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SENATE

Tuesday February 28, 1939

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend H. W. Van Couenhoven of Hallowell.

Journal of Friday, Feb. 24, 1939, read and approved.

Orders

(Out of Order)

Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following order:

"ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Governor be authorized to extend through proper diplomatic channels an invitation to their Majesties the King and Queen of England to attend a commemorative observance in northern Maine of the century of peaceful relations between the United States and Canada since the termination of the Aroostook War."

Mr. TOMPKINS: In explanation of this order, Mr. President, may I say this, that while the Aroostook War was a bloodless war it only demonstrated the ability of the two nations to settle a dispute peacefully. This commemorative event should be made, if possible, an international affair because the people of this country and of Canada are joint heirs with the English people, of Runnymede. They have lived in peace for more than a hundred years and while the Aroostook War was not actually a war, it carried great potentialities of evil.

This state raised ten thousand volunteer troops. The federal government ordered fifty thousand soldiers enlisted and appropriated ten million dollars. I hope the order will receive passage.

Thereupon, the order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Governor be authorized to request the United States Post Office Department to issue suitable postage stamp to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the conclusion of the Aroostook War.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Legislative Document 110, An Act Relating to Clerks in the Offices of Register of Probate and Clerk of Courts in Hancock County be recalled from the Governor to the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Legislative Document 205, An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in Somerset County, be recalled from the Governor to the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that Legislative Document 109, An Act Relating to the County Treasurer of Hancock County, be recalled from the Governor to the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner." (H. P. 682) (L. D. 266)

(In the Senate on February 23 recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that Body insisting on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A, and asking for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as House members of such a committee: Representatives:

Dow of Norway
Slosberg of Gardiner
Dwinal of Camden

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Marden of Kennebec, that Body voted to insist and join with the House in a Committee of Conference; and the President appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate.

Senators:

Marden of Kennebec
Hill of Cumberland
Tompkins of Aroostook

From the House:

Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the

Town of Princeton Lighting District." (S. P. 235) (L. D. 184)

(In the Senate on February 21, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the Senate:

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken on February 21st whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House:

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Eustis." (H. P. 1818)

Comes from the House, having been received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the Senate, the resolve was received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve for Screening Sabbathday Lake," (H. P. 550) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relative to Game Preserve in Penobscot County," (H. P. 1128) (L. D. 406) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relating to Pauper Settlements," (H. P. 503) (L. D. 157) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Motor Vehicles on bill "An Act Relating to the Use of License Plate Locks on Motor Vehicles," reported that the same ought not to pass. (H. P. 565) (L. D. 198)

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Farmington Municipal Court," (H. P. 16) (L. D. 20) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

(On motion by Mr. Spear of

Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.)

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of the Register of Probate of Franklin County," (H. P. 942) (L. D. 370) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.)

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate for Franklin County," (H. P. 943) (L. D. 371) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.)

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Increase in the Salary of the Judge of the Caribou Municipal Court," (H. P. 1200) (L. D. 714) reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to the Sheriff of Lincoln County," (H. P. 1454) (L. D. 563) reported that leave be granted to withdraw.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the office of Sheriff of Androscoggin County," (H. P. 514) (L. D. 167) reported that leave be granted to withdraw.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Clerk of the Northern Registry of Deeds in Aroostook County," (H. P. 1455) (L. D. 564) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.)

The Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relating to Probation Officers," (H. P. 679) (L. D. 254) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1786) (L. D. 967) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Federal Relations on "Memorial Memorializing the Postmaster General of the United States Relative to a Special Postage Stamp in Honor of Captain

Jeremiah O'Brien," (H. P. 868) reported that the same be adopted.

In the House adopted as amended by House Amendment A.

In the Senate, House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Memorial, as amended by House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence.

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Registrar of Deeds of Franklin County," (H. P. 578) (L. D. 203) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1816) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

In the House, indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending consideration.

Communication

Augusta, Maine.

