to pass.

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

In the Senate:

MISS MARTIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that the report of the committee be accepted in non-concurrence and in explanation of my motion I might say that after this bill was reported out of the committee and while it was on the table in the House additional evidence was brought in and a new draft of the bill was made by the committee. Yesterday afternoon after the House voted to recommit this measure to the Legal Affairs Committee that committee took under advisement the additional evidence and after considering the evidence still felt that the report should be "Ought Not to Pass." In view of that, I hope that my motion will prevail.

Thereupon, the report of the com-

mittee "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House: The Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election," (H. P. 678) (L. D. 222) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, the report was read and accepted.

In the Senate, the report was accepted in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Ashby of Aroostook, the Senate voted to reconsider its action just taken whereby the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill and the report were laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

"An Act Relating to Penobscot County Court House" (H. P. 880) (L. D. 267), in new draft (H. P. 1632) (L. D. 764).

"An Act to Create the Hampden Water District" (H. P. 1105) (L. D. 361), in new draft, (H. P. 1692) (L. D. 826).

"An Act to Enlarge and Define the Powers of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railway Company" (H. P. 1117) (L. D. 379), in new draft (H. P. 1695) (L. D. 824).

Mr. Goudy of Cumberland presented the following amendment and moved its adoption: "Senate Amendment A to House Paper 1695, Legislative Document 824, entitled 'An Act to Enlarge and Define the Powers of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railway Company.' Amend said bill by striking out in the eighth line of Section One thereof the word 'new'."

Thereupon, Senate Amendment A was adopted, the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

"An Act to Incorporate the Danforth Water District" (H. P. 1103) (L. D. 415), in new draft (H. P. 1693) (L. D. 827).

"An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the Town of Old Orchard Beach" (H. P. 368) (L. D. 118), in new draft (H. P. 1694) (L. D. 828).

The following petition and remonstrance were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committee:—

Taxation

Mr. Corrigan of Washington presented "Petition of Lubec Grange No. 434 in Favor of a Tax on Incomes." (S. P. 437)

Mr. Marden of Kennebec presented "Remonstrance of John J. Cuddy and 46 others of Farmington Against Tax on Amusements." (S. P. 438)

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

On motion by Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that a Committee of five be appointed by the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to investigate the feasibility of the enactment into law, requirements for the adoption of blood tests of persons charged with operating motor vehicles when intoxicated or under the influence of liquor and drugs. The committee shall be requested to serve voluntarily without compensation either for services or expenses." (S. P. 439)

Sent down for concurrence.

Reports of Committee

Mr. Friend from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Leah M. Livermore of Dover-Foxcroft," (S. P. 74) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Mr. Fernald from the Committee on Judiciary on "Memorial to the Congress of the United States Urging it to Strengthen the Laws Relating to Kidnaping," (S. P. 234) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Mr. Marden from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act Relating to the Charter of the City of Portland," (S. P. 38) (L. D. 5) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Miss Martin from the same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Prisoners," (S. P. 283) (L. D. 506) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Potter from the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An Act for the Protection of Rhododendron Maximum Linnaeus and Kalmia Latifolia Linnaeus," (S. P. 305) (L. D. 516) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Goudy from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act Relating to the Issue of Notes and Bonds of the South Portland Sewerage District," (S. P. 188) (L. D. 249) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill "An Act to Provide for the Perambulation of the Maine and New Hampshire Boundary Line," (S. P. 345) (L. D. 614) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed To Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Operators' Licenses." (H. P. 469) (L. D. 159)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Maine Unitarian Association." (H. P. 474) (L. D. 162)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Sabattus Water and Sewer District." (H. P. 628) (L. D. 205)

"Resolve in Favor of Ernest R. Woodbury, of Saco." (H. P. 1023) (L. D. 822)

Bill "An Act Relating to Town Ordinances." (H. P. 1062) (L. D. 355)

Bill "An Act Relating to Boxing Contests." (H. P. 1063) (L. D. 317)

