

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

Wednesday, February 10, 1943.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Reidel of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

### Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of C. W. Harnden of Phillips (S. P. 237)

Resolve in favor of Ilda Bates of Phillips (S. P. 238)

Resolve in favor of Fortunat Bouffard of Lewiston (S. P. 252)

Resolve in favor of Hugh Comber of West Forks Plantation (S. P. 253)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve relating to Fishing in the Tributaries of Moxie Pond (S. P. 254) (L. D. 365)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve relating to the Completion of the Eighth Revision of the General and Public Laws (S. P. 239) (L. D. 359)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Adoption of Ordinances" (S. P. 240) (L. D. 360)

From the Senate: Bill "An Act permitting the Pembroke Trotting Association to Conduct Amateur Races on Sunday" (S. P. 241) (L. D. 361)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve providing for a State Pension for Margaret Stubbs of Caribou (S. P. 243)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Benjamin F. Wentworth of Waldo (S. P. 244)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Penalty for Violation of Certain Sections in the Health and Welfare Laws" (S. P. 245) (L. D. 363)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Public Health.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Register of Probate of Washington County" (S. P. 246)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Leases of Rights to Take Sea Moss" (S. P. 247) (L. D. 364)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the town of New Vineyard (S. P. 248)

Resolve in favor of the town of Phillips (S. P. 249)

Resolve in favor of the town of Weld (S. P. 250)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

### Senate Report of Committee Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Issue Refunding Bonds" (S. P. 98) (L. D. 341) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Report was read and accepted in the House, report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 98, Bill "An Act to Authorize the County Commissioners of Cumberland County to Issue Refunding Bonds." (S. P. 98) (L. D. 341)

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

**Emergency Clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

The following six Bills, which were transmitted by the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 205, were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

#### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Bethel Village Corporation" (H. P. 755) (Presented by Mr. Boyker of Bethel)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Police Commission of the city of Augusta" (H. P. 756) (Presented by Mr. Cross of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Validating the Sale of Certain Property by the County Commissioners of Lincoln County" (H. P. 757) (Presented by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Imposing of Taxes, etc., in the city of Portland" (H. P. 758) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to amend the Charter of the city of Auburn" (H. P. 759) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Creating the Caribou Utilities District" (H. P. 760)

(Presented by Mr. Libby of Caribou)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The following Bills and Resolves, which were received by the Clerk in the regular manner, were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

#### Agriculture

Bill "An Act requiring the Licensing of Creamery Companies" (H. P. 761) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Milk Control Board" (H. P. 762) (Presented by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Protection of Bees" (H. P. 763) (Presented by Mr. Grua of Livermore Falls)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of the State Racing Commission" (H. P. 764) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Organized Township Fund" (H. P. 765) (Presented by the same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Eating and Lodging Places" (H. P. 766) (Presented by Mr. Pelletier of Sanford)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Determination of Profits and the Working Capital of the State Liquor Commission" (H. P. 767) (Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve relating to Payment of Special Legislative Pensions from Appropriations for Same (H. P. 768) (Presented by Mr. Doughty of Gray)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve relating to Transfer of Money for Working Capital of the Liquor Commission (H. P. 769) (Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 770) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Banks and Banking

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance of Real Estate held by Loan and Building Associations" (H. P. 771) (Presented by Mr. Bartlett of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Claims

Resolve in favor of Paul Moreau of Masardis (H. P. 772) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Oxbow Pl.)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Leslie Wakefield of Ashland (H. P. 773) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Brunswick for Care of Richard Haynes (H. P. 774) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Brunswick)

Resolve in favor of Bion Rhoades of Topsfield (H. P. 775) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Princeton)

Resolve in favor of Frank D. Throop of Princeton (H. P. 776) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital of Bangor (H. P. 777) (Presented by Mr. Hutchins of Bangor)

Resolve in favor of Mack Thibodeau of Fort Kent (H. P. 778) (Presented by Mrs. Leidy of Fort Kent)

Resolve in favor of Henry Fillietaz of Bar Harbor (H. P. 779) (Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor)

Resolve in favor of Avon W. Buzzell of South Paris (H. P. 742) (Presented by Mr. McKeen of Paris)

Resolve in favor of Virgil Davenport of Rumford (H. P. 780) (Presented by Mr. Morrison of Rumford)

