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Friday, March 24, 1939.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gesner of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Procedure in re Support of Neglected Wives and Children" (S. P. 524) (L. D. 1064)

Comes from the Senate, received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: This bill requires the unanimous consent of the House for its reception at this time. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Acts and Resolves relating to Unnegotiable Bonds in the Custody of the Treasurer of State" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 118)

Bill "An Act Decreasing the Subsidy Contributed by the State relative to Physical and Industrial Education" (S. P. 132) (L. D. 117)

Bills were given their two several readings and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

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

Legal Affairs

Remonstrance of Ivan Kimball and 146 others of Old Orchard Beach against H. P. 1655, L. D. 853, Act authorizing and Licensing the Racing of Greyhounds (H. P. 2043) (Presented by Mr. Young of Old Orchard Beach)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Inland Fisheries and Game

Remonstrance of Roland Sedgley and 110 others of Readfield and vicinity against H. P. 1998, L. D. 1057, Act Increasing the Fees for Resident and Non-resident Hunting and Fishing Licenses (H. P. 2044) (Presented by Mr. Downs of Rome)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Resolution of Central Grange of Dover-Foxcroft against Increase in Gasoline Tax (H. P. 2045) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Dover-Foxcroft)

Remonstrance of R. E. Ludwig of Hope and 9 others against Tax on Tobacco (H. P. 2046) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Portland)

Remonstrance of Charles D. North and 340 others of Rockland and vicinity against same (H. P. 2047) (Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland)

Petition of A. T. Jackson and 84 others of Waldo County in favor of H. P. 1758, L. D. 933,—Act relating to Licenses for Operation of Retail Stores (H. P. 2048) (Presented by Mr. Worth of Stockton Springs)

Remonstrance of Marguerite Phelps and 44 others of Old Town against same (H. P. 2049) (Presented by Mrs. Latno of Old Town)

Remonstrance of Mrs. Mary Soule and 188 others of Rockland against same (H. P. 2050) (Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland)

Remonstrance of Beatrice Hill and 84 other Consumers of Dover-Foxcroft against same (H. P. 2051) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Dover-Foxcroft)

Petition of E. B. Harris and 65 others of Waterville and vicinity in favor of same (H. P. 2052) (Presented by Mr. Keene of Clinton)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Remonstrance of W. A. MacPherson and 49 others of Easton against H. P. 556, L. D. 227, Compulsory Automobile Insurance (H. P. 2053) (Presented by Mr. Welch of Chapman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees Divided Report**Reports Tabled**

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting

"Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Allow Beano at Fairs" (H. P. 1669) (L. D. 737)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs: CHASE of Washington
MORSE of Waldo
MARDEN of Kennebec
—of the Senate.
DOW of Norway
PIKE of Bridgton
PAYSON of Portland
SHESONG of Portland
DWINAL of Camden
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DONAHUE of Biddeford
BUZZELL of Belfast
—of the House.

Mr. DOW of Norway: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the majority report "Ought not to pass" on this bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Norway, Mr. Dow, moves that the House accept the majority report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Allow Beano at Fairs" (H. P. 1669) (L. D. 737). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Miller.

On motion by Mr. Miller, the two reports, with accompanying bill, were tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Norway, Mr. Dow, that the majority report be accepted.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will invite the member from Old Town, Mrs. Latno, to come to the Speaker's chair and will designate her as Speaker pro tempore.

Thereupon, the Sergeant at Arms, conducted the member from Old Town, Mrs. Latno, to the Speaker's chair, amid the applause of the House, the members rising, Speaker Philbrick retiring.

Ought Not To Pass

Mr. Sleeper from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Development Commission" (H. P. 1536) (L. D. 860)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in

favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 1542)

Mr. STILPHEN of Dresden: Madam Speaker, I move that Rule 25 be suspended to allow smoking for the remainder of today's session.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Dresden, Mr. Stilphen, moves that House Rule 25 be suspended. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Ought Not to Pass (Continued)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve for Moving Screen at the Mouth of Eagle Lake (H. P. 1124)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Licenses for Dealers in Furs" (S. P. 357) (L. D. 770)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Trapping of Bear" (H. P. 1555) (L. D. 653)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer" (H. P. 1553) (L. D. 651)

Mr. Hanold from same Committee reported same on Resolve for Screening Mattawamkeag Lake in Island Falls (H. P. 882) (L. D. 339)

Mr. LaFleur from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Regulating Trapping Season with reference to Counties" (H. P. 377) (L. D. 98)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rangeley Waters (H. P. 891) (L. D. 348)

