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HOUSE

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Holman of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts in Criminal and Juvenile Cases" (S. P. 431) (L. D. 748)

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

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

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Search Warrants" (S. P. 286) (L. D. 451)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Authorizing Intra-State Fresh Pursuit of Criminals" (S. P. 285) (L. D. 452)

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Report Tabled

Report of the Committee on Judiciary "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Amending the Financial Responsibility Law relating to Obtaining Revoked Licenses" (S. P. 288) (L. D. 449)

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House:

(On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Enacting the 'Uniform Arrest Act'" (S. P. 45) (L. D. 651)

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act to Amend the Northport Village Corporation" (S. P. 219) (L. D. 331)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act relative to Artificial Physical Aids and Medical Services" (S. P. 335) (L. D. 509)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Make Uniform the Costs in Trial Justice Courts" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 511)

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Support of Dependents of Veterans of World War I and World War II" (S. P. 324) (L. D. 527)

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting same on Bill "An Act in relation to fees of Referees" (S. P. 121) (L. D. 153)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Treasurer of Oxford County" (S. P. 149) (L. D. 184)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Clerk of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 239)

Came from the Senate the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence and the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act relating to Conditions in Passing Vehicles on the Road" (S. P. 299) (L. D. 438) 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".

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bill was read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 299, L. D. 438, Bill "An Act

Relating to Conditions in Passing Vehicles on the Road."

Amend said bill by deleting the underlined figures "500" in the last line of the 1st paragraph of that part designated "Sec. 71" of said bill, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '400'.

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

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the South Portland Municipal Court" (S. P. 57) (L. D. 50) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bill was read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment 'A' to S. P. 57, L. D. 50, Bill "An Act Relating to the South Portland Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the third line of second paragraph of section 1 thereof the underlined figures "1942" and inserting in place thereof the figures '1943'.

Further amend said bill by striking out the underlined figures "1942" in the last line of the second paragraph of sec. 1 and inserting in place thereof the figures '1943'.

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

Orders

Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be paid to the Representatives at the Legislature of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, the amount fixed by law for their attendance, together with mileage. (H. P. 1249)

The Order received passage, and by unanimous consent of the House, was sent forthwith to the Senate for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve relating to Bounty on Bears (H. P. 541) (L. D. 319) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. MacKinnon from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bears" (H. P. 86) (L. D. 78)

Mr. Thompson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bobcats, Loupcervier and Canada Lynx" (H. P. 540) (L. D. 317)

Mr. Grua from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Terms of Superior Court in Oxford and Piscataquis Counties" (H. P. 1118) (L. D. 583)

Mr. Maxwell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Abolish the System of Personnel Administration in State Employment" (H. P. 792) (L. D. 421)

Mr. Robinson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Personnel Law" (H. P. 790) (L. D. 419)

Mr. Bowler from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Signing of Insurance Policies, Except Life" (H. P. 463) (L. D. 247)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought not to Pass Report Tabled

Mr. Dow from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting the Department of Education to Cooperate in Establishing University Extension and Correspondence Courses" (H. P. 536) (L. D. 308)

(On motion by Mr. Webber of Mapleton, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Marsans from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Promote Proper Recording and Education Concerning Vital Statistics" (H. P. 133) (L. D. 107)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report Tabled

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting the Extension of the Open Season on Deer" (H. P. 543) (L. D. 310)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of

Clifton, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 828) (L. D. 467)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report Tabled

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Violations of Fishing Laws in Boundary Waters Between Maine and New Hampshire" (H. P. 590) (L. D. 373)

(On motion by Mr. Baker of Scarborough, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Driving Vehicles on Right of Road" (H. P. 795) (L. D. 378)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report Tabled

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Speedy and Inexpensive Adjudication of Small Claims" (H. P. 565) (L. D. 314)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper.