Resolve to reimburse the city of Portland for Support and Care of Winfield and Ernest G. Clark (H. P. 781) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Portland)

Resolve in favor of Edward Maher of Lisbon Falls (H. P. 782) (Presented by Mr. Sichel of Lisbon Falls)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Education

Resolve in favor of Erskine Academy (H. P. 783) (Presented by Mr. Jones of China)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Dyer's Long Pond, in Jefferson (H. P. 784) (Presented by Mr. Byers of Newcastle)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Sabbath Day Lake in New Gloucester (H. P. 785) (Presented by Mr. Doughty of Gray)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Aroostook County Law Library" (H. P. 786) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of New Sweden)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Violations of the Potato Tax Law" (H. P. 787) (Presented by Mr. Barnes of Houlton)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Granting the Court the Right to Issue Injunctions in Contests for Certain Offices" (H. P. 788) (Presented by Mr. Braley of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment to County Law Library of Knox County" (H. P. 789) (Presented by Mr. Conant of Rockland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Personnel Law" (H. P. 790) (Presented by Mr. Goldsmith of Orono)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Stolen Property" (H. P. 791) (Presented by Mr. Haskell of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Abolish the System of Personnel Administration in State Employment" (H. P. 792) (Presented by Mr. House of Lincoln)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Disorderly Conduct on Public Conveyances" (H. P. 793) (Presented by Mr. Hutchins of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Foreign Corporations" (H. P. 794) (Presented by Mr. Sayward of Kennebunk by request)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Driving Vehicles on Right of Road" (H. P.

795) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws relating to Paroles and Good Time Allowances to Convicts in State Prison" (H. P. 796) (Presented by Mr. Stephenson of Union by request)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Labor

Bill "An Act Regulating Employment of Females" (H. P. 797) (Presented by Mr. Jordan of Saco)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to the Choice of Assessors" (H. P. 798) (Presented by Miss Bangs of Brunswick.)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Election Clerks" (H. P. 799) (Presented by Mr. Braley of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Inspections and Recounts in Municipal Elections" (H. P. 800) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act concerning Listing of Dogs by Assessors" (H. P. 801) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Brunswick by request)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sale and Use of Fireworks" (H. P. 802) (Presented by Miss Clough of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Deposits of County Funds" (H. P. 803) (Presented by Mr. Hutchins of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 804) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Hunting" (H. P. 805) (Presented by Mr. Keller of Hallowell)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act making Columbus Day a School Holiday" (H. P. 806) (Presented by Mr. Pascucci of Sanford)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Military Accounts" (H. P. 807) (Presented by Mr. Seeger of Kittery)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Col-

lection of Taxes" (H. P. 808) (Presented by Mr. Thompson of Chelsea)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Town Reports" (H. P. 809) (Presented by Mr. Usher of Gorham)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Assessment of Taxes" (H. P. 810) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Clifton)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Library

Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of "History of Hartford, Maine" (H. P. 811) (Presented by Mr. Forhan of Canton by request)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Motor Vehicles

Bill "An Act relating to Fee Required for Examination to Operate Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 812) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Fred S. Adams of Smyrna (H. P. 813) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Thaddeus LeRoy Porter of Merrill (H. P. 814) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Henry H. Cunningham of Brooks (H. P. 815) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for William L. Helms of Gray (H. P. 816) (Presented by Mr. Doughty of Gray)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Martha A. Patterson (H. P. 817) (Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Michael Kearney of Winthrop (H. P. 818) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Mona N. Keith of North Livermore (H. P. 819) (Presented by Mr. Morrison of Rumford)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Nellie May Spencer of Dexter (H. P. 820) (Presented by Mr. Thompson of Chelsea)

Resolve providing for a State

Pension for James H. Johnson of Stockholm (H. P. 821) (Presented by Mr. Wright of Limestone)

Resolve Increasing the State Pension Granted Charles Cote of Limestone (H. P. 822) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Public Health Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act Authorizing the Department of Health and Welfare to Regulate Public and Private Institutions" (H. P. 823) (Presented by Miss Clough of Bangor)

(On motion by Mr. Hawes of Vassalboro, tabled pending reference and ordered printed)

#### Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Washington County" (H. P. 824) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Eastport)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Office of Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County" (H. P. 825) (Presented by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of County Commissioners of Lincoln County" (H. P. 826) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County" (H. P. 827) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 828) (Presented by Mr. Haskell of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Fire Wardens" (H. P. 829) (Presented by Mr. Hutchins of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Granting Increase in Salary to County Commissioners of Washington County" (H. P. 830) (Presented by Mr. McLellan of Trescott)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Commissioner of Insurance as Members of the Industrial Accident Commission" (H. P. 831) (Presented by Mr. Seeger of Kittery)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Granting Increase in Salary for Clerks in the Office of Register of Probate in Androscoggin County" (H. P. 832) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act to provide for the Sale of Lobster Meat Legally Canned" (H. P. 833) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sale and Packing of Sardines during the Present Emergency" (H. P. 834) (Presented by Mr. McLellan of Trescott)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act relating to Refund of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Engine Fuel Tax" (H. P. 835) (Presented by Mr. Pelletier of Sanford)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Throwing of Bottles, etc. on the Highways" (H. P. 836) (Presented by Mr. McKusick of Parkman)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick (H. P. 672) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Brunswick)

Resolve in favor of the town of Milo (H. P. 673) (Presented by Mr. Burton of Orneville)

Resolve in favor of the town of Milo (H. P. 674) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Alna (H. P. 675) (Presented by Mr. Byers of Newcastle)

Resolve in favor of the town of Newcastle (H. P. 676) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Levant (H. P. 677) (Presented by Mr. Conant of Etna)

Resolve in favor of the town of Raymond (H. P. 678) (Presented by Mr. Doughty of Gray)

Resolve in favor of the town of Gray (H. P. 679) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of New Gloucester (H. P. 680) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Starks (H. P. 681) (Presented by Mr. Ela of Anson)

Resolve in favor of the town of

Embden (H. P. 682) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Medway (H. P. 683) (Presented by Mr. Estabrook of Stacyville)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hartford (H. P. 684) (Presented by Mr. Forhan of Canton)

Resolve in favor of the town of Buckfield (H. P. 685) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Canton (H. P. 686) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Livermore (H. P. 687) (Presented by Mr. Grua of Livermore Falls)

Resolve in favor of the town of Livermore Falls (H. P. 688) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of St. Albans (H. P. 689) (Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland)

Resolve in favor of the town of Cambridge (H. P. 690) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hartland (H. P. 691) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Sangerville (H. P. 692) (Presented by Mr. Harvey of Sangerville)

Resolve in favor of the town of China (H. P. 693) (Presented by Mr. Jones of China)

Resolve in favor of the town of Pittston (H. P. 694) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Randolph (H. P. 695) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Windsor (H. P. 696) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the city of Saco (H. P. 697) (Presented by Mr. Jordan of Saco)

Resolve in favor of the town of Clinton (H. P. 698) (Presented by Mr. Kent of Benton)

Resolve in favor of the town of Clinton (H. P. 699) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Wallgrass Plantation (H. P. 700) (Presented by Mrs. Leidy of Fort Kent)

Resolve in favor of the town of Waterboro (H. P. 701) (Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Alfred)

Resolve in favor of St. Francis Plantation (H. P. 702) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Resolve in favor of the town of Eagle Lake (H. P. 703) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Winterville Plantation (H. P. 704) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hancock (H. P. 705) (Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bar Harbor (H. P. 706) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Windham (H. P. 707) (Presented by Mr. Pottle of Otisfield)

Resolve in favor of the town of Otisfield (H. P. 708) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Harrison (H. P. 709) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rumford (H. P. 710) (Presented by Mr. Poulin of Rumford)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hope (H. P. 711) (Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland)

Resolve in favor of the town of Camden (H. P. 712) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Camden (H. P. 713) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Appleton (H. P. 714) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Appleton (H. P. 715) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hope (H. P. 716) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Washington (H. P. 717) (Presented by Mr. Stephenson of Union)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rockport (H. P. 718) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Warren (H. P. 719) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Union (H. P. 720) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Swan's Island (H. P. 721) (Presented by Mr. Teel of Long Island Pt.)

