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SENATE

Tuesday, February 14, 1939

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend A. N. Bickmore of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, February 9, 1939 read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of Samuel J. Dana, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians," (H. P. 452) (L. D. 390) reported that the same ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Kennedy of Hancock, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Leo Shay, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians," (H. P. 230) (L. D. 389) reported that the same ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Kennedy of Hancock, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Authorizing the Sale of State's Interest in Certain Lands in Township No. 3, Range 4," (H. P. 258) (L. D. 70) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of the Maine State Advent Christian Conference," (H. P. 11) (L. D. 17) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1239) (L. D. 479) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "An Act Relating to Investigation of Fires by the Insurance Commissioner," (H. P. 390) (L. D. 108) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1444) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Hill of Cum-

berland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Insurance Companies," (H. P. 389) (L. D. 107) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1445) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Hill of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The following bills and resolves were received and on recommendation by the committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Agriculture

Mr. Osgood of Oxford presented bill "An Act Relating to the Milk Control Board," (S. P. 392)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Agriculture and Maine Publicity, jointly

Mr. Beckett of Washington presented bill "An Act Imposing a Tax on Blueberries for Advertising and Stabilizing the Blueberry Industry of the State," (S. P. 343)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Spear of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of the Maine Division of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for Control of Cancer," (S. P. 344)

Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of the Pownal State School," (S. P. 345)

Mr. Chase of Piscataquis presented bill "An Act to Promote the Topographic Mapping of Maine in Cooperation with the United States Geological Survey," (S. P. 346)

Mr. Marden of Kennebec presented bill "An Act Relating to State Armories," (S. P. 347)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Dow of Franklin presented "Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Jay for Support of Paupers," (S. P. 349)

Mr. Burns of Aroostook presented "Resolve in Favor of June N. Wood, Bangor, Maine," (S. P. 350)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Mr. Harkins of Androscoggin presented by request "Resolve in Favor of Cornelius E. Conley, of Lewiston." (S. P. 351)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Mr. Dorr of Oxford presented "Resolve in Favor of the Children's Hospital, at Portland, for Treatment of Pearl Cormier, of Mexico." (S. P. 352)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Commerce

Mr. Lewis of Lincoln presented bill "An Act Relating to the Merchant or Marine Flag." (S. P. 348)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Kennedy of Hancock presented bill "An Act Relating to Tuition for Indian Scholars in the Elementary Schools of Old Town." (S. P. 353)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Indian Affairs

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to the Disposal of the Receipts on the Ferry at Indian Island." (S. P. 354)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Dorr of Oxford presented bill "An Act Relative to Black Bear." (S. P. 355)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relative to Damage by Bear." (S. P. 356)

Mr. Worthen of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Relative to Licenses for Dealers in Furs." (S. P. 357)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relative to Closing Areas Stocked with Rabbits." (S. P. 358)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relative to Trapping Muskrats." (S. P. 359)

Mr. Boothby of York presented bill "An Act Defining Jack-light." (S. P. 360)

Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Classifying Certain Fur-Bearing Animals as Domestic Animals and Protecting Property Rights Therein." (S. P. 361)

Mr. Morse of Waldo presented bill "An Act Relative to Power Boats in Hunting Waterfowl." (S. P. 362)

Mr. Elliot of Knox presented bill "An Act Relating to Hunting Foxes." (S. P. 363)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Mr. Elliot of Knox presented bill "An Act Relating to Fishing Licenses." (S. P. 364)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Burns of Aroostook presented bill "An Act Relating to the Payment of Alimony." (S. P. 365)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to Alimony." (S. P. 366)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to Incurable Insanity as a Cause for which a Divorce may be Granted." (S. P. 367)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to Bonds on Mesne Process and Disclosures After Judgment." (S. P. 368)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to Motions to Set Aside a Verdict Heard by the Presiding Justice." (S. P. 369)

Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Relating to Vital Records." (S. P. 370)

Mr. Cony of Kennebec presented bill "An Act Relating to Seizure of Motor Vehicles Transporting Stolen Property." (S. P. 371)