Mr. Peakes from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bears" (H. P. 1556) (L. D. 654)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer" (H. P. 1551) (L. D. 643)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Opening Macwahoc Stream to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1317) (L. D. 502) as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Welch from same Committee reported same on Resolve for Repairing Screen at Outlet of Webbs Pond in Weld (H. P. 551)

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Depositing Slabs, Edgings, Sawdust, in Streams" (H. P. 1589) (L. D. 864)

Mr. Fellows from same Committee reported same on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide a Limitation of Indebtedness for Counties (H. P. 1639) (L. D. 932)

Mr. Hinckley from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Pollution of Waters" (H. P. 1152) (L. D. 468)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Pollution of Inland Water" (H. P. 1582) (L. D. 855)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide for Compromises of Wills" (H. P. 1419) (L. D. 554)

Mr. McGlaflin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Reducing the Time Necessary to Acquire and Lose a Pauper Settlement to One Year" (H. P. 1591) (L. D. 690)

Mr. Thorne from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the State Police Assigned as Inspectors" (H. P. 1615) (L. D. 669)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Age Limits of State Employees" (H. P. 1767) (L. D. 936)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act providing for Rights of Riparian Owners in their Property Below High Water Mark" (H. P. 1625) (L. D. 717)

Mr. Weatherbee from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Duties of Selectmen" (H. P. 1420) (L. D. 555) as it is covered by existing law.

Mr. Farrington from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Operators" (H. P. 1687) (L. D. 743)

Mr. Fernald from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Registration of Power Shovels and Cranes" (H. P. 1690) (L. D. 745)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Farmers Hauling Logs and Lumber to Market" (H. P. 1187) (L. D. 469)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An

Act to Regulate the Use of Public Ways by Pedestrians" (H. P. 1332) (L. D. 530) as subject matter is covered in another bill.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report Tabled

Mr. Fernald from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of the Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 1714) (L. D. 672) as subject matter is covered in another bill.

Mr. Hawes of Vassalboro: Madam Speaker, the proposition contained in this bill is partially covered by another pending bill or is included in it. Until the fate of that measure is determined, I would move that this bill, Legislative Document 672, and accompanying report, lie on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Vassalboro, Mr. Hawes, moves that H. P. 1714, L. D. 672, lie on the table pending the acceptance of the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the report and bill were tabled.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Fellows from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Town Clerks" (H. P. 1326) (L. D. 507) reported leave to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought To Pass In New Draft

Mr. Larrabee from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Damages Done to Sheep and Lambs by Dogs" (H. P. 1533) (L. D. 680) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2054) under title of "An Act relating to the Registration and Licensing of Dogs and to the Duties of the Sheep Specialist" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law relating to Benefits" (H. P. 1321) (L. D. 547) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2055) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Assessment of Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 1633) (L. D. 917) reported same in a new draft (H. P.

2056) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Town Reports" (H. P. 1670) (L. D. 889) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2057) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Paul from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Regulating the Operation of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1689) (L. D. 744) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2058) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to School Busses" (H. P. 1440) (L. D. 620) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2059) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Farrington from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Inspection of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1438) (L. D. 618) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2060) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Fernald from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the Compensation of the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1713) (L. D. 890) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 2061) under title of "An Act relating to the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County" 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. Farrington from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Non-resident Charter Parties" (H. P. 1333) (L. D. 540)

Mr. Paul from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Mrs. Grace Shannon Moore of Macwahoc (H. P. 1460) (L. D. 569)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land in Aroostook County to Hector Martin (H. P. 1726) (L. D. 898)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Sell Land on Muscongus Island (H. P. 1461) (L. D. 568)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the Sale of a Certain Interest held by the State in an Undivided part of Township 4, Range 3, N. B. K. P. in Somerset County (H. P. 948) (L. D. 374)

Reports were read and accepted.

At this point the Sergeant at Arms conducted Mrs. Latno of Old Town, to her seat on the floor, amid the applause of the House, the members rising, and Speaker Philbrick resumed the Chair.