Resolve in favor of the town of Greenbush (H. P. 722) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Clifton)

Resolve in favor of the Boy Scouts of America (H. P. 723) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Eddington (H. P. 724) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Greenfield (H. P. 725) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bradley (H. P. 726) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Caswell Plant-



ation (H. P. 727) (Presented by Mr. Wright of Limestone)

Resolve in favor of Caswell Plantation (H. P. 728) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Cyr Plantation (H. P. 729) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of New Canada Plantation (H. P. 730) (Presented by Mrs. Leidy of Fort Kent)

Resolve in favor of the town of Parkman (H. P. 743) (Presented by Mr. McKusick of Parkman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Guilford (H. P. 744) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Brownville (H. P. 745) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Abbot (H. P. 746) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Wilson's Mills Road (H. P. 747) (Presented by Mr. Morrison of Rumford)

Resolve in favor of the Houghton-Oquossoc Road (H. P. 748) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Southport (H. P. 731) (Presented by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay Harbor (H. P. 732) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Monhegan Plantation (H. P. 733) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of South Bristol (H. P. 734) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the city of Brewer (H. P. 735) (Presented by Mr. Robinson of Brewer)

Resolve in favor of the town of Skowhegan (H. P. 736) (Presented by Mr. Savage of Skowhegan)

Resolve in favor of the town of Mercer (H. P. 737) (Presented by Mr. Tozier of Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of the town of Smithfield (H. P. 738) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Fairfield (H. P. 739) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Fairfield (H. P. 740) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Mercer (H. P. 741) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Township of Lambert Lake (H. P. 749) (Presented by Mr. Greene of Princeton)

Resolve in favor of the town of Waite (H. P. 750) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Danforth (H. P. 751) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Baldwin (H. P. 752) (Presented by Mr. Sanborn of Baldwin)

Resolve in favor of the town of Standish (H. P. 753) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Standish (H. P. 754) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Welfare

Bill "An Act Permitting the State to Render Aid in Organized and Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 857) (Presented by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Goldsmith of Orono, be excused from attendance for the remainder of the week because of illness.

Mr. Williams of Clifton, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that there be reproduced 1,000 copies of the "Amounts billed to Municipalities for Aid to Dependent Children (formerly Mother's Aid) and Board and Care of Neglected Children (State Wards) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1942," which list was furnished by the Department of Health and Welfare.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words regarding this Order. This list is already available but due to legislation which is before this House it would seem that it would be well to have this list as there is very valuable information in it which I think we could all use in coming to some conclusion regarding a certain bill. This can be reproduced in the Clerk's office at the slight expense of the paper necessary for doing the work, so it is not an order that would cause any expense to the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recog-

nizes the gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Ela.

Mr. ELA: Mr. Speaker, I move this order be tabled pending passage, in order that the expense may be investigated.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from North Anson, Mr. Ela, moves that this matter be laid on the table pending passage. Is this the pleasure of the House? All those in favor of this Order being tabled pending passage will say aye; those opposed no.

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

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

#### House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Estabrook from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Soldiers and Sailors" (H. P. 196) reported leave be granted to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Soldiers and Sailors" (H. P. 160) (L. D. 102).

Mr. MacKinnon from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in South Bog Stream (H. P. 36)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Report Tabled

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in the Aroostook River (H. P. 134)

(On motion by Mr. Brewer of Presque Isle, the Report, with accompanying papers, tabled pending acceptance of Report)

#### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve relating to Taking of White Perch in Chesuncook Lake (H. P. 34) reported same in a new draft H. P. 838) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

#### Ought to Pass

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Vinalhaven Port District" (H. P. 254) (L. D. 190)

Mr. Haskell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Election of Town Officers" (H. P. 256) (L. D. 188)

Mr. Haskell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the town of Fort Fairfield" (H. P. 100) (L. D. 60)

Mr. Ward from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act authorizing the Conveyance of "Baring Cemetery" to the "Baring Cemetery Corporation" (H. P. 325) (L. D. 208)

Mr. Warren from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Assessment of Taxes on Lands in Places Not Incorporated" (H. P. 157) (L. D. 116)

Mr. Dorsey from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Express Companies" (H. P. 156) (L. D. 115)

Reports were read and accepted.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Cambridge Pond (H. P. 88) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Appropriation for and Assistance to the Maine Maritime Academy" (H. P. 188) L. D. 128) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Exempt Members of the Armed Forces from Poll Taxes" (H. P. 39) (L. D. 28) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted.