Mr. Dorr of Oxford presented bill "An Act Relating to Use of Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 372)

Mr. Hill of Cumberland presented bill "An Act Relating to the Proof of an Official Record." (S. P. 373)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to Admissibility in Evidence of Declarations of Deceased and Insane Persons." (S. P. 374)

Miss Laughlin of Cumberland presented "Resolve Relating to the Appointment of a Committee to Investigate Maine Coast Fisheries, Incorporated, and Fishermen's Relief Corporation." (S. P. 375)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to the Making of Certain Reports by State Officers." (S. P. 376)

Mr. Marden of Kennebec presented bill "An Act Relating to Filing Referendum Petitions." (S. P. 377)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Permitting Blood Grouping Tests in Bastardy Proceedings." (S. P. 378)

Mr. Spear of Cumberland pre-

sented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue, the Proceeds of which to be Disbursed for the Construction, Improvement and Equipment of State Buildings." (S. P. 379)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act to Provide for the Issuance of State of Maine Improvement Bonds and the Allocation of the Proceeds from Sale." (S. P. 380)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Mr. Hill of Cumberland presented bill "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 381)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)
Sent down for concurrence

Maine Publicity

Mr. Beckett of Washington presented bill "An Act Relating to Powers of County Commissioners." (S. P. 382)

(500 copies ordered printed.)
Sent down for concurrence.

Motor Vehicles

Mr. Cony of Kennebec presented bill "An Act Relating to Use of Trailers on Farm Tractors." (S. P. 383)

Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland presented by request bill "An Act Relating to Penalties for Removing Identification Marks from Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 384)

Mr. Beckett of Washington presented bill "An Act Relating to Dealers in Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 385)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mr. Chase of Washington presented bill "An Act Relating to the Hours of State House Employees." (S. P. 386)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

The same Senator presented by request bill "An Act to Diminish Labor Disputes Affecting the Public Welfare; and to Create a Labor Relations Commission." (S. P. 387)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

The Same Senator presented by request bill "An Act Relating to Standards of Employment." (S. P. 388)

(1000 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Elliot of Knox presented bill "An Act Relating to Recording Conditional Sales Agreements." (S. P. 389)

Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Relating to Public Exhibitions." (S. P. 390)

Mr. Hill of Cumberland presented bill "An Act Relating to Accounting by Charitable Organizations." (S. P. 391)

Mr. Marden of Kennebec presented by request bill "An Act Relating to a Commissioner of Burial Grounds." (S. P. 392)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Mr. Burns of Aroostook presented bill "An Act to Provide for the Repeal of the Charter of the Fort Kent Village Corporation." (S. P. 393)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Elliot of Knox presented bill "An Act Relating to the State Police." (S. P. 411)

Miss Laughlin of Cumberland presented bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance." (S. P. 394)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Health

Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Relating to the Use of Marijuana." (S. P. 395)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland presented bill "An Act Relative to Mile Ton Tax on Interstate Carriers." (S. P. 396)

Mr. Osgood of Oxford presented bill "An Act Exempting the Transportation of Neat Cattle from the Common Carrier Law." (S. P. 397)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Chase of Washington presented bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in Washington County." (S. P. 398)

Mr. Burns of Aroostook presented bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer of Aroostook County and the Clerk Hire in the Office of said Treasurer." (S. P. 399)

Mr. Elliot of Knox presented bill "An Act Relating to the Filing Fee for Conditional Sales Agreements." (S. P. 400)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Mr. Dorr of Oxford presented bill "An Act Creating the Office of Land Agent." (S. P. 401)

(On motion by Mr. Dorr of Oxford, tabled pending reference.)

