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SENATE

Thursday, April 6, 1939.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend John W. Poole of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

From the House:

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

(In the Senate on March 24, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House indefinitely postponed, in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act to Provide for Civil Service Rules for the Police and Fire Departments in the City of Bath." (S. P. 510) (L. D. 1049)

(In the Senate on March 22, 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 under suspension of the rules that Body voted to reconsider its former action taken on March 22 whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. 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:

Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Bath." (H. P. 1164) (L. D. 483)

(In the Senate, on March 23, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in concurrence.)

Comes from the House, engrossing reconsidered, House Amendment "B" offered and adopted; House Amendment "C" offered and indefinitely postponed; House Amendment "D" offered and adopted, and the bill as amended by House Amendments "A", "B" and "D" passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland the rules were suspended and that Body voted to reconsider its former action taken on March 23 whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A in concurrence. House Amendment B was read and adopted in concurrence. House Amendment C was read and indefinitely postponed in concurrence. House Amendment D was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendments A, B and D was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Imposing a Tax on Blueberries for Advertising and Stabilizing the Blueberry Industry of the State." (S. P. 343) (L. D. 827)

(In the Senate on March 30, the majority report from the Joint Committees on Agriculture and Maine Publicity, "Ought to Pass" in a new draft (S. P. 553) (L. D. 1079) under a new title bill "An Act to Promote the Blueberry Industry of the State," read and accepted, the bill read twice and passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, Majority report read and accepted, and House Amendment "A" read and adopted; subsequently bill as amended indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Beckett of Washington, that Body voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference and the President appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Beckett of Washington, Osgood of Oxford and Graves of Hancock.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Powers of the County Commissioners." (S. P. 538) (L. D. 1073)

(In the Senate on March 30, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Beckett of Washington, that Body voted to recede and concur with the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Remonstrance of S. W. Jordan of Mechanic Falls and 18 others against (H. P. 1560) (L. D. 658) bill "An Act Relating to the Issuance of Permits to Propagate Game Birds, Game and Fur-bearing Animals," (H. P. 2078) reported that the same be placed on file.

The Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law Relating to the Study of Merit Rating," (H. P. 1588) (L. D. 863) reported that the same ought not to pass, as subject matter is covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Commitment of Male Juvenile Delinquents," (H. P. 1607) reported that the same ought not to pass as subject matter is covered by other legislation.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Biddeford," (H. P. 1163) (L. D. 482) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Nomination of Candidates for Town Meeting Members in Sanford," (H. P. 1180) (L. D. 496) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee to which was recommitted bill "An Act to Allow Beano at Fairs," (H. P. 1669) (L. D. 737) reported that the same ought not to pass.

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

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on bill "An Act Relating to Operation of Motion Picture Machines," (H. P. 1675) (L. D. 885) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Public Health on bill "An Act Relating to Child Birth," (H. P. 1704) (L. D. 871) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of the Public Utilities Commission," (H. P. 1714) (L. D. 672) reported that the same ought not to pass, as subject matter is covered in another bill.

The Committee on Taxation on bill "An Act Relating to Exemption

from Taxation," (H. P. 1732) (L. D. 835) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Exemptions from Taxation," (H. P. 1729) (L. D. 837) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Poll Taxes," (H. P. 1735) (L. D. 752) 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 Ways and Bridges on "Resolve in Favor of Building a New Bridge over the Navigable Waters of Casco Bay in Portland," (H. P. 1754) (L. D. 902) reported that legislation on the same is inexpedient.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relating to Removal of Infected Persons and Goods and Securing Infected Articles," (H. P. 1601) (L. D. 912) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Impersonating Justices or Officers," (H. P. 1617) (L. D. 705) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An Act Relating to Apportionment of Motor Vehicle Registration Fees Paid by Inhabitants of Swan's Island," (H. P. 1220) (L. D. 462) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B".

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading. House Amendment A was read and indefinitely postponed in concurrence. House Amendment B was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment B was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relating to Real Estate Brokers," (H. P. 1616) (L. D.