Bill "An Act Defining the Word 'Chauffeur.'" (H. P. 1423) (L. D. 575)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Cycles." (H. P. 1425) (L. D. 577)

Bill "An Act Requiring Proof of Insurance before Exemption from Registration Fees in Certain Cases." (H. P. 1427) (L. D. 631)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Trucks." (H. P. 1432) (L. D. 581)

Bill "An Act Relating to All Railroads." (H. P. 1561) (L. D. 705)

Which bills and resolve were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Passed To Be Enacted

Bill "An Act Relating to Town Meetings of Town of Boothbay." (S. P. 90) (L. D. 88)

Bill "An Act Relating to Issue of Stocks, Bonds and Notes by Public Utilities." (S. P. 117) (L. D. 258)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Issuing of Capital Stock by Railroad Corporations." (S. P. 118) (L. D. 259)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the State of Maine Publicity Bureau." (S. P. 201) (L. D. 291)

Bill "An Act Relating to Appeals from Magistrates." (S. P. 331) (L. D. 586)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Calais School District." (S. P. 409) (L. D. 786)

Bill "An Act Relating to Raccoons.)" (H. P. 185) (L. D. 158)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Recorder of South Portland Municipal Court." (H. P. 1053) (L. D. 339)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds, in the County of York." (H. P. 1658) (L. D. 792)

Bill "An Act Relating to Recorders of Municipal Court." (H. P. 1659) (L. D. 791)

Bill "An Act Relating to Bounty on Seals in Hancock and Washington Counties." (H. P. 1660) (L. D. 790)

(On motion by Mr. Hussey of Kennebec, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Manager Form of Government for the Town of Milo in the County of Piscataquis." (H. P. 1663) (L. D. 795)

Finally Passed

"Resolve Changing the Name of Big Indian Pond and Little Indian Pond." (H. P. 32) (L. D. 17)

"Resolve Relating to Closed Time in Jonesport-Addison." (H. P. 701) (L. D. 229)

"Resolve Relating to Taking of Clams in South Thomaston." (H. P. 702) (L. D. 787)

"Resolve Authorizing Compensation for Paul F. Fitzpatrick of Gardiner." (H. P. 1179) (L. D. 440)

"Resolve Relating to the Taking of Clams in Gouldsboro." (H. P. 1661) (L. D. 788)

(Emergency Measure)

Bill "An Act Relating to 'An Act to Incorporate the Portland Water District.'" (H. P. 1092) (L. D. 414)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 32 members of the Senate and none opposed, was

passed to be enacted, and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

(Emergency Measure)

"Resolve Relating to Fishing for Ground Fish in Sheepscot Bay." (H. P. 1662) (L. D. 789)

(On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, tabled pending final passage.)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Ashby of Aroostook the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken earlier in today's session whereby the report of the Committee on Judiciary "Ought Not to Pass" on bill, "An Act Relating to Date of the General Election" (H. P. 674) (L. D. 219) was accepted in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill and the report were laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy of Hancock the Senate voted to take from the table Joint Order Relative to Economy in State Affairs (S. P. 430), tabled by that Senator on March 9th pending the adoption of Senate Amendment "A," and that Senator yielded to the Senator from York, Senator Wentworth.

Mr. WENTWORTH of York: Mr. President, am I correct in understanding that the question before the Senate is on the adoption of Senate Amendment "A"?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator is correct.

Mr. WENTWORTH: Mr. President, I move the adoption of Senate Amendment "A" and trust that my motion will not prevail as I propose, if Senate Amendment "A" is finally indefinitely postponed, to offer Senate Amendment "B" which I feel will be satisfactory to a majority of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from York, Senator Wentworth, moves that Senate Amendment "A" be adopted and trusts that his motion will not prevail.