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped, until the Clerk read this, that this "Ought not to pass" report was a printer's error. I am astounded at the "Ought not to pass" report. It is now nearing noontime, with several important hearings scheduled for this afternoon, so I would now like to lay Item 14, L. D. 314, Bill "An Act to Provide for the Speedy and Inexpensive Adjudication of Small Claims" on the table, together with the "Ought not to pass" report, pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, moves that the House table the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on L. D. 314. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Report, together with the Bill, was tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

Mr. Haskell from the Committee

on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Collection of Taxes" (H. P. 808) (L. D. 389)

Mr. Sayward from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Sale of Lobster Meat Legally Canned" (H. P. 833) (L. D. 460)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Sleeper from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Determination of Profits and the Working Capital of the State Liquor Commission" (H. P. 767) (L. D. 461)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc. for Support and Maintenance of "Montpelier" (H. P. 770) (L. D. 413)

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Costs of Tax Deeds" (H. P. 955) (L. D. 535)

Reports were read and accepted.

Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Mr. Rankin from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Apportionment to Towns for Teaching Positions" (H. P. 238) (L. D. 186) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Hunting and Trapping Bobcats" (H. P. 87) (L. D. 79) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Augusta" (H. P. 558) (L. D. 297) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Haskell from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to a Bond for Town Clerks" (H. P. 629) (L. D. 371) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolve

Bill "An Act to Provide for Town Elections for the town of Millinock" (H. P. 104) (L. D. 63)

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of the State Racing Commission" (H. P. 764) (L. D. 409)

Bill "An Act relating to the Organized Townships Fund" (H. P. 765) (L. D. 410)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Eating and Lodging Places" (H. P. 766) (L. D. 411)

Bill "An Act relating to Military Accounts" (H. P. 807) (L. D. 464)

Bill "An Act relating to Parole of Inmates of Reformatory for Men" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 488)

Bill "An Act relative to Widows and Widowers Sharing in Estates" (H. P. 943) (L. D. 489)

Bill "An Act relating to Appeals from Magistrates" (H. P. 945) (L. D. 491)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Violations of the Potato Tax Law" (H. P. 1248) (L. D. 750)

Resolve in favor of Fort McClary (H. P. 523) (L. D. 306)

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

First Reading of Printed Bills With Committee Amendments Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money for the State Soil Conservation Law" (H. P. 125) (L. D. 105)

(Bill was given its first reading, and on motion by Mr. Bubar of Weston, the Bill, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending second reading)

Bill "An Act relating to Adoption of Children" (H. P. 591) (L. D. 372)

Bill had its two several readings.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 591; L. D. 372, Bill "An Act Relating to Adoption of Children."

Amend said bill by re-instating the word "asylum" where deleted in the 2nd and 12th lines from the last; and by re-instating the words "society" and "asylum" where deleted in the 15th line from the last.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Re-

cording and Copying of Public Documents" (S. P. 413) (L. D. 706)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 117) (L. D. 71)

Bill "An Act relating to the Report of the State Tax Assessor" (H. P. 155) (L. D. 114)

Bill "An Act relating to Flags for Schools" (H. P. 159) (L. D. 101)

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

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Bear" (H. P. 311) (L. D. 229)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Anderson of Oxbow Pl., tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Beaver" (H. P. 314) (L. D. 227)

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

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court" (H. P. 329) (L. D. 200)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act relating to Schooling for Children of Parents who have a Temporary Residence" (H. P. 449) (L. D. 257)

Bill "An Act relating to the Age of Children Attending School" (H. P. 535) (L. D. 307)

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

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance of Real Estate Held by Loan and Building Associations" (H. P. 771) (L. D. 414)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Portland, tabled pending third reading)

Passed to be Engrossed (Cont'd)

Bill "An Act Granting the Court the Right to Issue Injunctions in Contests for Certain Offices" (H. P. 788) (L. D. 417)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment to County Law Library of Knox County" (H. P. 789) (L. D. 418)

Bill "An Act relating to Disorderly Conduct on Public Conveyances" (H. P. 793) (L. D. 422)

Bill "An Act relating to Foreign Corporations" (H. P. 794) (L. D. 423)

Bill "An Act relating to Refund of $\frac{3}{4}$ of Engine Fuel Tax" (H. P. 835) (L. D. 401)

Bill "An Act relating to Old Mill Pond Game Preserve" (H. P. 935) (L. D. 487)