865) reported that the same ought to pass when amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Comes from the House, report read and accepted; Committee Amendment "A" read and adopted and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading. Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Public Health on bill "An Act Relating to Charges Made by Hospitals Receiving Public Funds for X-ray Pictures," (H. P. 1707) (L. D. 874) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Comes from the House recommended to the Committee on Public Health.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Owen of Kennebec, recommitted to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act Relative to the Use of Buckshot in Hunting Deer," (H. P. 676) (L. D. 251) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 2153) (L. D. 1130) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate:

Mr. ELLIOT of Knox: Mr. President, due to the fact that there is going to be a contest this afternoon at one o'clock to determine the effectiveness of buckshot in shooting deer, I move that the bill and the report be laid upon the table pending the outcome of the contest.

Thereupon, the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration.

The Committee on Pensions on bill "An Act Amending the Old Age Assistance Law Relating to Additional Aid by Municipalities," (H. P. 1446) (L. D. 623) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Friend, indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act

Authorizing and Licensing the Racing of Greyhounds, on which the Pari-mutuel System of Betting shall be Permitted, and Creating the Office of Director of Racing," (H. P. 1655) (L. D. 853) together with remonstrances (H. P. 1999), (H. P. 2065), (H. P. 2043), (H. P. 2114), (H. P. 2115), (H. P. 2113), (H. P. 2112), (H. P. 2079), (S. P. 606) and (S. P. 595) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senators Marden of Kennebec, Morse of Waldo, Chase of Washington, and Representatives Dow of Norway, Pike of Bridgton, Payson of Portland, Shesong of Portland, Dwinal of Camden.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Representatives Donahue of Biddeford, Buzzell of Belfast.

Comes from the House, the majority report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Marden that Body voted to accept the majority report "Ought not to pass" in concurrence.

Report "A" from the Committee on Salaries to which was recommended bill "An Act Relating to the Compensation of the Register of Probate of York County," (H. P. 941) (L. D. 369) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Representatives McGillicuddy of Houlton, Downs of Rome, Douglass of Gorham, Churchill of Brewer, Fernald of Levant.

Report "B" from the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Senators Spear of Cumberland, Harkins of Androscoggin.

Comes from the House, Report "A" read and accepted.

In the Senate:

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of Report B "Ought to Pass" in non-concurrence. In defense of the report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees, we gave this matter careful consideration. We had two executive sessions on it. We were guided in our deliberations by the wishes of the delegation. The delegation approved of the "Ought to Pass" report. The County Commissioners approved. It is a county matter and has to do with the ex-

penditure of county money and I hope my motion will prevail.

The motion prevailed and Report B "Ought to Pass" was accepted in non-concurrence, the bill was read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to Regulate the Practice of Architecture and to Create a Board to Provide for the Examination and Registration of Architects," (H. P. 250) (L. D. 75) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senators Marden of Kennebec, Morse of Waldo, Chase of Washington and Representatives Dow of Norway, Shesong of Portland, Buzzell of Belfast.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 2165) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(Signed) Representatives Pike of Bridgton, Payson of Portland, Dwinal of Camden, Donahue of Biddeford.

Comes from the House, Majority report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Marden of Kennebec, the majority report "Ought not to pass" was accepted in concurrence.

The Majority of the Committee on Taxation on bill "An Act Reducing Registration Fees of Motor Vehicles and Increasing the Gasoline Tax, and Increasing the Allotment of Highway Funds to the Municipalities," (H. P. 1800) (L. D. 968) together with the following remonstrances: (S. Papers: 420, 421, 424, 434, 443, 446, 454, 456, 458, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 502, 511, 512, 542, 594, 532, 533, 535, 537)

(House Papers: 1763, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1804, 1845, 1819, 1823, 1850, 1851, 1849, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1814, 1824, 1832, 1856, 2021, 2045, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2104, and 2144) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senators Tompkins of Aroostook, Cony of Kennebec, Chamberlain of Penobscot and Representatives Worth of Stockton Springs, Noyes of Franklin, Richardson of Strong, Dorsey of Fort Fairfield, Dean of Greenville, Ellis of Fairfield.

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Representative Maxim of Portland.

Comes from the House, majority report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of either report.

Communication

April 6, 1939

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

It would seem that I would be derelict in my duty if I did not inform the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of a condition reported to me yesterday afternoon by the Unemployment Compensation Commission of this State.