A viva voce vote being taken

The motion did not prevail.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator, Senate Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment "B" and moved its adoption:—

Senate Amendment "B" to Joint Order Relative to Economy in State Affairs (S. P. 430). "Amend said order by striking out all of said order except the first nine words therein and substituting in place thereof the following, so that said order as amended will read as follows: 'Ordered, the House concurring, that a joint committee consisting of two members on the part of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate and three members on the part of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House, be ordered, instructed and directed to meet with the joint standing committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and together with said Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to forthwith make a survey of the affairs of the state and each and every department thereof for the purpose of determining what, if any, economies may be effected in the administration of the affairs of the state. Said committee shall make prompt report to this legislature now in session of its findings and recommendations as to such economies as, in their opinion, may be made, together with any bill or bills for appropriate remedial legislation, which bill or bills shall be received in either branch of the legislature regardless of the cloture order heretofore adopted by this legislature.'"

MR. WENTWORTH: Mr. President, before the vote is taken on this amendment, may I take just a moment of your time to explain my position in this matter? I am for economy just as much as any other member of this Legislature and I want to do all within my power to promote economical legislation. My record in the 86th and 87th Legislatures is proof enough that I have always stood for measures that were in the interests of economy.

Within the past few days, a feeling has developed in this Senate that possibly there are ways and means of cutting expenses that have been overlooked, and certain Senators have expressed their desire to assist in an endeavor to save money for the state,—an endeavor, I might say, that is common with us all.

I want to compliment these Sen-

ators and many other members of the Legislature who have expressed similar desires and to say on behalf of the Appropriations Committee that we welcome their assistance and cooperation.

This amendment, if adopted, will give those Senators an opportunity to study the financial problems of the state in cooperation with members of the Appropriations Committee and to exchange views that will undoubtedly prove mutually helpful.

I trust that the Amendment will receive favorable consideration and, in conclusion, may I urge upon each and every one of you, as we enter the final days of the Session, that we get together and work harmoniously in order that we can give to the people of Maine the best government within our power to provide.

MR. WILLEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, it is with a great deal of pleasure that at last those who so vigorously opposed the measure for economy now see the light. It is not only gratifying to those who originally worked for this—Senator Fernald, Senator Ashby, Senator Laughlin and myself,—but it must be gratifying to the people of Maine to know that at last even those who were fearful that we might step on someone's toes and save the taxpayers some money, are now ready to yield that those economies may be effected, and I am sure the Senator from York, Senator Wentworth, and the members of the Appropriations Committee and those who attended the rump caucus last night are to be congratulated, not only by this Senate, but by the people of Maine, for the stand they take.

MR. HUSSEY of Kennebec: Mr. President, I think every member of this Senate, ever since he came down here the first of the year, has had in mind the idea of economy, and in my position on the Appropriations Committee I have seen and talked with members of this Senate and every one of them has been more or less watchful of the appropriations coming into the committee. It is not just one, two, three or four who are watchful over the economies of the state—it is the whole Senate, and no one person can be singled out for any stand he might take. We are all working toward the same end.

MR. FERNALD of Waldo: Mr.

President, I want to congratulate the rump caucus upon the very fine stand they are taking, after much deliberation. I also want to remind the Republican members of the Senate that in 1920, the Republican Party, behind closed doors in a hotel room in Chicago, nominated a candidate for President. I regret, however, that the attitude of the rump caucus had not become known earlier in the session because as I recall looking back on the bills that we enacted, there was Bill, An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds, in the County of York, House Paper 165, Legislative Document 792, which increased the tax burden, increased the amount the people in York County would have to pay, \$1000. I think if the attitude of the rump caucus had been known on that, undoubtedly one of the Senators from York County would have tabled that enactor. But what is one thousand dollars now in this year and in these times when we think in terms of millions and billions, and so on?

I want to thank the chairman of the Appropriations Committee for the very fine stand he is now taking. It always changes one's views on matters of economy after they have announced themselves as a candidate for Governor, and I trust the contest forthcoming will be devoid of personalities and we will both fight for economy, and economy to the limit. I certainly appreciate the fact that we are now getting back to a safe and sound basis and the Ship of State as guided by the Senate will go on calmly and serenely, ever mindful that our watchword will be for economy and Maine. I thank you.