#### First Reading of Printed Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Permits by Cities and Towns to Pipe Line Companies" (H. P. 617) (L. D. 366).

Bill was read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act Increasing the Limit of the Temporary Loan Authorized for Washington County" (S. P. 70) (L. D. 5)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to County Law Libraries" (S. P. 80) (L. D. 230)

Bill "An Act relating to Compromise of Claims by Emergency Municipal Finance Boards" (S. P. 95) (L. D. 35)

Bill "An Act relating to Budgets" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 41)

Bill "An Act providing for Destruction of Records" (H. P. 91) (L. D. 56)

Bill "An Act to Change Depository of State Treasurer's Bonds" (H. P. 94) (L. D. 58)

Bill "An Act relating to Collection of Poll Taxes" (H. P. 96) (L. D. 59)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation for Fifteen Years" (H. P. 97) (L. D. 82)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Penobscot Lumbering Association for Fifteen Years" (H. P. 98) (L. D. 83)

Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Ordinances" (H. P. 101) (L. D. 61)

Bill "An Act amending the Charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company" (H. P. 106) (L. D. 67)

Bill "An Act relating to Return of Libeled Beaver Skins when the State does not prevail" (H. P. 138) (L. D. 111)

Bill "An Act placing Hatchery Employees of the Fish and Game Department in the Unclassified Service" (H. P. 161) (L. D. 103)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**Amended Bills**

Bill "An Act relating to Ordinances for Certain Employees of the city of Bath" (S. P. 50) (L. D. 52)

Bill "An Act relating to the Term of Certain Subordinate Officers of the city of Bath" (S. P. 53) (L. D. 53)

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

**Passed To Be Enacted**

An Act Amending the Charter of Congregational - Christian Conference of Maine (S. P. 96) (L. D. 90)

An Act relating to Probation in Criminal Cases (H. P. 20) (L. D. 25)

An Act relating to Writs of Error in Criminal Cases (H. P. 21) (L. D. 26)

An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Trial Justices (H. P. 22) (L. D. 8)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

**Orders of the Day**

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, I move you, Sir, that the House take from the table Bill "An Act to Aid the Prosecution of the War by Providing for the Creation of the Local Agencies to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Making Housing Available for Persons Engaged in War Industries and by Granting Certain Powers to Public Bodies." (H. P. 23) (L. D. 9) tabled by me on Wednesday, February 4, pending third reading.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, moves that the House take from the table Bill "An Act to Aid the Prosecution of the War by Providing for the Creation of the Local Agencies to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Making Housing Available for Persons Engaged in War Industries and by Granting Certain Powers to Public Bodies." (H. P. 23) (L. D. 9) tabled by him on February 4, 1943, pending third reading, which is the second unassigned matter on today's calendar. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins.

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the bill be postponed indefinitely, and I would like to address the House briefly on my motion.

I wish the members of the House would turn to Legislative Document number 9 and see just what it is. It purports to create a general law for what is known as an authority. It provides in the first section that whenever the governing body of a city or a town at a legally and duly called town meeting shall pass a resolution or vote that there is a housing shortage, or that there is

going to be one, or that one impends, that merely by the passing of that vote that there is hereby created this agency or authority.

My first objection to the bill is that it is not good law. It does not need a lawyer, I believe, to appreciate this point, because, when the Legislature of this State attempts to create by this bill a corporation or authority, or whatever you may call it, and give to it certain powers, it must create that authority, it must create that corporation now, by this bill. I do not believe that we have authority to say that when somebody does something next August, or next September, or a year from now, if they pass a vote next September or a year from now, that they hereby create a corporation. I do not believe that is good law, and I do not think we have any right to do it.

Now, what happens when a city or town, or the governing body of a city or town, has voted? In a town—and I had rather speak from the town's viewpoint because I come from a town—the Selectmen immediately appoint five commissioners, and if you look in Section 2 you will find that when they do that they give the town—they give those five commissioners—a blank check. If I read the English language, there is not anything that they cannot do under Section 2: "An authority shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to aid and cooperate with the federal government or any agency thereof in making housing available . . ." Then it goes on to add some other specific powers but it does not limit the generality of the first.

