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HOUSE

Thursday, March 11, 1943.

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

Prayer by Capt. Arnold Colby of the Salvation Army.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System" (S. P. 428) (L. D. 766)

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

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

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Confiscated Ammunition and Small Arms" (S. P. 352) (L. D. 649) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 439) (L. D. 763) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act relating to Fraternal Beneficiary Associations" (S. P. 103) (L. D. 39) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 436) (L. D. 754) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of same Committee on Bill "An Act providing for the Payment of a Filing Fee for Statements of Domestic and Foreign Insurance Companies" (S. P. 119) (L. D. 44) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 437) (L. D. 753) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Special Deputy Sheriffs in Cum-

berland County" (S. P. 392) (L. D. 680)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Define the Meaning of the Word 'Municipality'" (S. P. 342) (L. D. 517)

Report of the Committee on Motor Vehicles reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles" (S. P. 326) (L. D. 529)

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Lincoln County" (S. P. 150) (L. D. 183)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Kennebec County" (S. P. 367) (L. D. 637)

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 Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing Salary and Compensation of the State Police" (S. P. 72) (L. D. 7) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate, Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 72, L. D. 7, Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary and Compensation of the State Police."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 2nd line of the 4th paragraph thereof the underlined words "**\$30 per week for a period of 1 year**" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words "**\$25 per week for a period of 6 months and \$30 per week thereafter for the balance of the 1st year of service.**"

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 Salary of the County Treasurer and Clerk Hire for the County of Kennebec" (S. P. 269) (L. D. 457) 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.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 269, L. D. 457, Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the County Treasurer and Clerk Hire for the County of Kennebec."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "2,200" in the 4th line of section 1 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures "2,000".

Further amend said Bill by changing "three hundred dollars \$500" in the 7th line of the 2nd paragraph of section 2 thereof, to read as follows: '\$300'.

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

Orders

Mr. Boutin of Lewiston presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate send suitable flowers on behalf of the 91st Legislature for the inaugural ceremonies of Honorable Jean Charles Boucher.

The order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. McLellan of Trescott be excused from attendance for the remainder of the week because of business.

On motion by Mrs. Leidy of Ft. Kent, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of the morning's session, in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Establishing a Game Preserve in the town of Rangeley, county of Franklin and State of Maine" (H. P. 243) (L. D. 187) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HANOLD of Cumberland
ELLIOT of Knox
PEAKES of Piscataquis
—of the Senate.
DAVIS of Buxton
ANDERSON of Oxbow
MacKINNON of Mexico
SMITH of Newport
TRUE of Rangeley
ELA of No. Anson
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. THOMPSON of Chelsea
—of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKINNON: Mr. Speaker, I move that the Majority Report of the Committee be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mexico, Mr. MacKinnon, moves the acceptance of the Majority Report "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chelsea, Mr. Thompson.

On motion by Mr. Thompson the two reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending the motion of the gentleman from Mexico, Mr. MacKinnon, that the House accept the Majority Report.

Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Sleeper from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve to Assist in the Publication of "Woody Plants in Maine" (H. P. 1173) (L. D. 653) reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Stephenson from the Committee on Military Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Employees in Military Service" (H. P. 1181) (L. D. 659) as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Grua from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Assessors" (H. P. 1125) (L. D. 590)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report Tabled

Mr. McIntire from the Committee on Mines and Mining reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Mining" (H. P. 257) (L. D. 166)

(On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Portland, the Report with accompanying Bill was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Miss Clough from the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Outside Work for Inmates of the State Reformatory for Men" (H. P. 1166) (L. D. 621)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft Reports Tabled

Mr. Sayward from the Committee on Maine Publicity on Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Development Commission and the State Geologist" (H. P. 957) (L. D. 495) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1266) under same title and that it "Ought to Pass"

(On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Portland, the Report, with accompanying bill, was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report, and the New Draft ordered printed.)

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on Maine Publicity on Bill "An Act providing for Badges Designating the Members of the Legislature" (H. P. 105) (L. D. 86) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1267) under title of "An Act providing for Emblems Designating the Members of the Legislature" and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford, the Report, with accompanying Bill, was tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report, and the New Draft ordered printed.)