Under the provisions of Title III, of the Federal Social Security Act, the Federal Government made available the sum of \$49,000,000 to the various states for the present fiscal year to administer Unemployment Compensation. The same Act further provides that "the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each state such amounts as the Social Security Board determine to be necessary for the proper administration of such law during the fiscal year in which such payment is to be made."

The subject employers of this Nation have been taxed for and have paid in to the Federal Treasury since 1936 approximately \$147,000,000. While the Act does not specifically provide that this total amount was entirely for administrative cost, it was implied and has been so considered. The Congress, in turn, made available only \$49,000,000 of that amount to cover administrative demands. In other words, it means that approximately \$98,000,000 of the taxes that were deposited in the Federal Treasury intended for a specific purpose has been diverted by the Federal Government and presumably has been expended for other purposes.

The irony of the situation is revealed in a letter from the Director of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation in Washington, dated March 31, 1939, which was delivered to me yesterday and which reads as follows:

"To: All State Unemployment Compensation Agencies

"Grants for Administration of Unemployment Compensation Laws for the Third and Fourth Quarters

"The passage of the first deficiency bill has made available \$9,000,000 for grants for administration of State unemployment compensation laws, including the employment service, for the third and fourth quarters. In a letter dated March 16 to the Acting Director of the Budget transmitting the proposed apportionment of this deficiency appropriation, the Chairman of the Board stated:

..... it is now estimated that an additional amount of approximately \$11,700,000 will be necessary to meet the requirements for the remainder of the month of May and for the month of June.'

"The Acting Director of the Budget, in his reply to the Chairman on March 28, after pointing out the limitation with respect to funds contained in Title III, Section 301, of the Social Security Act, stated:

'As the total amount authorized has now been appropriated, no further supplemental estimates, such as that indicated in your letter, can be considered, unless Congress enacts legislation increasing the authorization as approved by the President and including among the proposed amendments to the Act of August 14, 1935, which were attached to his message on economic security, transmitted to Congress on January 16, 1939. However, there can be no assurance that Congress will enact enabling legislation, or even if it does, that any additional funds will be provided. Therefore, I feel that when the Board makes its final allotments of presently available funds, the States should be notified that no further Federal funds are available for assisting them in the administration of their respective unemployment compensation laws for the balance of the fiscal year 1939. Such action will enable the States to make arrangements to obtain funds from other sources.

'While Title III of the Act does not specify the time at which the Board shall certify the payments to the States during a fiscal year, it does provide that the Board shall not certify payments in any fiscal year in excess of the amount appropriated.'

"The requirements of all States

for the remainder of the fiscal year will be met to the extent that funds appear to be available by apportioning all remaining funds according to amounts determined to be necessary by a review of the budgets."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. G. Wagenet
Director

A report dated April 4, 1939, from the Fiscal Accountant of the Maine Commission, indicates that sufficient funds have been allotted to this State and are available to meet administrative payrolls for the Compensation Division up to April 15, and for the Employment Service Division up to May 20. In the event that no further allotments are received, it is estimated that it would require approximately \$100,000 to meet administrative expenses for the entire department for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30. We understand that there may be the possibility of one more allotment of \$30,000 being received, which would merely cover payroll requirements in the Compensation Division up to approximately May 15.

The report received yesterday from the Fiscal Accountant further reveals that bills and other obligations contracted by the Commission since January last total \$12,802.94. This amount is still outstanding. These payments have apparently been withheld by order of the Commission for the purpose of conserving as far as possible the funds necessary to meet payroll expenses.

We are therefore confronted at this juncture with three possible solutions:

1. We may follow the suggestion contained in the letter from Washington dated March 31, 1939 and appropriate state funds approximating \$100,000 to balance the deficiency for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. We may rely upon the possibility of Congress making a second deficiency appropriation sufficient to meet administrative payrolls for the balance of the fiscal year.

3. We may be forced to assume payless pay days for May and June for the employees of this Department.

I do not recommend that the State make any appropriation for this activity for the reason that the subject employers of this State have

already paid to the Federal Government funds for this specific purpose.

