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Tuesday, March 14, 1939.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Akeley of Gardiner.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes with pleasure the presence in the House this morning of our distinguished citizen and junior Senator in Washington, Hon. Wallace H. White. The Chair will ask the acting Sergeant at Arms to escort Senator White to the Speaker's desk.

Thereupon, Senator White was conducted to a chair at the right of the Speaker, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Report Tabled

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Public Utilities reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Transportation to Canneries of the Products of Vining and Cutting Plants" (S. P. 270) (L. D. 422) as it is covered by other legislation.

Comes from the Senate, report read and accepted.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Farwell of Unity, tabled pending acceptance of committee report.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Bill "An Act relating to Enforcement Support Decrees" (S. P. 137) (L. D. 116)

Bill "An Act relating to Foreign Corporations" (S. P. 140) (L. D. 121)

Senate Report Tabled

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Collection and Disposition of Money Received through Violations of the Inland Fish and Game Laws" (S. P. 218) (L. D. 289)

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

In the House, on motion by Mr.

Peakes of Milo, tabled pending acceptance of committee report.

From the Senate: Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Make the Process of Forcible Entry and Detainer Available in Case of Trespass on Public Lands" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 285)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HILL of Cumberland

BURNS of Aroostook

Miss LAUGHLIN of Cumberland
—of the Senate.

Messrs. VARNEY of Berwick

HINCKLEY of So. Portland

WEATHERBEE of Lincoln

—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BIRD of Rockland

McGLAUFILIN of Portland

THORNE of Madison

—of the House.

Comes from the Senate with the Majority Report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House:

Mr. McGLAUFILIN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I trust I am in order.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is in order.

Mr. McGLAUFILIN: This bill provides that forcible entry and detainer may be brought against persons who unlawfully trespass upon public lands and erect some building thereon without the consent of the Forest Commissioner. So far as I am able to learn, the only object of this law is to enable the Attorney General to get some one person off from public land where he refuses to remove.

I am not in favor of special legislation for any such purpose. Furthermore, some of you members are fishermen. I myself have spent many happy hours in that pastime, and I have spent night after night in the little shacks that were built up on wild land just for such fishermen as myself. Under this law, if for some reason or other the Forest Commissioner saw fit or did not want me there on public land in some shack where I was staying a

few days on a fishing trip, he could bring this action and put me out.

Now I am not going to waste much of your time on this matter. It is not of tremendous importance. The majority have voted in favor of the bill. I am not concerned at all with what this House does about it, but I want to say that I am opposed to such a bill.

Mr. HINCKLEY of South Portland: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I simply want to report to you the feeling of the majority of the Judiciary Committee on this bill, and, at the same time, I want to move that the majority report "Ought to pass" of the committee be accepted.

As the member from Portland, Mr. McGlaflin, has said, at the present time the State is absolutely without any remedy at all to get a person off from its public lands through any action of forcible entry and detainer or any other law, as the committee believed. Any person may go at the present time on public lands and squat there, build a shanty or a shack or a camp or anything else and stay there as far as the public is concerned. The Attorney General or any other official of the State of Maine has no authority whatever to put him off. We do not believe that is fair as far as public use of these lands is concerned.

Now the particular thing that brought this to the attention of the State, the Attorney General's office, the Public Lands office, and this committee, was the fact that there is a gentleman in the State of Maine at the present time who has squatted on public lands and refuses to get off. He has built sporting camps for commercial purposes and defied the State of Maine to put him off. I don't believe the State of Maine should be helpless in a case of that kind. I think they should be given the remedy that this bill provides.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, that the majority report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary be accepted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, there is just one thing in connection with this bill wherein I would differ with the gentleman from

South Portland, Mr. Hinckley. He states that it is not an important matter. To me it is as important a matter as has come before the House to date. In the particular locality from where I come there are a tremendous number of sporting camps. I find that in practically all cases these sporting camps are there simply by virtue of a lease from the State of Maine, and practically the only redress these camp owners have is what they may be able to get from the Forest Commissioner, and in many instances they have had considerable difficulty in dealing with the Forest Commissioner. If, for some reason, a particular Forest Commissioner was not friendly toward some operator who had \$25,000 or \$50,000 invested in a sporting camp, under this bill, when the lease expires, and the lease is usually for a term of one or two years, he can be put out summarily in fourteen days. I do not believe we would want to pass any such bill to permit the Forest Commissioner, by reason of some whim which he might have against some particular camp owner, to oust that man within the short period of seven or fourteen days.