First Reading of Printed Bills And Resolves

Bill "An Act relative to Jail Auditors" (H. P. 1428) (L. D. 609)

Bill was read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Holidays" (H. P. 1430) (L. D. 631)

(Bill was given its first reading, and on motion by Mr. McGlaufflin of Portland, tabled pending second reading)

First Reading of Printed Bills And Resolves

(Continued)

Bill "An Act relative to Trapping Season" (H. P. 1557) (L. D. 655)

Bill "An Act relating to Vacancies in Town Offices" (H. P. 1649) (L. D. 709)

Bill "An Act Designating a Certain Road as 'Moosehead Trail'" (H. P. 1802) (L. D. 965)

Bill "An Act Permitting Teachers to be Elected under Contract" (H. P. 1980) (L. D. 1050)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Brooks Water District" (H. P. 2035) (L. D. 1067)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lubec Water Company" (H. P. 2036) (L. D. 1068)

Bill "An Act Naming the Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge" (H. P. 2037) (L. D. 1069)

Bill "An Act Providing for Licenses for Cinematograph, Moving Pictures and Operators" (H. P. 2039) (L. D. 1070)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the town of Norway, in the county of Oxford" (H. P. 2040) (L. D. 1071)

Resolve Authorizing the town of East Machias to Close the West Outlet of Gardiners Lake (H. P. 481) (L. D. 145)

Bills were read twice, Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

Resolve Tabled

Resolve Creating a Recess Committee on Feasibility of Acquiring Property for the Establishment of Public Bathing Beaches and for Encouraging the Development of the Shores of the Lakes and Streams of the State (H. P. 2038) (L. D. 1072)

(On motion by Mr. Bubar of Weston, tabled pending assignment for second reading)

First Reading of Printed Bill With Committee Amendment

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Licenses" (H. P. 1769) (L. D. 938)

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1769, L. D. 938, Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees for Licenses."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the 11th line after the word "statute" the words 'for any renewal.'

Committee Amendment "A" was then adopted and the bill was assigned for third reading on the next legislative day.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the South Portland Board of Education" (S. P. 90) (L. D. 55)

Bill "An Act relating to the Milk Control Board" (S. P. 342) (L. D. 825)

Bill "An Act relating to State Armories" (S. P. 499) (L. D. 1041)

Bill "An Act Extending the Exemptions from the Common Carrier Law" (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1040)

Bill "An Act relating to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians" (S. P. 507) (L. D. 1046)

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Dispensing Victuals" (S. P. 508) (L. D. 1047)

Bill "An Act relating to the Keeping of Dogs" (S. P. 509) (L. D. 1048)

Bill "An Act Changing the Name of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church" (H. P. 1836) (L. D. 997)

Bill "An Act relating to Copies of Records" (H. P. 1662) (L. D. 713)

Bill "An Act relating to Removal of Paupers" (H. P. 1664) (L. D. 904)

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Rockland School District" (H. P. 2018) (L. D. 1066)

Bill "An Act relating to Civil Service in the city of Auburn" (H. P. 2019) (L. D. 1065)

Sent up for concurrence.

Amended Bills

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)

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Registration of Non-resident Owned Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1697) (L. D. 927)

Was 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)

Tabled

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

Mr. RICHARDSON of Strong: Mr. Speaker, due to the fact that so many are absent this morning, I move that An Act relating to Taxation of Radios (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 1001) be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Strong, Mr. Richardson moves that An Act relating to Taxation of Radios (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 1001) be laid on the table. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the bill was tabled.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act relating to Inheritance and Estate Tax Law (S. P. 259) (L. D. 446)

An Act Amending the Law relating to the Width of Motor Vehicles (S. P. 264) (L. D. 443)

An Act to Extend the Charter of the Patten Water and Power Co. (S. P. 288) (L. D. 433)

An Act to Extend the Charter of the Vanceboro Water Company (S. P. 289) (L. D. 434)

An Act Defining Jack-light (S. P. 360) (L. D. 775)

An Act relating to the School Board of the city of Eastport (H. P. 563) (L. D. 196)

An Act to Extend the Charter of the Bluehill Water Company (H. P. 923) (L. D. 362)

An Act relating to Trapping and Hunting Fur-bearing Animals (H. P. 1315) (L. D. 499)

An Act relating to Taxation of Charitable and Benevolent Corporations (H. P. 1955) (L. D. 1034)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Dwinal of Camden, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to the Taking of Hellgrammites" (S. P. 178) (L. D. 229), tabled on March 21st by that gentleman, pending acceptance in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Camden, Mr. Dwinal.

Mr. DWINAL: I tabled this on March 21st at the request of two gentlemen sitting near me in the House in order to find out what to do with hellgrammites. We had not learned what hellgrammites were, but now realizing their need of protection, I now move acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Camden, Mr. Dwinal, moves that the House accept the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on this bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, the "Ought to pass" report was accepted in concurrence and, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its two several readings, and assigned for third reading on the next legislative day.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Rockland (Mr. Dwinal) a question through the Chair.

The SPEAKER—The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farrington, asks unanimous consent to address the House. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the gentleman from Camden (Mr. Dwinal) what is a hellgrammite?