What is this authority? Is it a phantom—just something you create out of thin air? I notice that in here they give it power to sue and be sued. It has got to have some foundation. Now, the moment that you pass a vote in a town meeting that you are going to have a housing shortage or that there is one, and they appoint those five commissioners, if this bill means what it says, they can do anything under the sun, and I object to it. I do not think that we have any right to pass any such a law, so that towns may, at some town meeting or any of them, do such a thing as that.

What constitutes this authority? I submit if that bill has any sense, it is the territory of the town. What is the authority? Who are you go-

ing to recover from if the authority owes you? It may not be the town under that name, but if you have created an authority or a body politic or a corporation, or whatever it may be, that which constitutes it is liable for its debts. I do not believe that I would have any difficulty at all, if one of those authorities owed a client of mine, and on that authority sued, and I attached real estate in the town—it is just the same as attaching in and against a town—it might not be against a town but it would be against the authority—but it is the same thing.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is the first time in the history of the State that any such general law as this for organizing corporations of this kind has ever been attempted to be passed.

To tell what is going to be done under Section 2 of the bill, all you have got to do is to let your imagination work—it may require a clairvoyant or a soothsayer or what-not—but nobody can tell. It is a blank check.

Now, there have been several authorities created by this Legislature. I recall one, the Port of Portland authority; one was the Port of Calais authority; and there was one passed two years ago, the Turnpike authority. If you will examine those you will find that each and every one of those are special acts and the Legislature, at the time they passed the vote, created something. They do not do it a year from now.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I say, in my judgment, that the parties who are interested in this should have prepared a special bill, a private and special law, relating to the cities which were interested. I do not think, under the Constitution of this State, that this law is good. I do not think the Legislature has the authority to pass any such law. I would submit that they should—it is what has always been done before—there never has been a bill attempting to charter an authority, or a private and special corporation, unless it has been done by special act, and the Legislature created it at the time it passed the act and conferred upon it special and specific powers. I think, Mr. Speaker, that this is one of those bills to which you very ably referred in your splendid address of a few days ago,

because, in times like these, eternal vigilance, my friends, is the price of liberty. I have never seen a bill that illustrates the dangers that may come from the passage of some good law back some time ago. This authority is something new. I do not know as I would call it New Deal authority in a great measure but it is one of those things that has crept into our law during the last five, ten or fifteen years, and, myself, I just do not like it. Perhaps I am a little old-fashioned.

They passed one here in Maine in 1929; that was the Port of Portland authority. They passed other special acts, and, no doubt, they were highly proper for their purposes. But when you take that and now attempt to pass a general law which is so uncertain and so indefinite in its terms, and granting all this power, I think we should be extremely careful. I feel the burden is on anyone who wants us to pass a law like that to show us any benefits under it. I do not think we should pass a law which applies to all of the towns in this State. I do not think we have any right to do it. I hope you will read that section through carefully, Members of the House. And if that is not a blank check, I do not understand the English language. I think these people who are interested should ask us to pass a private and special law for their benefit and leave the rest of us out.

I hope my motion to postpone indefinitely will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, that H. P. 23, L. D. 9, be indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Grua.

Mr. GRUA: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hesitate to talk against a bill that has had the Committee's recommendation, but I would like to say that I fully agree with what the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, has just said, about the validity of this bill. I doubt very much if we have authority to pass such a bill and create this authority.

There is one other point I would like to add, and that is, I notice the principal idea is to give this authority the right to lease from the Federal government these hous-

ing projects. Now, it is conceivable that in leasing these from the Federal government, they may become obligated in large sums of money. At some time—and not, we hope, in the too distant future—these housing projects will become more or less white elephants on somebody's hands. I feel that it might be very dangerous for a town to grant such an authority to a few men, that possibly, conceivably could bind the town to pay heavy rental values to some Federal government for projects that are more or less useless to the town.

I do not like the bill and without saying more, I hope the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor (Mr. Perkins) to indefinitely postpone will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, that L. D. number 9 Bill "An Act to Aid the Prosecution of the War by Providing for the Creation of the Local Agencies to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Making Housing Available for Persons Engaged in War Industries and by Granting Certain Powers to Public Bodies" be indefinitely postponed.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Perhaps it might be a little simpler to get at this bill, if we definitely understood what is intended to be done under it, rather than going off on generalities which becloud the whole proposition and leave everybody completely bewildered. It is a very simple, a very definite, and a very important proposition to certain cities in the State that have war housing in their lap. We have got the proposition, and we are going to have a headache before we get through with it.