Mr. Boyd from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds on Bill "An Act relating to Superintendent of Public Buildings" (H. P. 572) (L. D. 303) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1262) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Clapp from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to Taking Soft-shelled Clams, Quahaugs or Mussels" (H. P. 633) (L. D. 353) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1263) under title of Bill "An Act relating to Taking of Soft-Shelled Clams or Quahaugs" and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted and the New Drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Report Tabled

Mr. Sayward from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Sea Moss from the Shores Bordering the Territorial Waters of the State" (H. P. 345) (L. D. 199) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1264) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, the Report, together with the Bill, was tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and the New Draft ordered printed)

Mr. Teel from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Resolve relating to the Dipping of Alewives in Machias River (H. P. 1189) (L. D. 666) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1265) 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. Keller from the Committee on Interior Waters reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act renaming Webber Pond, so-called" (H. P. 8)

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

Mr. Bubar from the Committee on Interior Waters reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Designating Part of New Meadows River as New Meadows Lake (H. P. 89) (L. D. 80)

Report was read and accepted.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Vital Statistics; Birth Certificates of Foundlings" (H. P. 183) (L. D. 137) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Barnes from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Claims

against Estates" (H. P. 184) (L. D. 123) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted.

Report Tabled

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Enacting the Consumer's Co-operative Act" (H. P. 1126) (L. D. 591) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

Mr. GRUA: Mr. Speaker, something new has come up in regard to this Bill. I will move that the matter lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Grua, moves that the Report, with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending acceptance of Committee Report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report was so tabled.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Incurable Insanity as a Cause for which a Divorce may be Granted" (H. P. 185) (L. D. 124)

Bill "An Act Granting Increase in Salary to County Commissioners of Washington County" (H. P. 830) (L. D. 397)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Printed Bills With Committee Amendments

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds for Knox County" (H. P. 577) (L. D. 344)

Bill had its two several readings. Committee Amendment "A" read by Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 577, L. D. 344, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds for Knox County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$1800" in the fourth line of section 1 thereof, and inserting in the place thereof the underlined figures "\$1650".

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

Bill "An Act Increasing the Compensation for Clerk of Courts in Knox County" (H. P. 580) (L. D. 347)

Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 580, L. D. 347 Bill "An Act Increasing the Compensation for Clerk of Courts in Knox County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,500" in the fourth line of section 1 thereof, and inserting in the place thereof the underlined figures "\$2200".

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

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Sheriff of Knox County" (H. P. 581) (L. D. 348)

Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 581, L. D. 348, Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Sheriff of Knox County."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause "Sec. 1".

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Sec. 2. Limitation of act. This act shall remain in force for a period of 2 years only. It is the intent of the legislature to change the present statute for a period of 2 years only, after which period the present statute shall return to full force and effect.'

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

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Washington County" (H. P. 824) (L. D. 392)

Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 824, L. D. 392, Bill "An Act

to increase the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Washington County."

Amend said Bill by drawing a line through the following words in the last line thereof: "for clerk hire, \$300."

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Termination of Organization of Towns or Plantations" (S. P. 360) (L. D. 642)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Auburn" (H. P. 759) (L. D. 424)

Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Use of Vehicles under Dealers' Registration" (H. P. 960) (L. D. 497)

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Bethel Village Corporation" (H. P. 1261) (L. D. 764)

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 Proposed Standard Non-forfeiture Law" (S. P. 132) (L. D. 94)

Bill "An Act relating to Proposed Standard Valuation Law" (S. P. 133) (L. D. 95)

Bill "An Act Permitting Members of the Armed Forces to Retain Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses Without Paying Additional Fees" (H. P. 109) (L. D. 69)

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

Emergency Measure

An Act Permitting Short Period Registration of Trucks (H. P. 37) (L. D. 27)

The SPEAKER: This bill, having had its three several readings in the House, and having been passed to be engrossed having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the

Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it pass to be enacted?

This being an emergency measure, under the Constitution it requires for its passage the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire elected membership of this House. All those in favor of the passage of this Bill to be enacted will rise and stand in their places until counted, and the monitors have made and returned the count

A division of the House was had.

One hundred and eleven having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative 111 being more than two-thirds of the entire elected membership of the House, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

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

The SPEAKER: This Bill, having had its three several readings in the House, and having been passed to be engrossed having had its two several readings in the Senate and having been passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it pass to be enacted?