These leases are usually drawn up with the consent of the Forest Commissioner and owners of grass and timber on these lands or some large wood-working concerns or some large pulp company which owns rights there. Should the Forest Commissioner or the land-owning companies that own the pulp or grass desire to oust a man for a particular purpose, they may do so and he has no redress whatsoever. They would not even give him an opportunity to move his camp and equipment off the land. And for these reasons I hope the motion of the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) will not prevail.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say this—and may I quote from the bill as presented to the House: " * * * against any person who unlawfully enters and trespasses on any public lands * * * " That means simply a trespasser. The Committee has recommended that the word "unlawfully" be taken out, so it will apply only to a person who trespasses on public lands.

Mr. BIRD of Rockland: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I was one of the members who

signed the minority report, and the reason why I signed the minority report was because, in my opinion, the law is sufficient to remove the gentleman that the Attorney General says we cannot get off from the public lands. I think we have a remedy under our statutes and in our equity courts. I agree with the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin, that this is useless legislation. If I did not think that the law already took care of the situation, I would have signed the majority report. I trust that the motion to accept the majority report will not prevail.

Mr. McGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to remind the members of this House of the fact that we have gotten along without this law for one hundred and nineteen years.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, I rise to differ on one point with the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) as to the effect of this law. He states it applies only to the case of a trespasser, but I call attention to the fact that it provides: "against a tenant where the occupancy of the premises is incidental to the employment of a tenant", which would apply directly to the case of a camp owner. He is a tenant, and his occupancy of the premises would be incidental to operating a sporting camp, so it would apply directly to the case of a person who had a lease for a year from the State, and when that lease expired, he could be put out immediately.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Hinckley, that the majority report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary be accepted.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

On motion by Mr. McGlaufflin, the minority report of the committee, "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The following remonstrances were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Agriculture and Maine Publicity

Remonstrance of Elton West and 41 others against S. P. 343, L. D. 827,

Bill "An Act Imposing a Tax on Blueberries for Advertising and Stabilizing the Blueberry Industry of the State" (H. P. 1899) (Presented by Mr. Melanson of Cherryfield)
Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

The following Remonstrances against any Change in the Present Hunting Season in the counties of Hancock and Washington:

Paul Spinney and 39 others.

W. T. MacWilliams and 40 others.

Charles Higgins and 39 others.

Mrs. H. Franklin Eaton and nine others.

John Harrington and 39 others (H. P. Nos. 1894 to 1898 both inclusive)

(Presented by Mr. Murchie of Calais)

Edward Burns and 44 others.

Charles Hatton and 22 others.

Webster W. Haskins and 19 others.

George Tyler and 28 others.

Otis C. Dyer and 39 others.

Herbert Boynton and 37 others.

Andrew Williams and 3 others.

Douglas Wheaton and 34 others.

Dexter Ederly and 111 others.

Guy F. MacArthur and 42 others.

T. H. Macomber and 40 others.

Charles A. Randall and 39 others.

William Leighton and 44 others.

D. J. Blanchard and 37 others.

Roy Day and 28 others.

Warren R. Berry and 40 others.

Earl James and 45 others.

Leroy H. Daggett and 55 others.

S. B. Morrison and 40 others.

Damon Furlong and 44 others.

Fay McArthur and 39 others.

Horace Keen and 29 others.

C. D. Hibbard and 41 others.

Pliney S. Gray and 18 others.

(Presented by Mr. Palmeter of Charlotte) (H. P. Nos. 1899 to 1923 both inclusive)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Remonstrance of C. C. Waterman and 679 others of Freeport against any Tax on Tobacco and Cigarettes (H. P. 1924) (Presented by Mr. Cushing of Freeport)

Remonstrance of G. W. Gilman and 677 others of Brunswick against same (H. P. 1925) (Presented by Mr. Erswell of Brunswick)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Brown of Caribou, presented the following order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, reports that malnutrition and scurvy exist to an alarming degree in Aroostook County have been broadcast throughout the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, such reports, we believe, are untrue and unfounded and have created a great deal of unfair and unfavorable publicity not only to Aroostook County but to the whole State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Maine has made a thorough and exhaustive study of health conditions in Aroostook County and the State of Maine;

Now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that His Excellency, the Governor, at his convenience, be respectfully requested to communicate to the House the results of his investigation.