Under the terms of the Land Act under which war housing is provided, it is possible for the Federal government to use such an authority as this as its local agency in handling, maintaining and operating this war housing which they have built. Under this bill, if they are going to put further war housing in your town or my town, they would consult this housing authority, in order to determine where they would put the housing proposition; what type of housing they would build; and how much hous-

ing they would put in. That right to have somebody local confer with the Federal government, and try to guide the proposition, I can assure you is of great value to any city or town that has got this problem. It would make a great deal of difference in your city or in mine if the Federal government said, "We are coming in and are going to put in 500 housing units in your town," and they come in here and say, "Here is a good hunk of land to build upon," and they take the land by condemnation proceedings. It may be one of the most beautiful locations in your town. They build these prefabricated houses on it, and you have got this blighted area which is going to go to pieces as soon as the war is over, and you have not had a chance to say a word about it.

If you had this authority, you could confer through this authority with the Federal government, and here in my town we are over-built now for a normal population. They can come in and build anything, because they are temporary barracks; and because after the war is over, we will have a swell bonfire and get them out of the way and get rid of the terrible headache of having these unoccupied properties in your city. That is the background and purpose of the bill.

I am amazed at my brother, (the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor Mr. Perkins), when he says that we cannot do this; that we have no authority to do this. Thirty-six states in this nation have done exactly the same thing, on a broader scale, creating public authorities of this type. I think perhaps if the other thirty-six states can do it, we can do it.

Now, I want to get at very definitely this proposition of a blank check. I know it is not easy to understand an involved proposition like this, but I say to you very definitely that this public authority has absolutely no power or right to pledge the credit of your city or town. In the first place, I doubt very much whether or not the Legislature in its wisdom should say that the people of that town are so dumb that they cannot be trusted with some power that may be necessary in the time of an emergency. I do not feel myself wise enough to say that the people in my city can-

not determine for themselves the right of using that power which we can grant here. I am going to admit that there are brains and wisdom in Portland even when I am here in Augusta. (Laughter)

You know that it is an elementary proposition in municipal corporations that they have only the powers that are specifically granted to them. That is a little bit difficult for laymen to understand, and even for the lawyers who are not engaged in municipal law. Ordinarily one has all the powers they need in order to do it. That is not true of municipal corporations. The gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, will tell you his town of Boothbay Harbor is limited in what purposes they can raise money for. The only things they can raise money for is what the statute specifically says they can raise money for and they can only raise it for those purposes. You cannot raise money for anything else. He knows that as well as I do. There is not a single sentence in here which says this authority, which is a separate quasi-municipal corporation, has any authority whatever to pledge the credit of any city or town or village, which has set it up. That is a bugbear that is being used to frighten you—a misleading and wrong bugbear, because the right to pledge the credit of a city or town is not there, and cannot be read into it there in any way.

Now, if anyone is foolish enough to want to sell or lease or give any property to this public authority, which has not a nickel back of it, that is all right with me. I do not care whether they get it, or not, but they cannot pledge the credit of Portland to buy anything.

I want to say one final thing to clear up something that may be in your mind. You may have an idea this authority is to be set up so that you can get war housing in your town, or you may be afraid that if you set up such an authority you would get war housing in your town. If the Federal government decides, in its utter wisdom, that your town needs war housing, you will get it; and if they decide you do not need it, you will not get it; and you cannot change their mind one iota.

This authority here has nothing to do with obtaining, or keeping

out, war housing, because the Federal government determines that entirely by itself and without reference to anybody else. After they have made up their mind as to whether you are going to have it, they will let this authority help ameliorate the situation; they will let this authority select the place; and let the authority determine perhaps whether it will be permanent or temporary housing. In other words, it gives you a little chance to save yourself terrific headaches. It will not cost you a nickel. This authority can manage and run these war houses, and they will be paid for by money of the Federal government and not the money of any city or town that adopted the authority.