February 23, 1939.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

State House
Augusta, Maine.

Sirs:

The State Highway Planning Survey Committee, established under the provisions of Chapter 135, Resolves of 1937, submits herewith a progress report of the Maine State-wide Highway Planning Survey, which, under the above legislative authorization, was undertaken by the State Highway Commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Your respectfully,

RAE D. GRAVES.

Chairman.

State Highway Planning Survey Committee, (S. P. 445)

Which communication and accompanying report were read and accepted and ordered placed on file.
Sent to the House.

Referred to Committees

The following petition and bill were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Taxation

Mr. Elliot of Knox presented Petition of Everett W. Hodgkins and

122 others of Thomaston and vicinity opposing any increase in the gasoline tax. (S. P. 446)

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

The following bill was transmitted from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes:

Mr. Hill of Cumberland presented by request bill "An Act Relating to Labor Relations." (S. P. 447)

(1500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to Ricker Classical Institute." (S. P. 438) (L. D. 989)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Lincoln Municipal Court." (S. P. 444) (L. D. 988)

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

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Burns from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act in Regard to Service of Writs," (S. P. 284) (L. D. 438) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Hill from the same Committee on bill "An Act in Regard to Trial of Civil Actions at the Return Term," (S. P. 283) (L. D. 437) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Burns from the same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to the Resignation of Attorneys-at-Law," (S. P. 320) (L. D. 590) reported that the same ought to pass.

Miss Laughlin from the same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to the Practice of Law," (S. P. 322) (L. D. 591) reported that the same ought to pass.

(On motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to the Emergency Municipal Finance Board," (S. P. 214) (L. D. 286) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Burns from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relative to the Investment of Unclaimed Money in the Hands of County Treasurers," (S. P. 216) (L. D. 291) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 448) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill laid upon the table pending printing under the joint rules.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relative to Charter of the Fort Kent Telephone Company," (H. P. 32) (L. D. 24)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft," (H. P. 283) (L. D. 90)

In the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

In the Senate, the bill was given its second reading and on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles," (H. P. 512) (L. D. 165)

"Resolve Relating to the Taking of Clams in Bluehill," (H. P. 1206) (L. D. 419)

"Resolve Regulating Digging of Clams Within the Limits of the Towns of South Bristol and Boothbay," (H. P. 1208) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act Relating to Roads in Unincorporated Places," (H. P. 1215) (L. D. 460)

"Resolve Relating to the Taking of Clams in Surry," (H. P. 1235) (L. D. 392)

"Resolve Regulating the Taking of Smelts from Smelt Brook in the Town of Perry," (H. P. 1781) (L. D. 945)

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

Bill "An Act Providing Penalties for Boarding Freight Trains without Rights," (S. P. 95) (L. D. 58)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Use and Maintenance of the Kennebec

or Carlton Bridge," (S. P. 114) (L. D. 79)

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Board of Registration of Nurses to Give Examination to Certain Persons," (S. P. 226) (L. D. 431)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County," (S. P. 271) (L. D. 503)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Amending the Law Relating to the Width of Motor Vehicles," (S. P. 264) (L. D. 443)

In the House, passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, Mr. Littlefield of York presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption: "Senate Amendment A to Senate Paper 264, Legislative Document 443, An Act Amending the Law Relating to the Width of Motor Vehicles. Amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following: 'Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed as limiting the width of a load of loose hay.'"

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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) (L. D. 814)

In the House, passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate:

Mr. BURNS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would like, first of all, to offer Senate Amendment A, an oral amendment. It is a simple one and I do not believe it is necessary to reduce it to writing. The amendment is that there be stricken from Legislative Document 814, "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer of Aroostook County and the Clerk Hire in the Office of said Treasurer," the final paragraph in the bill which reads, "This act to become effective January 1st, 1939."

The purport of that final paragraph is very clearly to make the law retroactive. I offer this amendment for the purpose of making the

salary increase not retroactive. I move the adoption of the amendment.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Burns, moves that the Senate amend the bill by striking therefrom the last paragraph which reads, "This act to become effective January 1st, 1939."

Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

Senate Amendment A was adopted.

Mr. BURNS: Mr. President, I would like also at this time to speak in behalf of the ultimate passage of this bill, although I have no objection to any member of the Senate tabling this bill following such remarks as I may make.

We who have served in past legislatures know that as a part of our work we are confronted with various bills which have to do with the increase of clerk hire or salaries of various county or state officials or those employed in the offices of these officials. There is widespread throughout the state of Maine and the country today a cry for economy, and to this I subscribe, but with this qualification and that is that I, for one, am in favor of reasonable economy and fair economy and equitable economy, but I am against unfair economy and inequitable economy. The people of the state are demanding additional services from their officials and from the legislature. On the one hand we have the hue and cry for liberal old age pensions, and I am in favor of those to a reasonable extent. If they are demanding these things, the people must pay for them and that is the dilemma which this legislature is confronted with. To meet these demands we must either drastically reduce our expenses or we must face increased taxation. At this early stage of the proceedings I am unwilling to adopt the alternative that we must meet this problem by increased taxation and I am willing to lend my efforts, and I know everyone else in the Senate is willing to, in an effort to see if we can meet this problem without additional taxation, an act which will be consistent with the platform of the Republican State Convention which was adopted at Bangor, wherein it went on record as against additional taxation. I think my remarks in regard to this bill are consistent with this premise.

Many of us read reports in last week's newspapers where certain members of the legislature were against all increases that had to do with clerk hire and salaries and against increases in taxation. I ask if it is an intelligent stand to take, or are we here to decide each case on its merit? There hasn't been a legislature in the history of the state that has not, in one form or another, passed laws which increased salaries of certain officials when that increase was justified by the circumstances. It seems to me we would be taking a very unintelligent stand to blindly vote down every bill that calls for an appropriation for an additional salary or increase when it was worth while and just.

We are going to pass legislation here that will require additional appropriations, and I presume that they will be examined closely and in cases where those appropriations are not deserved they will be eliminated from the bill. I also believe that in other legislation, such as I have described, where there is merit, the legislature, if they are going to fulfill the trust which is placed in them by their constituents, will decide those cases on merit and not on political exigency or because of a certain stand taken by newspapers or by certain individuals. I, for one, do not believe the people of the state of Maine are for rigid economy where it will work an injustice, and I think we would be acting in accordance with their wishes if we decided cases on their merit and not on false propaganda.

I now come to the consideration of Legislative Document 814, which has to do with the increase of the salary of the Treasurer of Aroostook County. The present salary of the Treasurer of Aroostook County is \$800.00. In addition, the Treasurer receives \$300.00 for clerk hire. The present incumbent is Miss Edith M. Dill of Houlton, Maine, who has served efficiently and faithfully over a period of years and has given universal satisfaction to the people of Aroostook County, and I have never yet heard one word of criticism or complaint lodged against her as it relates to her official duties. The present salary is for the modest sum of \$800.00 and she, desiring to receive an increase, asked me to introduce this bill. And after examining into the situation, I told her I was only too happy to co-

operate with her because I felt she had a deserving case. The examination that I made, first of all dealt with considering the salaries of the county treasurers of some of the other counties in the state. I found that the salary of the Treasurer of Aroostook County was grossly inadequate in comparison with the salaries paid other county officials holding the office of treasurer in other counties in the state, which according to population and the amount of business would fall within the same category as Aroostook County. The bill itself shows that in Androscoggin County the treasurer receives the sum of \$2,000.00. Anyone conversant with statistics of the State will realize that Androscoggin and Aroostook Counties are practically the same in population, and I would presume the county treasurers would be doing substantially the same amount of work. I have no quarrel with the salary that the treasurer of Androscoggin County receives. No doubt at some earlier hearing before the committee, following consideration by the legislature, it was decided the county treasurer of Androscoggin County should receive \$2000. But by contrast there is a glaring difference between the sum of \$800 and \$2000, and I say it is unfair and inequitable for this legislature not to consider that as a sound ground of argument by the proponents of this bill.