Mr. Harkins of Androscoggin presented "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey the Timber and Grass on a Lot in Little Squaw Township." (S. P. 402)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Prison

Mr. Hill of Cumberland presented bill "An Act Relating to Chaplains of State Prison." (S. P. 403)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Relating to Assessors in Taking Inventory." (S. P. 406)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to Exemptions of Household Furniture." (S. P. 407)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to the Taxation of Stock." (S. P. 405)

Mr. Osgood of Oxford presented bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Colts." (S. P. 404)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Boothby of York presented "Resolve in Favor of Town of Shapleigh." (S. P. 408)

Mr. Dorr of Oxford presented "Resolve in Favor of Town of Mexico." (S. P. 409)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for a Survey for the Location of a Road Along Upper Richardson Lake." (S. P. 410)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Emergency Measure

(Out of Order)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Houlton." (H. P. 10) (L. D. 16)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, and none opposed was passed to be enacted.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Graves of Hancock, it was

ORDERED, that two hundred fifty (250) additional copies be printed of (S. P. 38) (L. D. 5) bill "An Act Authorizing Districts, Cities, Towns and Plantations to Establish, Acquire, Own and Operate Public Utilities."

On motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Maine Delegation of the United States Congress at Washington, District of Columbia, be requested to determine what amount, if any, is charged against the State of Maine as a debt subject to repayment, by any agency or department of the Federal Government, and to report their findings to the Eighty-ninth Legislature of the State of Maine now in session; and further

ORDERED, that said Delegation be requested to seek to have enacted by the Congress laws adequately safeguarding the expenditure of public funds and requiring that specific detailed reports of the expenditure of Federal funds within the various States, whether matched by State funds or not, be filed with some specifically designated State authority and be open to public inspection; and further

ORDERED, that the said Delegation in Congress from Maine be urged to do all in their power to oppose Federal encroachments on the proper functions and powers of the States; and it is further

ORDERED, that a copy of this said order be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Honorable Frederick Hale, United States Senator from the State of Maine, Chairman of said Delegation. (S. P. 341)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. HILL of Cumberland presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a joint select committee to

consist of two on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to examine into the inspection and investigation services of the several departments of the state government, to ascertain wherein the same or any part thereof may be consolidated and unnecessary overlapping eliminated or curtailed in such manner as to increase efficiency and economy in the administration of state affairs.

Said committee shall also examine into the expense of travel and operation of motor vehicles by employees of the several departments and agencies of the state to ascertain whether and by what means the same may be diminished or reduced.

Said committee shall enter upon the performance of its duties forthwith and shall report its findings and recommendations to the present session of the legislature as soon as possible, together with any bills or resolves it may recommend for consideration, and the same shall be received and considered in each branch of the legislature notwithstanding the provisions of the joint closing orders relative to the introduction of bills and resolves.

Mr. HILL of Cumberland: Mr. President, since the seventh of January, 1937, a conspicuous and outstanding service has been rendered to the taxpayers of Maine by His Excellency, the Governor, Honorable Lewis O. Barrows. Under his leadership state expenditures have been curtailed; by his guidance economies have been effected; under his supervision and by the application of sound business principles the Brann deficiency has been reduced; by his unflinching efforts the depleted sinking fund reserve has been restored; under his supervision the budget has been balanced; and at the same time a substantial start upon the demanded programs of old age assistance and educational equalization has been achieved.

In these accomplishments the Governor has, I believe, received the willing co-operation and support of the Executive Council and of the heads of the several departments of the state.

At this juncture, however, the 89th Legislature is faced with the duty and responsibility of providing additional funds for these and possibly other purposes and of providing them, if possible, without increased

taxation. I say "without increased taxation" because that, this year, is the very definite pledge of each of the political parties.

In the Democratic platform we find the words "without the levy of new taxes or any new forms of taxation except such legislation as may be initiated by the people of the state".

The Republican platform contains the following resolution—"We further pledge to the taxpayers of Maine a just distribution of the tax burden, without the levy of new taxes".

What party obligation could be made more definite? What could be more specific? What could be more clearly enjoined upon us as a duty as members of the Senate of the state of Maine?

If the Senate will turn to the Inaugural Address of Governor Barrows delivered last month, we find the following declaration: "Remember that both party platforms—the party promises, if you please—upon which every one of us was elected, pledged without equivocation 'no new taxes.' It therefore, appears to be more necessary than ever to practice the strictest economy."