The order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Race of Boothbay it was

ORDERED, that the Rev. George E. Millard of Wiscasset be invited to act as Chaplain of the House Thursday morning, March 16.

Mr. Lambert of Lewiston, presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring that the Committee on Insane Hospitals be authorized and directed to investigate the ability of the State Hospitals to adequately care for properly committed insane persons and report with recommendations thereon.

Mr. LAMBERT: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I wish to call the attention of the members of the House to the existing conditions at the Augusta State Hospital which inspire me to present this order.

It was called to my attention in Lewiston yesterday that there is an insane person being cared for now at the Marcotte Home in Lewiston. This insane person was duly committed last Thursday. Due to overcrowded conditions, according to the statement of Dr. Tyson, existing at the hospital, this person was not admitted.

It is the contention of many of the members of this Legislature and many of the people in the State of Maine as well as the contention of quite a few of the Augusta State Hospital officials that municipalities can care for a good deal of the cases which are committed.

On this score, I wish to call your attention to the fact that in Lewiston we have two large hospitals. This in itself results in over forty patients being committed annually by the city. The contention that the municipalities can care for these persons is wrong. I have found out myself that in Lewiston the municipal government is very willing to care for anybody who is insane or needy if they have the facilities to do so, but, under the rules and regulations of the city they have absolutely no jurisdiction over private hospitals or public hospitals. If St. Marie's Hospital or the Central Maine General Hospital or the Marcotte Home in Lewiston refuses to care for an insane person, there is nothing that the City of Lewiston can do to commit them, even if the testimony of two physicians is given.

Last Thursday, two authorized physicians were of the opinion that this person should be committed.

Now the reason that I present this order is to have the standing Committee on Insane Hospitals investigate and find out in regard to the situation. I believe it is due time we should find out why these persons cannot be committed, if there is any reason other than overcrowded conditions. If there is overcrowding, this Legislature should be told about it, so that some provision may be made to care for these unfortunate people. I therefore move that this order have passage.

Mr. HINMAN of Skowhegan: Mr. Speaker, I move the order lie on the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Hinman, moves that the order lie on the table pending the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston (Mr. Lambert) that it receive passage. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the order was tabled pending passage.

Mr. Bubar of Weston presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that there be and

on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Business Records as Evidence" (H. P. 1631) (L. D. 721)

Mr. Weatherbee from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Liability of Employers" (H. P. 906) (L. D. 298)

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported same on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Arrange for Expiration of Motor Vehicle Registrations at Stated Periods" (H. P. 1331) (L. D. 539)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Extend the Time for the Display and Use of Motor Vehicle Registration Plates" (H. P. 934) (L. D. 324)

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Closing Clam, Quahaug and Mussel Flats to Digging" (H. P. 1719) (L. D. 894)

Mr. Melanson from same Committee reported same on Resolve relating to Digging for Clams in Biddeford (H. P. 1798) (L. D. 963)

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Number of Employees under Unemployment Compensation Law" (H. P. 1584) (L. D. 750) as subject matter is covered by another Bill.

Mr. Bragdon from the Committee on Claims reported same on Resolve in favor of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 71, F. A. M., of Orland (H. P. 824) as it is taken care of otherwise.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Passadumkeag (H. P. 1519)

Mr. Churchill from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Jason R. Bennett of Locks Mills (H. P. 1382)

Mr. Cleaves from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Harrison Whitney of Windham (H. P. 1518)

Mr. Cushing from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Cecil Carter of Surry (H. P. 535)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Cushing from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Zina N. Witham of Augusta (H. P. 530)

(On motion by Mr. Fellows of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance of committee report)

Mr. Cushing from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Vernon A. Soule of Augusta (H. P. 531)

(On motion by Mr. Fellows of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance of committee report)

Mr. Melanson from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Oscar O. E. Young of Fayette (H. P. 62)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Mary A. Dodge of Wayne (H. P. 27)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Bacon from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Commercial Fertilizer" (H. P. 669) (L. D. 244) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1927) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Larrabee from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to State Aid to Agricultural Societies" (H. P. 1532) (L. D. 679) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1928) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Paul from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act relating to Registration Fees of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1692) (L. D. 747) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1929) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Resolve relative to the Digging of Clams in the towns of Wiscasset and Edgecomb (H. P. 1723) (L. D. 896) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1930) under title of "Resolve relative to the Digging of Clams in the towns of Wiscasset, Edgecomb, Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Cushing from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of O. M. Froding of Portland (H. P. 234) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1931) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Fogg from same Committee on Resolve in favor of Mrs. Abbie Libby Towle of Newfield and Oxbow (H. P. 705) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1932) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Dorrance from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Children" (H. P. 1746) (L. D. 849) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1933) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Ought to Pass