Neither do I look with favor upon solution No. 3, as it seems to me unjust and it should not be necessary.

We may assume, naturally, that there is sufficient available money in Washington to pay covered employees all benefits that are due them, and in my judgment there should be no interruption in benefit payments to the unemployed claimants of this State.

A crisis is apparently near at hand and the time is fast approaching when the Federal Government cannot longer assume the policy of diverting funds to the extent of \$98,000,000 for general purposes and risk the possibility of the breakdown of the Unemployment Act. All of the states are similarly faced with the same problem for the balance of the year. This State should not be expected to assume administrative expenses necessary to carry out this Act, inasmuch as the subject employers have been taxed once for this purpose.

The answer, I believe, remains for the Federal Government to replace the funds that have presumably been expended for other purposes and then to comply with the provisions of the present Social Security Act. This would prevent the threatened interruption of either benefit payments or administrative costs.

In view of the notification received yesterday, I have felt it necessary to advise you at the first possible opportunity. It is for you to determine the course we should be prepared to take.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) LEWIS O. BARROWS
Governor

Which communication was read and on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland was accepted and referred to the committees on Judiciary and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly, and sent to the House forthwith for concurrence.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I ask unanimous consent of the Senate for the introduction of a bill relating to the administration of the old age assistance law. The bill is a very simple one and really doesn't concern the

legislature very much except that it is necessary, or apparently so, to be passed.

Appearing before the Pension Committee on other matters was the regional representative of the social security board. In the course of conversation with him on the other several matters he advised us that the security board in Washington insisted that we pass some kind of a bill, something like this one, in order to cover certain parts of the old age assistance law here in Maine. He said that if we didn't do it it would jeopardize the contributions for old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind, and it seemed to the Committee on Pensions that it was most suitable to do this. Whether they had a right to do it, we don't know but at any rate the security board in Washington does have power to make rules and regulations and has considerable power in providing funds for the several states.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Chamberlain, asks unanimous consent to introduce a bill. Is it the pleasure of the Senate that unanimous consent be granted?

Thereupon, unanimous consent was granted to Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot to introduce bill, An Act Relating to the Administration of the Old Age Assistance Law (S. P. 644) (L. D. 1142)

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN: Mr. President, I now move that under suspension of the rules, the bill be given its first reading without reference to a committee.

Mr. HILL of Cumberland: Mr. President, I ask for a division on the Senator's motion.

Mr. FRIEND of Somerset: Mr. President, I would like to make a statement at this time that when the regional director appeared and recommended the passage of this bill the bill was taken up before the committee thoroughly and met with the Pension Committee's approval.

Mr. HILL: Mr. President, may I inquire whether it is only the purpose to give the bill its first reading at this time and will the bill be printed?

The PRESIDENT: The motion would be in order that the bill be printed immediately after it is given its first reading.

Mr. HILL: Mr. President, I will

withdraw my request for a division on the Senator's motion to suspend the rules.

The **PRESIDENT**: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Chamberlain that the bill be given its first reading at this time, without reference to a committee, under suspension of the rules.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its first reading without reference to a committee.

Mr. HILL: Mr. President, in injecting an inquiry on this matter, I am frank to say that I am not at this juncture offering opposition to the bill. I do very thoroughly object to this whole procedure that has become recently so common, whereby the federal government pulls the strings expecting us in the legislature of Maine to dance accordingly. I hope that the bill may be printed and be given full consideration before action is taken and so, Mr. President, I move the bill be laid on the table pending second reading and that 500 copies be printed.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending assignment for second reading, and 500 copies ordered printed.

Referred to Committees

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

Taxation

Mr. Owen of Kennebec presented Petition of Mrs. Grace Huard and 79 other citizens of Kennebec County, favoring Bill Relating to Licenses for Operation of Retail Stores. (S. P. 633)

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented Petition of Irene Tardiff and 363 others of Lewiston in favor of (L. D. 933) Relating to Licenses for Operation of Retail Stores. (S. P. 634)

Mr. Harkins of the same County presented Petition of Dorothy Huff and 399 others of Lewiston, in favor of (L. D. 933) relating to Licenses for Operation of Retail Stores. (S. P. 635)