MR. WILLEY: Mr. President, I neglected to say that I sincerely endorse the amendment of the Senator from York, Senator Wentworth, and I certainly urge its adoption as it means a way in which economies may be not only suggested but effected, and that was our only purpose.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "B" was adopted, and the Order as amended received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Willey, and

the Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game "ought not to pass" on Bill, An Act Relative to Closed Time on Deer in Certain Counties (S. P. 199) (L. D. 290), tabled by that Senator on March 9th pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Willey of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Memorial to Col. Charles Lindbergh, Inviting Him to Establish His Home in Maine (S. P. 233), tabled by that Senator on February 10th pending adoption; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Spear.

MR. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, the object of this memorial having been accomplished by a letter from the Governor inviting Colonel Lindbergh and his family to take up permanent residence in Maine, I ask leave of the Senate to withdraw the memorial.

Thereupon, unanimous consent was given and the memorial was withdrawn.

MR. FERNALD: Mr. President, the appointment of myself to the Economy Committee came as quite a surprise, but needless to say, as I am requested to function, I am willing to function. I think my first act as a member of this committee will be to move to recall from the Governor, if the bill has been sent to the Governor, "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the County of York", Legislative Document 792, that the matter may be held in abeyance until the committee has met and performed its duty.

MR. WENTWORTH: Mr. President, I hope the motion will not prevail.

MR. FERNALD: Mr. President, as I understand it, this was not going to be a whitewash committee, but a committee to act. We do not ask that this bill be killed but ask it be held in abeyance until the committee has time to function and act.

We may want to propose to increase the amount. I do not want to serve on a committee that will just dangle in the air and not do anything. I want to act. I think the people want action. I think the Senator from York, Senator Wentworth's request, after his speech, is very unusual. I think it is an imposition. It doesn't show that the spirit in which he made it was in good faith. I do not think the Senate will uphold any such action.

Mr. WENTWORTH: Mr. President, I withdraw my suggestion.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the Senator from Waldo (Senator Fernald) that the document is still in the possession of the Senate.

Mr. FERNALD: Then, Mr. President, I wish to serve notice that on the next legislative day I will move reconsideration of the passage to be enacted of Legislative Document 792.

The PRESIDENT: The bill will be held in the office of the Secretary and laid before the Senate on the next legislative day.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act Relating to Junior Nonresident Fishing Licenses, (S. P. 145) (L. D. 172), tabled by that Senator on February 23rd pending second reading; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act to Authorize the Maine Automobile Association to Change its Form of Organization (S. P. 248) (L. D. 399), tabled by that Senator on March 2nd pending second reading. The same Senator offered Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

Senate Amendment "A". "Amend said bill by inserting in the first line of the last sentence thereof between the words 'after' and 'acceptance', the word 'its'."

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was adopted, the bill was given its second reading, and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs "be referred to the Committee on Labor" on bill "An Act to Protect the Right of Employees to Organize and Bargain Collectively and Creating a Labor Relations Board. (H. P. 1293) (L. D. 488), tabled by that Senator on March 5th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill and report were referred to the Committee on Reference of Bills in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Communication from the Secretary of State Transmitting Initiated Bill No. I. B. 1 and petitions relating thereto, (S. P. 433), tabled by that Senator on March 10th pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator the communication and accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SEWALL of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, also being one of those believing in economy, I wonder if it would be proper for me at this time to suggest to the Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald, that this body might give him permission to withdraw Legislative Document No. 234, which he introduced and which I think really deals with a very—

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. President, I might suggest the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Sewall, is out of order.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald, is out of order.

Mr. SEWALL: It carries with it an appropriation of \$5000. It contemplates a trip to Cuba. "Five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated from the contingent fund" and it says that "a committee consisting of one member of the Senate and two members of the House and three surviving members of the Maine Volunteer Signal Corps, of the War with Spain, be appointed to carry out the provisions of this resolve". In other words, they go to Santiago de Cuba. I merely wanted to make that suggestion as something the Senator might want to act on.