Bill "An Act relating to the Operation of the Normal Schools During the War" (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 567)

Bill "An Act relating to Safety Switches and Switch Lights at Railroad Sidings" (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 610)

Bill "An Act Creating the Caribou Utilities District" (H. P. 1238) (L. D. 737)

Bill "An Act to Confirm and Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Water Company, Inc." (H. P. 1239) (L. D. 738)

Bill "An Act relating to the Hunting and Trapping of Foxes" (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 739)

Resolve Authorizing the Treasurer of State to Reconvey to the town of Houlton certain Unused Armory Sites (H. P. 1141) (L. D. 606)

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

Amended Bills

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 118) (L. D. 72)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Miss Deering of Bath, tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act relating to the Compensation of the Register of Probate for Knox County" (H. P. 578) (L. D. 345)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Amount Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and Clerk of Courts in Knox County" (H. P. 579) (L. D. 346)

Bill "An Act relating to Fee Required for Examination to Operate Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 812) (L. D. 391)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in

Mud Pond in the town of Peru (H. P. 1101) (L. D. 740)

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

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to Tax on Resources of Banks (S. P. 137) (L. D. 144)

Was 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.

Enactor Tabled

An Act relating to the Building and Maintenance of Highway Crossings of Railroads (S. P. 148) (L. D. 148)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

Passed to Be Enacted (Cont'd)

An Act relating to Rules and Regulations of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game (S. P. 170) (L. D. 233)

An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Municipal Courts in Washington County (S. P. 180) (L. D. 281)

An Act Providing Authorization for Reimbursement of Officers and Directors of Corporations for Expenses Incurred by them in Connection with the Defense of Certain Suits (S. P. 190) (L. D. 276)

An Act relating to the Publication of Maine Reports (S. P. 196) (L. D. 279)

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

Enactor Tabled

An Act relating to Membership in Farm Lands Loan Commission and Emergency Municipal Finance Board (S. P. 197) (L. D. 280)

(Was reported by the Committee

on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, and on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Portland, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

Passed to Be Enacted (Cont'd)

An Act relating to Collection and Disposition of Money Received Under the Inland Fish and Game Laws (S. P. 212) (L. D. 324)

An Act relating to Unstamped Cigarettes and Forfeiture Proceedings (S. P. 215) (L. D. 327)

An Act to Authorize the Charging Off of Uncollectible Accounts (S. P. 216) (L. D. 328)

An Act to Unite Two Academies in the town of Bluehill (S. P. 218) (L. D. 330)

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

Enactor Tabled

An Act Amending the Charter of the Associated Hospital Service of Maine (S. P. 221) (L. D. 340)

(Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed and on motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

Passed to Be Enacted (Cont'd)

An Act relating to the Improvement of the Military Laws (S. P. 297) (L. D. 440)

An Act relating to the Registration of Farm Tractors (S. P. 348) (L. D. 550)

An Act relating to Active Retired Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts (H. P. 19) (L. D. 24)

An Act relating to Convention of Town Assessors (H. P. 164) (L. D. 117)

An Act relating to Credit for Excise Tax Paid (H. P. 268) (L. D. 194)

An Act relative to Racing Commission (H. P. 338) (L. D. 222)

An Act relating to the Rules and Regulations of State Racing Commission (H. P. 339) (L. D. 209)

An Act relating to the Abatement of Taxes (H. P. 1172) (L. D. 652)

An Act relating to Game Management and Game Management Areas (S. P. 159) (L. D. 180)

An Act relating to Taxation of Loan and Building Associations (H. P. 126) (L. D. 106)

An Act relating to Aid to the Blind (H. P. 349) (L. D. 195)

An Act relating to the Houlton Water Company (H. P. 573) (L. D. 304)

Finally Passed

Resolve providing for Better Protection of Shellfish Within the Limits of the Town of Brunswick (H. P. 208) (L. D. 132)

Resolve Authorizing the Maine Defense Commission to Convey Certain Land in Presque Isle (H. P. 211) (L. D. 133)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Sabbath Day Lake, in New Gloucester (H. P. 785) (L. D. 691)

Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing for White Perch in Chesuncook Lake (H. P. 938) (L. D. 693)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Round Pond (H. P. 1209) (L. D. 692)

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

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Webber of Mapleton, the House voted to take from the table the eighth tabled and unassigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Defining the Word "Teacher" under Teachers' Pensions" (S. P. 144) (L. D. 146) tabled on February 25th by that gentleman pending adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk and adopted, and the Bill as amended by House Amendment "A" was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor, the House voted to take from the table the tenth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Permitting Excise Tax Collectors to Issue Motor Vehicle Registration Licenses" (S. P. 418) (L. D. 722) which came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Judiciary, tabled in the House on February 26th by Mr. MacLeod pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Bill was referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor, the House voted to

take from the table the eleventh tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Permitting Excise Tax Collectors to Issue Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses" (S. P. 419) (L. D. 721) which came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary, tabled in the House on February 26th by Mr. MacLeod pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Bill was referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport, the House voted to take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Damage by Deer or Moose" (H. P. 930) (L. D. 484) which in the House, on February 11th, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Inland Fisheries and Game jointly, and which came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence, tabled on February 24th by the gentleman from Bucksport, Mr. Pierce, pending the motion of the gentleman from Buxton, Mr. Davis, that the House insist.

On motion by Mr. Davis of Buxton, the House voted to recede from its former action whereby this Bill was referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Inland Fisheries and Game jointly, and concurred with the Senate in the reference of the Bill to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bath, Miss Deering.

Miss DEERING: Mr. Speaker, I move the House take from the table Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 118) (L. D. 72), tabled by me earlier in today's session.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Bath, Miss Deering, moves that the House take from the table Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 118) (L. D. 72), tabled by that gentlewoman earlier in today's session, pending

third reading. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bath, Miss Deering.

Miss DEERING: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be indefinitely postponed, and in support of my motion I will say that at the present time the salary is twelve hundred dollars; the man works twenty-four days a year. It means that his salary is \$50.00 a day. This bill would increase his salary \$6.25 per day. I feel that \$50.00 a day is adequate compensation for the work that the man is doing.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Bath, Miss Deering, moves the indefinite postponement of H. P. 118, L. D. 72, Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Richmond, Mr. McFee.

Mr. McFEE: Mr. Speaker, in support of the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath (Miss Deering), I feel that the salary in this particular position is adequate compensation. I trust that the House will support the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath (Miss Deering).

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow.

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I do not know much about this particular bill. These demands for salary increases seem to be contagious. They are approaching the stage of an epidemic. I think this is as good a place as any to start in opposition. There are many more coming in and at least they should not all be granted.

I hope the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath, Miss Deering, will prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rome, Mr. Downs.

Mr. DOWNS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I do not rise for the purpose of defending the action of the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

I do rise for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Members of the House something that might be of importance, and of great assistance to the Committee on Salaries and Fees, to bear in mind. I remember this particular instance. Your Committee tried

its best to get all the information possible. I remember myself asking this gentleman if he could tell me how much time he put in. I was not completely satisfied with his answer.

I do not recall at that time that the lady from Bath (Miss Deering) appeared before the Committee, either for or against this bill; but the point I want to make is this. Your Committee on Salaries and Fees is attempting, as best it can, to work out a solution to the problems that are given to it to solve, and I assure you that there are some problems. Now, in the future, when matters of this nature come before the Committee, if the members of this House would come before the Committee and give us such information as they have, it would be of great assistance to the Committee, and your Committee perhaps might not be in a position, as they find themselves this morning, of feeling that probably they were too generous. I assure you that it is not the intention of the Committee on Salaries and Fees—I speak for myself, perhaps, alone—to be any more generous than is absolutely necessary in the matter of increases in salaries.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentlewoman from Bath, Miss

Deering, that Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 118) (L. D. 72) be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Bill was indefinitely postponed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta, under suspension of the rules, the House voted to reconsider its action of February 24th whereby Bill "An Act Relating to Slaughterhouses" (H. P. 1221) (L. D. 708) was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Bill was referred to the Committee on Public Health in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. If there is nothing further to come before the House at this time, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Prince of Harpswell,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.