The increase that we undertake to make here is for the sum of \$1500, still \$500 short of the salary paid the treasurer of Androscoggin County. In the county of Penobscot that treasurer receives the sum of \$1800. The county of Penobscot and the county of Aroostook, so far as population is concerned and the amount of business going through the two offices, are on equal footing. I would not say there is the difference of two per cent in respect to either condition.

The office is not paid by the state although, of course, it is reflected in the mill tax that is eventually decided on by this legislature whereby they raise the revenue to take care of this item of expense along with other state expenses. So it is essentially, I say, an Aroostook County proposition. It has been a custom for the legislature to take this stand in strictly county matters, and we run into it when we appear before

committees. They say, "How does the Aroostook County delegation stand on the matter, and how do the county commissioners stand?" If we state that they stand affirmatively, they check this and then they say that it is essentially an Aroostook County matter or a York County matter or whatever county it may be. They say, "You people have examined into it and you know your conditions and you know whether the county can stand it and you know if the people want it, and we think that is a proper expression for us to go by."

So in this case, in order to follow those precedents, we held a meeting of the Aroostook County delegation to consider this matter. Several members spoke in behalf of it. The situation was fully explained to them and it was decided unanimously by the delegation that this increase was proper, that it was fair and that the treasurer should receive it. Armed with that, I appeared before the Committee on Salaries and Fees, first of all having been informed by the distinguished chairman of the committee that it would be valuable for me, a proponent of this measure, to tell him and tell the committee what the attitude of the delegation was and also what the attitude of the county commissioners was in regard to the matter. So, appearing before that committee I explained to them that the Aroostook delegation was unanimously in favor of his increase, and further, that the county commissioners had written me a letter, copy of which I produced, saying they favored the increase. Others appeared there at the hearing and they spoke in behalf of the bill. It was brought out at the hearing that the duties of the office have increased largely over the last decade and that the legislature and the county commissioners have placed upon the county treasurer throughout the county additional burdens because of our increased ramifications of state government. Today it is a full time position requiring a full day's work.

Going into the matter further, I found that in several of the offices of the county of Aroostook, the clerks were receiving a salary of \$1,200 or \$1,300 for their services. I do not question that they earn their salary because I am familiar, as an attorney, with many of the duties

that fall upon the clerks in many of the county offices. I do not question the propriety of their salaries in the slightest, and use it only for purposes of comparison. When we realize that clerks who are holding no responsibility back to the people are receiving \$1200 or \$1300 for their services, and I know several years ago in one office one of the clerks was receiving \$1500, and I believe she was justly entitled to the salary she received, that when you compare those salaries with the salary of \$800 for a responsible elective office where a bond to the extent of \$30,000 to \$50,000 is required, coupled with a knowledge of figures and a sense of faithfulness and trust to her office, I say those facts should be considered by this legislature and I know they were considered by the Committee on Salaries and Fees which heard this bill, and when they reported it out they realized it was a meritorious bill.

It has come to my attention that perhaps the Governor will veto every bill that calls for increase in salary and clerk hire, but knowing the Governor as I do, I know that Governor Barrows will not take any such stand. I know he will consider each case separately and upon its own merits and if he believes the increase is in order, I feel sure, this report to the contrary, it will not be the stand he will eventually take.

I am willing to defend this bill at this time or any other time because I know it is a meritorious bill and I wish that every member of the Senate and every member of the legislature would examine into this bill, and I defy any one of them to point out to me that the increase which I have asked here is not a proper one.