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. President,

since the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Sewall, is not out of order, I presume I would be in order in replying. If the Senator will recall the ancient legislative history this bill has been before every session, and I believe the committee has already decided that the bill ought not to pass, as usual. I believe that the bill has been in the legislature every year since the Spanish American War, and probably will be in the legislature until every member of the Signal Corps has died, and in the meantime, if you will refer to the ancient legislative history and find I am not correct, I will be glad to consider the matter with you at some proper place.

Mr. MARDEN of Kennebec: Mr. President, I do not want to become involved in a matter so inconsequential, but I would state to the Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald, that the measure in question has not been reported out of committee as yet.

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. President, if the record is correct, I believe my statement was that the committee had decided that the bill will be reported "ought not to pass." I do not wish to state that the committee has taken any official action on the matter.

Mr. WILLEY: Mr. President, if there is any question on the matter as to what decision the committee will make,—I realize the bill has been put in by various members of the legislature for over twenty years—but if there is any doubt about what their decision will be, I suggest we refer it to a committee which will report it "ought not to pass." If there is any question, I think we should recall it and re-refer it so we will be sure to get that report on it.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent that the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing out of order a private bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, asks unanimous consent to present bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Calais Safety Deposit Company."

Mr. FERNALD of Waldo: Mr. President, I move that the bill be laid upon the table until we have had a chance to consider the matter.

Miss MARTIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, may I ask, through the Chair, of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald, that he defer his motion until the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, can tell us what the necessity of this private bill is? I understand it is an emergency measure and I think it might be well for us to know what it is about.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett.

Mr. BECKETT: Mr. President, in explanation of the bill, I will say that a situation exists in Calais which apparently requires some legislative action. For the past year a local savings and loan association has been in operation in that city and they have been using as an office a building of the International Trust and Banking Company which has been closed and is in the hands of a receiver. That building was auctioned off at public auction about ten days ago. Inasmuch as the bank had not sufficient funds to purchase the building the directors therefore bought the building with the intention of turning it over to an existing corporation. That corporation was organized under the general law and Section Eight of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes states that a corporation organized under the general law is specifically prohibited from engaging in the safety deposit box business, and inasmuch as a portion of the revenue necessary to maintain the building would be derived from the rental of safety deposit boxes it would seem necessary to introduce a bill to incorporate this company with specific permission to engage in the rental of safety deposit boxes.

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. President, I just want to make my position clear. As I understand it we have a rule in the Senate against the introduction of such legislation without unanimous consent and we have held up measures of one or two other Senators under that rule until we could get them all in and then consider them and decide whether or not we want to suspend the rule.

Now, if the Senate wants to press the matter at this time and not permit the tabling so that everyone may look at the measure, I will be forced to refuse unanimous consent, which I do not want to do.

There is no rush about this thing. We are going to be around here another month. Let us put the matter on the table and start doing things in an orderly manner. There is a correct way of doing things and an incorrect way of doing things. There is no rush about this. We will all get our dinners at twelve o'clock.

Now, if the Senate presses the matter, I refuse unanimous consent. If you want to go at the thing in an orderly manner, let it be placed upon the table.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett, asks unanimous consent to introduce a bill. The Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald, moves that the bill be laid upon the table, which motion takes precedence. The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald that the bill be laid upon the table.

A viva voce vote being had, the Chair was in doubt.

Miss LAUGHLIN of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to offer an explanation as to what the effect of laying this bill upon the table will be. As I understand it, if

unanimous consent is refused it will prevent the Senator (Senator Beckett of Washington) from putting in his bill but if we lay it upon the table it does not prevent it. The bill can later be taken from the table and may be permitted to be introduced. Therefore, if it is not tabled at this time it will not be introduced at all. I think we should have that explanation.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Laughlin is correct. The pending question is on the motion of the Senator from Waldo, Senator Fernald that this bill be laid upon the table pending the granting of unanimous consent. Is it the pleasure of the Senate that the bill be laid upon the table?

A viva voce vote being had

The motion to table prevailed.

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

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.