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Passed to be Enacted

An Act relating to Unexpended Balances of School Fund S. P. 206) (L. D. 320)

An Act to Make Valid the Acts and Doings of Norway Pine Grove

Cemetery Corporation and to Define its Membership and Restrict Use of its Funds (S. P. 220) (L. D. 332)

An Act relating to the Support of Dependents of Veterans of World War I and World War II (S. P. 324) (L. D. 527)

An Act relating to Licenses for Building Wharves and Fish Weirs (S. P. 427) (L. D. 734)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An Act relating to Deposits of County Funds (H. P. 803) (L. D. 386)

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

An Act relating to Refund of Three-fourths of Engine Fuel Tax (H. P. 835) (L. D. 401)

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

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

An Act relating to the Capital Stock of Telephone Workers Credit Union of Maine (H. P. 1235) (L. D. 729)

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

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

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Lake Webb Fish and Game Association (S. P. 67) (L. D. 733)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Mud Pond in the town of Peru (H. P. 1101) (L. D. 740)

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

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

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

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session relating to Item 1, on the House Advance Journal and Calendar, Bill "An Act relating to the Jointly - Contributory Retirement System" (S. P. 428) (L. D. 766) whereby that Bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, moves that the House reconsider its action taken early in today's session whereby Bill "An Act relating to the Jointly - Contributory Retirement System" (S. P. 428) (L. D. 766) was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, I now move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence. In explanation, I would like to say that there have been between fifteen and twenty bills relating to the Jointly-Contri-

butory Retirement System, which have all gone to the Committee on Judiciary. This particular bill is a sweeping revision of the whole pension system. There is now pending before the Judiciary Committee another sweeping revision of the Contributory Pension system, presented by the gentlewoman from Brunswick, Miss Bangs. It is possible that these two bills, if referred to different committees, might both come out "Ought to pass" and they are in direct conflict with each other. It seems to me perfectly obvious that they ought to be in the committee where all the other bills have been referred; and I may say that I have talked with the sponsor of the bill this morning and he will not object to the reference of this bill to the Judiciary Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson, now moves that Legislative Document 766 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action taken yesterday, whereby we accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing the Compensation of the Judge of Probate of Knox County" (H. P. 599) (L. D. 355)

The SPEAKER: Did the gentleman give notice to the Clerk of his intention to reconsider, that he might be prepared?

Mr. SLEEPER: No, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The papers have been sent to the Senate, due to the fact that notice was not given, but the Clerk informs the Chair that the papers can easily be recalled.

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, I do not ask to hold the floor until these papers are brought back into the House, if the House wishes to proceed with other business.

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

On motion by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-second tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Lincoln Municipal Court" (H. P. 206) (L. D. 141) tabled by that gentleman on March 10th pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Report with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Denny of Damariscotta, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-third tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of Judge of Probate of Lincoln County" (H. P. 264) (L. D. 169) tabled by that gentleman on March 10th, pending acceptance of Report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the Report with accompanying papers was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Vickery of Pittsfield the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Town Reports" (H. P. 309) (L. D. 465) tabled by that gentleman on March 10th, pending third reading.

Mr. Vickery then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 309, L. D. 465, Bill "An Act relating to Town Reports".

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 11th and 12th lines of the paragraph beginning "Sec. 63" the following words: "and to whom and for what purpose each item of the same was paid."

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor the Bill and the Amendment was tabled pending the adoption of House Amendment "A".

Tabled and Specially Assigned

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, the House voted to take

from the table the twenty-fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to Sale and Use of Fireworks" (H. P. 802) (L. D. 384) tabled by that gentlewoman on March 10th, pending adoption.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Bangor, Miss Clough.

Miss CLOUGH: Mr. Speaker, since this House Amendment does not substantially derogate from the intended bill, I now move that House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to Sale and Use of Fireworks" be adopted.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Bangor, Miss Clough, moves the adoption of House Amendment "A".

The Clerk will read the amendment.

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 802, L. D. 384, Bill "An Act Relating to Sale and Use of Fireworks."

Amend said Bill by deleting from the end of Section 1 thereof the following: ". or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance".