Mr. Hodgkins from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve relating to the Creation of a State Commission for Promotion of International Good Will in Education (H. P. 1550) (L. D. 908)

Mr. Pratt from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Vocational Rehabilitation" (H. P. 1548) (L. D. 906)

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Office Records" (H. P. 905) (L. D. 297)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law Providing for Recovery of Erroneous Payments" (H. P. 901) (L. D. 293)

Mr. Fellows from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Refunds" (H. P. 907) (L. D. 299)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law Exempting Certain Employees" (H. P. 902) (L. D. 294)

Mr. Hinckley from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law to Provide Uniform Coverage Termination" (H. P. 904) (L. D. 296)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Disqualifications" (H. P. 909) (L. D. 301)

Mr. Thorne from same Committee

reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relative to Seasonal Employment" (H. P. 908) (L. D. 300)

Mr. Varney from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law to Increase Certain Penalties" (H. P. 903) (L. D. 295)

Mr. Paul from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Automobiles Stopping Upon Signal of Officer" (H. P. 1688) (L. D. 748)

Mr. Barter from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Resolve relating to Lobster Fishing at Jonesboro-Roque Bluffs (H. P. 1209) (L. D. 422)

Mr. Larrabee from same Committee reported same on Resolve relating to Lobster Fishing in Machias Bay (H. P. 548) (L. D. 209)

Mr. Norwood from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Digging of Clams Within the Limits of the towns of Deer Isle and Stonington (H. P. 1722) (L. D. 675)

Mr. Pike from same Committee reported same on Resolve relative to Protection of Smelts in Medomak River (H. P. 1724) (L. D. 676)

Mr. Dorrance from the Committee on Temperance reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1739) (L. D. 842)

Mr. Meserve from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 1742) (L. D. 845)

Mr. Mills from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Consumption Sale of Liquor (H. P. 1741) (L. D. 844)

Reports were read and accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to the Livermore Falls Water District" (H. P. 938) (L. D. 367)

Bill "An Act relating to Toy Pistols" (H. P. 1705) (L. D. 872)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Sale of Wood by the Load (H. P. 1893) (L. D. 1022)

(On motion by Mr. Noyes of Franklin, tabled pending second reading)

First Reading of Printed Bills (Continued)

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Lisbon Water District" (H. P. 917) (L. D. 355)

Bill was read twice. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk, as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 917, L. D. 355, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Lisbon Water District."

Amend said Bill by striking out Section 1 thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

Sec. 1 The territorial limits and corporate name and purposes. The inhabitants and territory within the town of Lisbon in the County of Androscoggin shall be, and hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate under the name of the Lisbon Water District for the purpose of supplying the town of Lisbon and the inhabitants of said town or any part of said town with pure water for domestic, commercial, sanitary, and municipal purposes.

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the bill.

Bill "An Act relating to the Election of Officers in the town of Oakland" (H. P. 920) (L. D. 360)

Bill was read twice. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk, as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 920, L. D. 360, Bill "An Act Relating to the Election of Officers in the Town of Oakland."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Section 2. Referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of the town of Oakland at any annual or special town meeting legally called and held before the 2nd Monday in March, 1940, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting.

If a majority of the qualified voters of the town, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative. The town clerk shall forth-

with file with the secretary of state a certificate of the action of the town thereon.'

Committee Amendment "A" was then adopted and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the bill.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Cemetery District" (H. P. 1176) (L. D. 493)

Bill was read twice. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk, as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1176, L. D. 493, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Cemetery District."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the first line of Sec. 1 after the word "The" the words, 'Territory within the.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Sec. 4, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Sec. 4. Referendum. This Act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of the town of Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor, at any annual or special town meetings legally called and held not later than two years after the approval of this act, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting.

If a majority of the qualified voters of the towns, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative. The town clerks shall forthwith file with the secretary of state a certificate of the action of the town thereon.'