There is no doubt in my mind that every member of this Senate sincerely desires to have savings made and to effect curtailments, where they are feasible, and an economical administration of state affairs. The able Committee on Appropriations is diligently working toward that end. We all seek the same objective. We all have the same purpose even though we may, as time goes on, differ somewhat in our views as to a proper approach to this problem.

Already the people groan under the burden of taxation. Business is taxed into stagnation. Taxation necessarily impairs liberty. The greater the tax burden, the greater proportion of his time the citizen must spend working to pay his bill to government. The more he must work for government, so much less is the measure of his liberty.

I recognize that as this legislative session progresses it may prove impossible to raise the funds required for old age assistance without increased taxation in some form; but clearly it is our duty to exhaust every possibility before coming, as a last resort only, to consideration of tax measures of any type. Only by that means can we, as Republicans

or as Democrats, keep faith with the people of Maine.

Here in Maine in the past two years much has been accomplished in the way of economy. But new taxation will inevitably come to "press down its crown of thorns" upon the brow of labor, of industry, of agriculture, and of all our people, unless we can go still further in the direction of curtailed expenditures. In the paradoxical words of Julius Caesar "much has been done; but since there remains more to be done, nothing has been done".

Now I have spoken of the accomplishments of the executive branch of the state government. We all have full confidence in that branch. I have no doubt that so far as possible further savings will be effected there. But we of the legislature ought not to leave it indefinitely to the executive to assume all responsibility in that direction. The time has come when executive action should be implemented and supplemented by a proper, determined and vigorous legislative attack upon this problem.

This order suggests one means of effecting substantial economies for the state. I have in mind particularly the many inspection services conducted by the state which seem in many instances to overlap and duplicate each other. We have, by one designation or another, inspectors of banks, of animals, of various agricultural activities, of drugs, of factories, of forests, of fish and game, of sea and shore fisheries, of plumbing and of public utilities. We have a sheep specialist. We have boiler inspectors, barber inspectors, hair dressers inspectors, social workers in the bureau of social welfare, investigators of poor relief, field workers for emergency aid, social workers for child welfare, workers on aid to the blind, on aid to crippled children, maternal and child health, another crew on public health, field workers for old age assistance, billboard inspectors, highway inspectors, liquor inspectors, beer inspectors, milk control inspectors, innumerable field workers and inspectors of employment and likewise inspectors of unemployment. But, Mr. President, to go on would tax unreasonably the patience of the Senate and so I pause here with only this partial enumeration.

Now these inspection services are of course very necessary. Whenever

the state undertakes a new function there must be inspectors or supervisors of some kind. No one will deny that. But the point is that it should be possible to merge and consolidate some of these inspections to the great advantage of our tax payers.

Some time ago a citizen told me about operating a roadside establishment. I assume he serves meals and has overnight cabins. Perhaps he sells beer and milk and carries on those things that one usually finds in a place of that sort. This man told me that no less than five state inspectors call at his place of business to inspect it. One inspects the sanitary conditions, one inspects his milk, another inspects the sale of beer, another inspects his kitchen—and so on. Now each one of those five inspectors draws a salary from the state and the taxpayer pays the cost of five or more trips where perhaps one or two inspectors and one or two trips would suffice.

Then I am told that it not infrequently happens that two inspectors on the same job come together, at the same time. One sits in the car and waits while the other does the inspecting and both draw a salary from the state.

Now, if these conditions exist it is not necessarily the fault of the department heads—it is due to the lack of a properly co-ordinated system established by law. It would be the duty of the committee called for by this order to look into the matter, and to see what can be done to reduce expenses in this regard.

The second part of the order relates to the use of automobiles by state employees and the expense incident thereto. If I am correctly informed the state is paying between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year for automobile travel. A pretty large item. It is frequently suggested that unnecessary trips are made at times by employees at the expense of the state, and that state automobiles are used by employees for their personal business or for pleasure—all, of course, at the expense of the taxpayer. If these rumors are totally unfounded—I admit that my personal knowledge on them is very limited but these rumors are very wide-spread—it will be a simple matter for the committee so to report; but at least there should be such an investigation as the order calls for, followed by such

action as may be found necessary and proper.