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A"?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Weston, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill and the proposed amendment lie on the table, and be specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Weston, Mr. Bubar, moves that House Amendment "A" together with the bill be tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the bill was so tabled and so assigned.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, the House voted to take from the table the twentieth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to White Mountain National Forest" (S. P. 167) (L. D. 181) tabled by that gentleman on March 9th pending the motion of the gentleman from Livermore Falls, Mr. Grua, to indefinitely postpone; and on further motion by Mr. Williams the bill was recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in non-

concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Bubar of Weston, the House voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Appropriating Money for the State Soil Conservation Law" (H. P. 125) (L. D. 105) tabled by that gentleman on March 3rd, pending second reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Weston, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, my reason for tabling this measure was that two years ago a similar measure was before our Legislature, and the main talking-point for that was that it was one of those enabling acts. It required no money—the proponents stated a number of times according to the record, that they were not asking for a nickel of the State's money, but that it was another one of those enabling acts. This year they are back asking for a sum of money to keep the thing going.

I have no particular objection to the bill the way it is now unless the proponents wish to go further.

Thereupon the bill had its second reading.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 125, L. D. 105, Bill "An Act Appropriating Money for the State Soil Conservation Law."

Amend said bill by inserting in the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph thereof, after the underlined word "year", the following underlined words:

'from the amount appropriated for the department of agriculture'.

Further amend said bill by inserting in the 2nd line of the 3rd paragraph thereof, after the underlined word "year", the following underlined words:

'from the amount appropriated for the department of agriculture'.

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

The SPEAKER: The House will be at ease pending arrival of papers from the Senate.

House at Ease

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer.

Mr. BREWER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its former action whereby it passed to be enacted House Paper 1095, Legislative Document 567, "An Act relating to the Operation of the Normal Schools During the War." I wish to offer an amendment to this bill.

By way of explanation I would say that I discovered recently that we have some employees who are now working at the Normal Schools, whose pension status under this bill could be questioned, and by substituting the word "employees" instead of "teachers," they feel that this will cover the situation.

Thereupon the motion prevailed and the House voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby "An Act relating to the Operation of Normal Schools During the War" (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 567) was passed to be enacted.

Thereupon, the rules were suspended in order to permit the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer, to move that the House reconsider its action whereby this Bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by Mr. Brewer, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed; and the same gentleman offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 1095, L. D. 567, Bill "An Act relating to the Operation of the Normal Schools During the War."

Amend said Bill by changing the underlined word "Teachers" in the 10th line of the underlined matter to 'Employees'.

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

House at Ease

11:40 A. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the

Day. It will be necessary for the House to wait until the Upper Branch has adjourned, apparently. If any member of the House has anything on the House Calendar which is tabled and unassigned that desires to take up, we can take it up at this time; if not, the House will be at ease.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Perhaps I am the one who is causing this delay. We are trying to get from the other branch of this organization Bill "An Act Increasing the Compensation of the Judge of Probate of Knox County" (H. P. 599) (L. D. 355). We are also trying to get Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of Rockland Municipal Court" (H. P. 575) (L. D. 342). The "Ought not to pass" Report on both bills was accepted in this House. Since that time, the Committee on Salaries and Fees have signified their intention of giving these bills reconsideration, seeing that there are several other similar bills that they are going to reconsider; so when and if we get these bills back from the upper body, I am going to make a motion that we reconsider our action of yesterday, whereby we accepted the "Ought not to pass" reports, and I am then going to move that we recommit these bills to the Committee on Salaries and Fees. I am stating this for the benefit of any of the members that may have something else to do.

The SPEAKER: The House has heard the statement of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, and may be at ease.

House at Ease

12:30 P. M.

House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action taken yesterday, whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing the Compensation of the

Judge of Probate of Knox County” (H. P. 599) (L. D. 355)

The SPEAKER: The motion of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, will be noted on the Journal.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: I move that the House reconsider its action taken yesterday, whereby it accepted the “Ought not to pass” Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill “An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Rockland Municipal Court” (H. P. 575) (L. D. 342).

The SPEAKER: The motion of the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, will be noted on the Journal.

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

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to request the

Senate to return to the House the Committee Reports on Bill “An Act Increasing the Compensation of the Judge of Probate of Knox County” (H. P. 599) (L. D. 355) and Bill “An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of Rockland Municipal Court” (H. P. 575) (L. D. 342), together with all accompanying papers.

The SPEAKER: The Committee Reports or the executive sessions this afternoon are the things the Legislature needs most at this time, in order to speed the work of the session; and the Chair would remind the House Chairmen and the Committee members generally that that is the key as to whether you may stay here until the robins come back, or whether you will get out around April 3rd.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.