The SPEAKER: Still proceeding

under unanimous consent, the gentleman from Camden (Mr. Dwinal) may answer if he chooses and can.

Mr. DWINAL: Mr. Speaker, I refuse to answer. (Laughter)

The SPEAKER: The gentleman declines to answer.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Kennebunkport, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass in new draft" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Increasing the License and Permit Fees for Outdoor Advertising" (H. P. 385) (L. D. 103) New Draft (H. P. 1995) (L. D. 1062), tabled on March 21st by Mr. Varney of Berwick, pending acceptance. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Dow.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker, I will say that the gentleman from Berwick, Mr. Varney, tabled this for me in my illness. I now move acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Kennebunkport, Mr. Dow, moves the acceptance of the "Ought to pass in new draft" report of the Committee on Judiciary on this bill. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the "Ought to pass in new draft" report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. McGlaufflin of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the nineteenth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Authorizing Peabody Law School to Confer Degrees" (H. P. 6) (L. D. 13), tabled on March 23rd by that gentleman, pending third reading. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlaufflin.

Mr. MCGLAUFFLIN: Mr. Speaker, I am placed in a somewhat embarrassing position regarding this bill for the reason that I am friendly with the head of this school and also the instructors in that school, and yet to me it seems exceedingly unwise to grant this school the right to confer degrees. While I was hoping that I could avoid talking upon this subject at all, I feel it is my duty to just tell you a little about the matter, because I am afraid that otherwise the time might come when you would be sorry that you passed such a measure.

The Peabody Law School was started by one man, an exceedingly brilliant lawyer, son of a former

Justice of the Supreme Court, Henry A. Peabody. He gathered around him some very bright young lawyers who have been his instructors. These lawyers have had good training, there is no question about that, and yet many of the products of that school I do not think have been exceedingly satisfactory. While I understand that the school has now been incorporated, there is a question in my mind as to whether the school would continue if the present head of the school, Clarence Peabody, should pass away.

Some of us labored long and hard to get our degrees of Bachelor of Law. I took mine at Harvard after three exceedingly hard years of study, having had a college education before I started. Some of the students of these schools do not have that preliminary education, at least I so understand.

Now I do not want to hurt Mrs. Peabody. I do not want to hurt his school. I do not want to hurt the instructors in that school; they are friends of mine. I just want to say to this House that to me it seems unwise to pass this measure and I, for one, shall vote against it.

MR. COWAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of the House: I have the utmost respect personally for the gentleman from Portland who has just spoken. He is a good lawyer, he is a real gentleman, and is a personal friend of mine. But I say now that he is not fully informed on the subject on which he has just spoken, and he recognizes that fact and has laid his doubts frankly and honestly, as he always does, before this House. He is dubious on this subject.

In spite of my own desires, I am forced to rise and explain briefly, as it must be explained to this House, certain facts that were unfolded before one of the best committees in the House, the Committee on Education.

Now I never hesitate to rise to my feet to speak in behalf of the boys and girls of the State of Maine. This proposition is not for the benefit of any individual; it is not for the benefit of Judge Peabody; it is not for my benefit. It just happens that at the present time I am for the time being one of the instructors in that school. That embarrasses me somewhat because there are other and better men more capable of putting before you the pic-

ture here involved. And because I am one of the instructors in that school, I am rather embarrassed, because it may look as though I am talking for something for myself.

Now we lawyers, as you know, are rather a cautious bunch. We take ideas and we pick them over, turn them around and around, view them from the top side and the bottom side, and if we cannot find any real objection we find an imaginary objection, and we raise straw men for the purpose of knocking them down.

This matter has been thoroughly and carefully and properly considered by the legal members of the House, and one of the members has spoken.

Now, to come back to the merits of the measure. I have not the time, of course, this morning, to put before you the facts in regard to this situation. I can only say that the school has been in operation for a number of years. It has been tried out, it has produced graduates and undergraduates, good, bad and indifferent, like every other educational institution. It has been raising its standards.

We have in the State of Maine now a law providing that no one can receive permission to practice law unless he has two years of college training. That was a rule of that school before it became a law of the State of Maine. There has been a constant endeavor to raise the standards of that school and put it on a par with the best schools in the country.

Now the State of Maine, as far as I know, is the only State in the Union that denies to its boys and girls the right to get a degree in law. I do not know of any other State where there is not a law school. We formerly had a State of Maine law school, and the suggestion has been made that if we have one now it should be under the aegis of one of our established educational institutions.