Mr. CONY of Kennebec: Mr. President, I do not want to question in the slightest degree the action or the statement made by the distinguished senator from Aroostook, Senator Burns, nor do I on the faithfulness or carefulness of the Committee on Salaries and Fees, but for myself, I should dislike to vote on this matter this morning for the reason that I feel that if ever a legislature was charged with being careful of the expenditure of its money, that is true of this present legislature. I feel deeply, as I believe most senators do, in fact all senators do, that our

people, our great middle class, hundreds of them in this state, are bled white by taxation. I have not made up my mind personally on this bill, and I should like to make a motion that it lay on the table.

The motion prevailed and the bill as amended by Senate Amendment "A" was laid upon the table pending second reading.

Finally Passed

Resolve Relating to Smelt Fishing in Georges River. (H. P. 138) (L. D. 49)

Resolve Relating to the Taking of Shell-fish and Worms within the Limits of the Town of Falmouth. (H. P. 257) (L. D. 69)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Auburn. (H. P. 473) (L. D. 144)

Resolve Relating to Digging of Clams in Harrington. (H. P. 516) (L. D. 169)

Passed to be Enacted

An Act Ratifying the Conveyance of Certain Land and Buildings in Thomaston. (H. P. 139) (L. D. 50)

An Act Relating to Corporations. (H. P. 281) (L. D. 88)

An Act to Establish the Van Buren Municipal Court. (S. P. 91) (L. D. 54)

An Act to Amend and Extend the Charter of Kennebec Reservoir Company. (S. P. 182) (L. D. 233)

"An Act in Relation to the Duties of Town Treasurer." (H. P. 509) (L. D. 163)

Bill "An Act Relating to Recording of Personal Property Titles." (H. P. 564) (L. D. 197)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital." (H. P. 922) (L. D. 361)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the York Beach Village Corporation." (H. P. 926) (L. D. 364)

Bill "An Act Relating to the York Beach Village Corporation." (H. P. 927) (L. D. 365)

Bill "An Act Conferring Additional Powers on Domestic Insurance Companies." (H. P. 929) (L. D. 320)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Meaning of the Law Regulating Mutual Insurance Companies." (H. P. 930) (L. D. 321)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Charter of the Aroostook Mutual Fire Insurance Company." (H. P. 1184) (L. D. 455)

Emergency Measure

"Resolve Appropriating Money for the Study and Control of the European Spruce Sawfly." (S. P. 230) (L. D. 275)

On motion by Mr. Thatcher of Penobscot tabled pending passage to be enacted and tomorrow assigned.

Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senate that the three bills which by joint order were ordered recalled to the Senate from the Governor's office earlier in today's session have been returned and are now in the possession of the Senate.

Mr. SPEAR: Mr. President, in explanation of asking the return to the Senate of these bills, I would like to defend the action of the Committee on Salaries and Fees. We have been governed in that committee by the facts presented by the proponents and opponents to these various bills, together with the opinion of the county commissioners and the vote of the delegation from various counties. If a delegation unanimously wants a bill killed, or adopted, we figure it is their money that is being spent, and after listening to both sides and taking into consideration the expression of the county commissioners and the delegation, we have felt that we have about all the information that we can get from a county where few of us are familiar with the conditions in the county.

Yesterday the Governor called me into his office and indicated that the three bills would be vetoed unless the Senate was willing to recall them. It was decided best to recall, with your approval, these three bills. He gave as his opinion the fact that the Republican State Convention adopted a platform and a plank of no new taxes. Consistent with no new taxes, it appeared to him that there should be no increases in salaries, both state and county. I am telling this to you as nearly as I

can as he expressed it to me, subject of course, to any corrections he wishes to make. I think in a few words that is the situation and I would like to have these bills tabled in order that there can be some discussion and if anyone changes his mind he will have the opportunity.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken on February 23rd whereby bill An Act Relating to Clerks in the Offices of Register of Probate and Clerks of Courts in Hancock County (L. D. 110) was passed to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken on February 23rd whereby bill An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in Somerset County (L. D. 205) was passed to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken on February 23rd whereby bill An Act Relating to the County Treasurer of Hancock County (L. D. 109) was passed to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

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

On motion by Mr. Marden of Kennebec

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.