I have tried to clarify this situation, because my brother called my attention to the fact that this is purely permissive legislation. If you want it in Bangor, if you want it in Bath, you can have it. If you do not want it in Boothbay Harbor, you do not have to have it. It is up to you and the voters in that town, after the thing is created, after this bill is passed, whether or not you will have it.

I am going to say to you it is a very serious problem for several cities in this State. It is not so serious to me in my city as it is to the City of South Portland. The City of South Portland has got that tremendous increase in housing, and they are going to have a beautiful headache when this is over. If they may have a little help by way of this authority to help take care of the situation as much as they can, it is a little advantage to offer to them; and to Bath, and Portland, and possibly to Bangor,—I do not know whether Presque Isle has any war housing or not—but it is a great advantage to these places that need it, and need it mighty badly, and it certainly is no detriment to places that do not need it and do not want it.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, that Bill "An Act to Aid the Prosecution of the War by Providing for the Creation of the Local Agencies to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Making Housing Available for Persons Engaged in War Industries and by Granting Certain Powers to Public

Bodies" (H. P. 23) (L. D. 9) be indefinitely postponed.

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

Mr. CROSS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask, through the Chair, a question of the gentleman from Portland, if I may.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland (Mr. Payson) may answer if he desires.

Mr. CROSS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Payson) whether the Municipal Officers now do not have the authority to confer with the Federal authorities on this? Is it because they have not that power?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland (M. Payson) hears the question, and he may answer if he desires.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, the Municipal Officers have at the present time the power to confer, of course, with the Federal officials. We have conferred with the Federal officials concerning housing in Portland, and they have done just as they pleased after they got through with the town. Under the Land Act, further, they are directly authorized to deal with this type of housing authority, and to give that housing authority such powers and duties as in the nature of agents of the Federal government. It puts them in a better position to buck the Federal government than we are as Municipal Officers.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, that L. D. 9 be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, that Bill "An Act to Aid the Prosecution of the War by Providing for the Creation of the Local Agencies to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Making Housing Available for Persons Engaged in War Industries and by Granting Certain Powers to Public Bodies," (H. P. 23) (L. D. 9) be indefinitely postponed, will signify by saying aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-eight having voted in the affirmative and 55 in the negative, the motion prevailed and the Bill

was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that notwithstanding joint orders now in effect that all Resolves and Public Acts, data for which shall be in the hands of the Revisor of Statutes on or before 4 P. M. February 10, 1943, shall be received in the same manner as if received before February 10, 1943; and be it further

**ORDERED**, that the said Revisor shall file a list of the titles of Resolves and Public Acts, the data for which is in his hands at that time, with the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House (S. P. 310) Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, received out of order under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that resolve in favor of Hancock County, S. P. 123, L. D. 93, be recalled from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to the Senate.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, received out of order, under suspension of the rules, read and passed in concurrence.

The **SPEAKER**: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson.

Mr. **PAYSON**: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table the third tabled and unassigned matter on today's calendar, Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Town Clerks for Issuance of Fishing Licenses." (H. P. 628) (L. D. 367) tabled by me on February 9th, pending reference.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, moves to take from the table Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Town Clerks for Issuance of Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 628) (L. D. 367) tabled by him on February 9th pending reference. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recog-

nizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson.

Mr. **PAYSON**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When this bill came in yesterday, I did not recall seeing it. The Committee on Reference of Bills referred it to Inland Fisheries and Game. From the title of the bill quite apparently it seemed it should have been referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees and not to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and I tabled it for that purpose.

But I find, since then, a companion bill, which is exactly the same as this, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, so I now move, Mr. Speaker, that this be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, now moves that Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Town Clerks for Issuance of Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 628) (L. D. 367) be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and sent up for concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The **SPEAKER**: The House is still proceeding under Orders of the Day.

The Chair would state that some have indicated to us that, due to traveling conditions, some of our citizens are finding it hard to get in here for hearings, and they have pointed out that some of our advertising, especially for Tuesday hearings, has been placed in the newspapers so late that they just did not have an opportunity to get in here to attend the hearings. It has been indicated to the Chair that if it is possible for the Committees who plan to hold hearings on Tuesday, to arrange to get the advertising in the papers not later than Friday of the preceding week. It will be fairer to the citizens of the State whom we are trying to serve.

If there is nothing further to come before the House under Orders of the Day, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. McKeen of Paris,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.