We had such a law school at Bangor, a very fine school, from which I had the honor to graduate; but that school, maintained by the University of Maine, was abolished twenty years ago, for what reason I do not know. There are in this body several graduates of that University of Maine Law School. We have on our various benches dis-

tinguished graduates of that school, and we who went to that school know it was a very fine school.

I say to the gentlemen who went to that school that Peabody Law School maintains standards at least as high as that school, and I am inclined to think the standards of Peabody Law School today are vastly higher than the standards we enjoyed in the Maine Law School twenty years ago. That is due to the increase in the pressure of requirements.

Now if there were to come before this Legislature the honorable gentlemen who are trustees of that school, and they were to say: "We propose to establish a law school for the benefit of the boys and girls of the State of Maine, so that they won't have to go outside at a great expense in order to get their legal training. We propose to give exactly the same training that is given at Harvard and Yale law schools; we propose to put in instructors who are graduates of the best law schools of the country, we propose to give you a school that will give your boys and girls the very best possible training. We want this authority and we want the authority to give degrees."—if that proposition were to come in here, this Legislature would grant that authority.

Now in this particular case we have a peculiar and unusual situation. We have a school already existing that has turned out a certain number of graduates and non-graduates. We have some persons who have gone through that school, and some who have attended for a short time and who have not graduated. That is true of every institution. We also have, in the short time that school has been operating, people to whom we point with pleasure and pride. We have judges in Maine who are graduates of that school. The Secretary of State of the State of Maine is a graduate of that school. We have a Congressman from the State of Maine who is a graduate of that school. What more can you ask of a school that has only been in operation some ten or a dozen years. They have not had time; the graduates of that school are not old enough yet to be on the Supreme Court bench and not old enough to be on the Superior Court bench. But some of them are going to get there.

Now I do not want to take up any more of your time. I just want

to call to your attention again that the Committee on Education received all the evidence and they pondered over it very carefully. Look over the list of names on your Committee on Education and see the type of men who passed on that question. They studied it; they gave it very, very thoughtful attention and heard all the evidence on both sides, and, after careful, thoughtful consideration of it, they brought in a unanimous report, "Ought to pass."

Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill be given its third reading.

Mr. DOW of Norway: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to take part in this discussion, but, noting the absence of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Marshall, who is interested in this bill, I move that the matter be tabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Norway, Mr. Dow, moves that Bill "An Act Authorizing Peabody Law School to Confer Degrees" (H. P. 6) (L. D. 13) lie on the table pending third reading and be specially assigned for next Tuesday. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the bill was so tabled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is expecting additional and very important papers from the Senate, so that it will be desirable to remain in session for some time yet. Are there other matters that can be taken from the table at this time? If there are no other matters that can be taken from the table at this time, the House may be at ease.

House at Ease

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to take up, out of order and under suspension of the rules, additional papers from the Senate?

From the Senate: The partial report of the Joint Select Committee created by the Joint Order, Senate Paper 412, passed in the Senate on February 14th, 1939, and passed in the House in concurrence on February 15th, which was read in the Senate and ordered sent to the House and ordered printed.

Report was read by the Clerk. For full text of the report see Senate proceedings of March 24th in Legislative Record.

Comes from the Senate, ordered placed on file.

In the House, partial report read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

The following bills, reported by the Joint Select Committee, were received and referred in concurrence to the following committees:

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to Requirements for Old Age Assistance" (S. P. 555)

Bill "An Act Relating to Support of Parents" (S. P. 556)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reports to Towns of Excise Tax Payments" (S. P. 557)

Bill "An Act Relating to Emergency Aid in Certain Organized and Unorganized Territories" (S. P. 558)

Bill "An Act Relating to Duties of the State Police" (S. P. 561)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Examination of Railroads by the Public Utilities Commission" (S. P. 562)

Bill "An Act Creating Board of Sanitation, Licensing and Inspection and Defining its Powers and Duties" (S. P. 563)

Bill "An Act Relating to Automobile Travel by State Employees" (S. P. 564)

(500 copies of each ordered printed)

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Discontinuing Blueberry Fly Control" (S. P. 559)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Law

Relating to Appropriating Money for Poultry Improvement" (S. P. 550)

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From the Senate: (Out of order and under suspension of the rules) the following Order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 28th, 1939, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon (S. P. 554)

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that hearings on the several bills which have just been referred to the Committees on Legal Affairs and Agriculture will be held early next week.

The Chair will also inform the House that as of today as compared with the same day two years ago 148 more reports have been acted on than had been acted on at that time two years ago.

Is there any further business to come before the House under Orders of the Day? If not, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. McNamara of Winthrop,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 28th, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.