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Chase of Piscataquis presented Remonstrance of the Selectmen of Abbot against (H. P. 1446) (L. D. 623) bill "An Act Amending the Old Age Assistance Law Relating to Additional Aid by Municipalities." (S. P. 636)

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Cony of Kennebec presented Petition of Guy O. Vickery and 244 other Consumers of Augusta Against a Tax on Chain Stores." (S. P. 637)

Mr. Worthen of Penobscot presented Petition of Mrs. H. A. Foley and 108 other Consumers of Millinocket against a Tax on Chain Stores. (S. P. 638)

Mr. Harkins of Androscoggin presented Petition of Mrs. A. B. Dwinall and 662 other Consumers of Lewiston and Auburn against a Tax on Chain Stores. (S. P. 639)

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented Petition of James A. Milton and 76 other Consumers of Kingfield against a Tax on Chain Stores. (S. P. 640)

Mr. Worthen of Penobscot presented Petition of Mrs. Lathrop Caldwell and 238 other Consumers of Brewer Against a Tax on Chain Stores. (S. P. 641)

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to Emergency Aid in Certain Organized and Unorganized Territory." (S. P. 628) (L. D. 1142)

Which bill was given its first reading.

Mr. HILL of Cumberland: Mr. President, this is one of the bills originating with the joint select committee and reported "ought to pass in new draft" by the Committee on Legal Affairs. It was the desire of the joint select committee that reasonably expeditious action be taken on these several matters. However, I conferred yesterday with the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Burns, who informed me that he had not had an opportunity to examine the new draft and was not familiar with it, and in the event that he might, after such examination, see fit to oppose the measure or to suggest any amendment, and desiring to give him and other members of the Senate full opportunity to do so, I move the bill be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table pending assignment for second reading.

Bill "An Act Relative to Hunting and Fishing Licenses." (S. P. 629) (L. D. 1143)

"Resolve Relative to the Trapping of Muskrats." (S. P. 630) (L. D. 1144)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Administration of State Institutions." (S. P. 631) (L. D. 1139)

Which bill was read once and on motion by Mr. Wentworth of York, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Hill from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Relating to Use of Motor Vehicles," (S. P. 372) (L. D. 878) reported that leave be granted to withdraw.

Mr. Dorr from the Committee on Commerce in behalf of that committee, presented its Final Report.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Burns from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act Defining and Prohibiting Unfair Sales Practices," (S. P. 324) (L. D. 577) reported that the same ought to pass when amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill was given its first reading. Committee Amendment "A" read and adopted, and the bill as amended by Committee Amendment A was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Amending the Old Age Assistance Law Relating to Disqualification for Transferring Property." (H. P. 1447) (L. D. 624)

Bill "An Act Amending the Old Age Assistance Law Relating to Payment to Guardians." (H. P. 1448) (L. D. 625)

Bill "An Act Amending the Old Age Assistance Law Relating to

Funeral Expenses." (H. P. 1449) (L. D. 626)

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Duties of the Forest Commissioner." (H. P. 2134) (L. D. 1119)

Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 1686) (L. D. 742)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reserved Number Plates for Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 566) (L. D. 199)

Bill "An Act Relative to Exemption from Registration Fees of Certain Vehicles Owned by Non-Residents." (H. P. 2131) (L. D. 1118)

"Resolve Concerning the Practice of Podiatry." (H. P. 2132) (L. D. 1121)

"Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land in Aroostook County to Lucie Ouellette." (H. P. 2133) (L. D. 1122)

Bill "An Act Relating to Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 2136) (L. D. 1120)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Maine Forestry District." (S. P. 624) (L. D. 1125)

Which bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments "A" and "B".