Now, Mr. President, it is not contended that this order is any cure-all. I do not claim its passage, followed by appropriate action, would alone save enough to solve the state's entire financial problem; but it tends in that direction and should be of material aid. Unless in our common desire to accomplish the same result we leave no stone unturned, we shall upon final adjournment have a bill of expenses in the form of new taxes to present to the people of Maine as the result of our legislative labors. Let us, working harmoniously together, first bend every effort toward economy. Let us cut expense. Let us by our joint endeavors save for every man and woman of Maine the dollars that come only from human toil.

Mr. President, I hope the Senate will support my motion for the passage of this order.

Mr. TOMPKINS of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, as the Senator from Cumberland (Senator Hill) has said, we had a budget committee that labored long and faithfully and found that there was a gap between prospective income and proposed expenditures. Now there are only four ways that I know of to close that gap; first, not to appropriate money; second, borrow the money; third, economize; and fourth, taxation.

Now, the first method nobody would agree to. We have assumed certain obligations and we do not propose at this time to repudiate them. To borrow money by the issuance of bonds for the ordinary housekeeping expenses of the state is also unthinkable because we are placing a burden upon future generations that we ourselves should bear. On the lines of economy many of you have probably read the McCoomb's Report. I wish to call attention, on page 14, to one paragraph—and now I quote: "Due to the development of over-elaborate systems of field supervision, investigation, case-recording, stenographic and secretarial services in these two systems have reached the point where in number, stenographers, secretaries and stenographer-clerks represent nearly one-half the number of actual field workers. For example, in the districts of the old age security division, fifty-two sten-

ographers are required to serve seventy-four field workers, a ratio of 1 to 1.42; and in the districts of the social welfare bureau, twenty-one secretaries (stenographers) are required to forty-six field workers, a ratio of 1 to 2.2. No further evidence is needed that there should be readjustments and policies and procedures which compel such extravagance of stenographic and secretarial help."

Taxation. This extra money might be raised by new taxation or by increasing old taxation but the way the taxpayer is now taking it on the chin, I submit is fantastic, but I presume modern.

The state of Maine annually pays out in taxes, Federal and State, some seventy million dollars. Our total tax valuation is approximately six hundred and seventy-five million dollars. So that every ten years on the instalment plan we buy back the state of Maine from the tax collectors. We are pursued with taxes from the time we first breathe the breath of life. The swaddling clothes we are wrapped in are taxed and the shroud that we are buried in is taxed so that the poet who penned these lines must have had prophetic vision when he said:

"Earth gets its price for what earth gives us,

The beggar is taxed for a corner to die in,

The priest hath his fee who comes and shrives us,

It is Heaven alone that is given away,

And only God that may be had for the asking."

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, about three weeks ago a member of the Executive Council called a House member and myself into the executive chamber and wanted to accomplish this very thing that has been brought up here this morning. Mr. Runnells was called in from his department, Mr. Deering was called in from his department, and the two heads of those respective departments were asked to consolidate as many duplications as possible and to gather data for these two legislative members. A bill has been prepared which can be brought out in new draft after sufficient data has been gathered and a good deal of this

subject matter will be covered. I merely bring that up so that these gentlemen may know that something is being done about it.

I would like to move at this time that we recess for a few minutes until the sound of the gavel, that I may be able to confer with Senator Hill and Senator Tompkins about this matter.

The motion to recess prevailed.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Thereupon, Mr. Hill of Cumberland presented Senate Amendment A to the foregoing order and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Joint Order Relative to Committee on State Inspection Services and use of Motor Vehicles by State Employees. Amend said order by striking out in the second line thereof the word 'two' and inserting in lieu thereof 'three'."