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the bill.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Confirm, Ratify and Validate the Incorporation of the First Baptist Church of Yarmouth, Maine, and to Increase its Powers" (H. P. 919) (L. D. 359)

Bill "An Act relating to the Probation Officer for the County of Cumberland" (H. P. 1154) (L. D. 383)

Bill "An Act relating to Attesting of Records" (H. P. 1667) (L. D. 888)

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Making Certain Changes in the Insurance Law" (H. P. 1863) (L. D. 1015)

Was reported by Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Mr. Cowan of Portland, then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1863, L. D. 1015, Bill "An Act Making Certain Changes in the Insurance Law"

Amend said Bill by striking out the period after the word "amount" in the 12th line of Sec. 6, and inserting in lieu thereof a comma.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the word "to" after the word "on" in the 9th line of Sec. 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'of.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the word "to" after the word "or" in the 10th line of Sec. 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'of.'

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, the bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to be Engrossed (Continued)

Bill "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Concord Plantation of its Organization" (H. P. 1876) (L. D. 1020)

Resolve in favor of Alvah E. Spear of Warren (H. P. 1273) (L. D. 1017)
Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve Tabled

Resolve Authorizing Charles A. Darrington to Bring Suit at Law against the State of Maine (H. P. 1425) (L. D. 559)

(On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham, tabled pending second reading)

Passed To Be Engrossed (Continued)

Resolve for the Transfer of Certain Monies in the Hands of the Bangor State Hospital and the Augusta State Hospital (H. P. 1874) (L. D. 1018)

Resolve in favor of William A. Moran of Bangor (H. P. 1875) (L. D. 1019)

Sent up for concurrence.

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relative to Enforcing the Collection of Real Estate Taxes by the Alternative Method" (S. P. 219) (L. D. 288)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read

the third time, and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the First Congregational Church of Kittery" (H. P. 126) (L. D. 48)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Village Corporation" (H. P. 1174) (L. D. 491)

Bill "An Act relating to Marriage Licenses" (H. P. 1650) (L. D. 921)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

Passed To Be Enacted (Emergency Measure)

An Act relating to Taxation of Radios (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 1001)

The SPEAKER: This being an emergency measure, it requires for its passage the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House. As many as are in favor of the passage of this bill to be enacted will rise and remain standing until counted and the Monitors will make and return the count.

A division being had,

Eight-five voting in the affirmative, and none in the negative, 85 being less than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the bill failed of passage.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act relating to Bang's Disease (S. P. 293) (L. D. 513)

An Act relating to Knox County Game Preserve (S. P. 296) (L. D. 996)

An Act Establishing a Game Preserve in Piscataquis County (H. P. 540) (L. D. 214)

An Act relating to Hunting in the town of Castine (H. P. 541) (L. D. 215)

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Camden and Rockland Water Company (H. P. 710) (L. D. 263)

An Act Amending the Farm Lands Loan Act (H. P. 713) (L. D. 265)

An Act relative to Trapping on Game Preserves (H. P. 1129) (L. D. 407)

An Act relative to Trapping in the Winthrop and Wayne, Standish and Rangeley Game Preserves (H. P. 1130) (L. D. 408)

An Act relating to the Standish Game Preserve (H. P. 1131) (L. D. 409)

An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Sabattus Water and Sewer District (H. P. 1171) (L. D. 477)

An Act to Provide for Alternate Jurors (H. P. 1592) (L. D. 691)

An Act relating to Judicial Notice of Foreign Law (H. P. 1618) (L. D. 706)

An Act relative to Game Preserve in York County (H. P. 1834) (L. D. 1000)

Finally Passed

Resolve to Reimburse Certain Exhibitors at the Penobscot and Piscataquis Fair (H. P. 1833) (L. D. 999)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Farwell of Unity the House voted to take from the table Bill "An Act relating to Transportation to Canneries of the Products of Vining and Cutting Plants" (S. P. 270) (L. D. 442) tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's session, pending acceptance of the committee report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Shesong of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the eleventh unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Assessment and Collection

of Taxes" (H. P. 483) (L. D. 178) tabled by that gentleman on March 10th, pending passage to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hawes of Vassalboro, the House voted to take from the table the sixth unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Providing that an Injured Employee May Select his Own Physician or Surgeon" (H. P. 1324) (L. D. 537) tabled by that gentleman on March 9th, pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business to come before the House? If not, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Tardif of Bath, Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.