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House, out of order, and under suspension of the rules:

The Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An Act Relating to the Expenditure of Highway Funds." (H. P. 1468) (L. D. 572), reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, report read and accepted, and subsequently bill recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act Relating to Aid to Libraries, Expenses of State Historian, Topographic Mapping, and Abolishment of Grade Crossings. (S. P. 131) (L. D. 115)

An Act Relative to the Taking of Hellgrammites. (S. P. 178) (L. D. 229)

An Act Relating to Sale or Possession of Poison. (S. P. 330) (L. D. 581)

An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Bridge on Square Pond in Shapleigh. (S. P. 498) (L. D. 1039)

An Act to Promote the Topographic Mapping of Maine in Cooperation with the United States Geological Survey. (S. P. 549) (L. D. 1075)

An Act Authorizing the Issue of Full Paid Stock by Public Utility Companies at Less than Par when Authorized by the Public Utilities Commission. (S. P. 551) (L. D. 1077)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Lexington Plantation of its Organization. (H. P. 407) (L. D. 112)

An Act Relative to the Office of Town Auditor. (H. P. 519) (L. D. 172)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Bigelow Plantation of Its Organization. (H. P. 521) (L. D. 176)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Milton Plantation of Its Organization. (H. P. 522) (L. D. 175)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Medford of Its Organization. (H. P. 587) (L. D. 210)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Orneville of Its Organization. (H. P. 588) (L. D. 211)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Town of Topsfield of Its Organization. (H. P. 589) (L. D. 212)

An Act Changing Ward Boundaries in the City of Saco. (H. P. 1169) (L. D. 488)

An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Town of Williamsburg of Its Organization. (H. P. 1750) (L. D. 677)

An Act Relating to Regulation of Pauper Expense for Conveyance of Children Attending the Public Schools. (H. P. 1751) (L. D. 900)

An Act Amending the Acts Relating to the Prevention of Fires. (H. P. 1982) (L. D. 1052)

An Act Prohibiting Trapping in the Town of Scarboro. (H. P. 2098) (L. D. 1103)

An Act Relative to Bird Sanctuary in Old Orchard Beach. (H. P. 2011) (L. D. 1104)

Finally Passed

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)

Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty. (H. P. 2076)

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate, Consolidated Bill, An Act Relating to Guaranty of Titles of Motor Vehicles and to the Facilitation of the Recovery of Stolen Motor Vehicles, House Report from the Committee on Motor Vehicles "Ought to Pass" (H. P. 2135) (L. D. 1123), tabled by Mr. Marden of Kennebec on April 5th pending acceptance of the report, and especially assigned for today; and the Chair recognized that Senator.

Mr. MARDEN: Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from Washington, Senator Beckett.

Mr. BECKETT of Washington: Mr. President, this bill does appear to be rather cumbersome on the first reading, but I wish to assure the members of the Senate that there is a definite demand for this bill from the Department of Safety, the Attorney General's Department and from the Secretary of State. The bill is designed primarily to protect the owners of motor vehicles and secondly to set up a cross index file system which would record the motor numbers and serial numbers which are registered in the office of the Secretary of State, thus furnishing important information for the State Police Department for the checking of stolen automobiles. This bill is a combination of three bills, all of which have merit. It is an attempt to take care of the influx of used cars from outside the state such as have been dumped here by the hurricane states during the past few months. It is designed to protect the individual owner so that he will not be sold a second-hand stolen car. This bill would require some little expense and some little reorganization in the Secretary of State's department, but the bill carries sufficient revenue to more than offset the expense.

The Motor Vehicles Committee have worked on this bill for a period of six weeks. They tried to do a thorough job and they based this bill upon the standard uniform code bill, as suggested by uniform motor legislation in the country. They utilized the Michigan bill and

the Illinois bill to bring about this bill. I think it is an important step in the right direction and I hope this measure will be accepted by the Senate.

Thereupon, the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs "Ought to Pass" on An Act Relating to Travel Expense of State Employees (H. P. 1967) (L. D. 1036), tabled by that Senator on March 30th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Beckett of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, "Legislation Inexpedient" on An Act Relating to Marking Certain Highways (H. P. 933) (L. D. 336), tabled by that Senator on April 1st pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator,

the report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would like unanimous consent of the Senate to say a few words.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Chamberlain, asks unanimous consent to address the Senate. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the Senator may proceed.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN: Mr. President, I would like to say to the members of the Senate that no person would be more pleased to get out from under the domination of the federal government than I would, but the people of this state through their representatives in previous years, of their own volition, put themselves under that weight and now it bears down very heavily, probably more heavily each day as they go on, and there are very few loopholes by which we can escape the weight that bears down upon us.

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

On motion by Mr. Boothby of York

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.