MR. HILL: Mr. President, the purpose of the amendment is simply to change the order by increasing the number of the members on the part of the Senate on such committee from two to three, as it has been suggested that that would be preferable. I hope that on this committee there will be some representative from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in order that there may be cooperation between the two committees in this matter.

MR. WENTWORTH of York: Mr. President, two years ago a similar order was introduced and I tabled it, but I think conditions are different this year, that the auspices are somewhat different, that the order two years ago was introduced to embarrass someone, or perhaps I might say more than one, and I believe that this is a good, conscientious order. I hope that the order as amended will have passage.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, if the older members who have had legislative experience can speak as we have heard them, a new member might also add something to what they have said. Personally, I have knowledge, in the eastern part of the state particularly, of over-lapping inspection, and the nearer state affairs and matters can come to business affairs—

they never can equal it, of course,—but the nearer they can come to it, the better off the people of this state will be. I would be glad to have the order pass.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment A was adopted and the order as so amended received passage.

The President appointed, as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Hill of Cumberland, Wentworth of York, and Tompkins of Aroostook.

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act Relative to Game Preserve in Orrington." (S. P. 26) (L. D. 512)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Government Employees' Credit Union of Maine." (S. P. 309) (L. D. 511)

Which bills were severally read once and tomorrow assigned, for second reading.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Chase of Washington from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act Relating to the Registration and Regulation of Watchmakers," (S. P. 152) (L. D. 126) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Wentworth from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on "Resolve Designating the Governor Barrows Rearing Station," (S. P. 119) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill "An Act Relative to Weekly Close Time for Salmon, Shad, Alewives and Bass," (S. P. 79) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Lewis from the same Committee on bill "An Act Regulating Places and Time of Taking Salmon, Shad and Alewives in Certain Waters; Penalty," (S. P. 78) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Validating Certain Acts of the Norway Village Corporation." (H. P. 75) (L. D. 32)

Bill "An Act Relating to Norway Village Corporation." (H. P. 76) (L. D. 33)

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

Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College." (S. P. 50) (L. D. 429)

Bill "An Act Relating to Carrying Concealed Weapons." (S. P. 282) (L. D. 430)

Which bills were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Town of Prentiss of Its Organization." (H. P. 33) (L. D. 25)

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, that 500 additional copies be printed of (H. P. 28) (L. D. 21) bill "An Act Permitting Teachers to be Elected under Contract."

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Hill of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table House Committee Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill, "An Act Relating to Investigation of Fires by the Insurance Commissioner" (H. P. 390) (L. D. 108) reporting the same in a new draft (H. P. 1444) under the same title and that it ought to pass; tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence and the bill given its first reading.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I now move that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its second reading at this time, and in explanation I may say that if this bill is not enacted by tomorrow, which is the 15th day of February, the state will lose twenty-five thousand dollars to that department.

The motion prevailed and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hill of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table House Committee Report on bill, "An Act Relating to Taxation of Insurance Companies" (H. P. 389) (L. D. 107) reporting the same in a new draft (H. P. 1445) under the same title and that it ought to pass; tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence and the bill given its first reading.

On further motion by the same Senator, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act Relating to State Aid for Academies (S. P. 130) tabled by that Senator on January 26 pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin the Senate voted to take from the table An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Lewiston (S. P. 55) (L. D. 27) tabled by that Senator on February 7, pending second reading.

Thereupon that Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Legislative Document 27, An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Lewiston. Amend said bill in the last sentence of Section 2, Article 14 by substituting the words 'said board of Health and Welfare' for the word 'they'.

Senate Amendment A was adopted.

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

"Senate Amendment B to An Act

to Grant a New Charter to the City of Lewiston. Amend said bill by striking out the period at the end of Section 2 of Article 16 and inserting therefor the following: 'Provided, however, that a majority of every said board to be appointed by the Mayor shall be chosen from those enrolled as members of that party in said city of Lewiston which polled the plurality of votes in said city for Governor in the last gubernatorial election preceding the date of appointment.'"

Senate Amendment B was adopted.

Thereupon upon further motion by the same Senator the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A and Senate Amendment B in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Graves of Hancock

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.