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HOUSE

Friday, March 19, 1943.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Stanley A. Gould of Millinocket.

Journal of the previous session read and approved

Papers from the Senate

Remonstrance of Otto L. Currier and 37 others of Aroostook County against Trapping of Foxes (S. P. 452)

Remonstrance of Ora E. Smart and 95 others of Aroostook County against same (S. P. 453)

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.

Senate Reports of Committees**Inexpedient**

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Police Patrolmen and Inspectors in the city of Lewiston" (S. P. 55) (L. D. 776) reporting legislation is inexpedient as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate, read and accepted

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Amending the Financial Responsibility Law" (S. P. 49) (L. D. 49)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Redemption of Mortgaged Real Estate from Foreclosure" (S. P. 336) (L. D. 510)

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Gov-

ernor's Contingent Account" (S. P. 332) (L. D. 506) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 443) (L. D. 784) under title of "An Act relating to the Governor's Expense Account" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve relating to the Completion of the Eighth Revision of the General and Public Laws (S. P. 239) (L. D. 359) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 444) (L. D. 785) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice, assigned for third reading the next legislative day, the Resolve read once and assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to the Penalty for Interfering with any Contrivance used in the Lobster Industry" (S. P. 376) (L. D. 628) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 445) (L. D. 786) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

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

In the House, Report of the Committee was accepted and the Bill had its two several readings.

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, tabled pending assignment for third reading, and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 23rd.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Permitting the Pembroke Trotting Association to Conduct Amateur Races on Sunday" (S. P. 241) (L. D. 361) 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".

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber.

Mr. WEBBER: Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill, with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for next Thursday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber, moves that this bill be laid on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and be specially assigned for next Thursday. Is this the pleasure of the House?

(Cries of "No", "No")

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber, that L. D. 361 be laid on the table pending acceptance of the Committee Report and that it be specially assigned for next Thursday. All those in favor will say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion failed of passage.

Thereupon, the Report of the Committee was 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. 241, L. D. 361, Bill "An Act Permitting the Pembroke Trotting Association to Conduct Amateur Races on Sunday."

Amend said bill by striking out the words "after 1.30 P. M." in the fourth line and inserting in place thereof the words "between the hours of 1.30 P. M. and 6 P. M."

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

From the Senate:

Final Reports

Final Report of the Committee on Manufacturers.

Final Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will observe that the usual custom at this point is that these Reports be tabled, in order that the House may be sure that all matters reported out by these Committees are finally cleared and that there is no chance of any being referred back to them.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, the two Re-

ports were tabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes in the House the presence of a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Nathaniel Tompkins of Houlton, and requests the Sergeant at Arms to conduct the gentleman to the rostrum.

Thereupon, the Sergeant at Arms conducted the Honorable Nathaniel Tompkins to the rostrum, amid the applause of the House, the members rising, where he assumed a seat at the left of the Speaker.

Additional paper from the Senate.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn at the close of this week's session, they adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon, March 22nd, 1943, at 4.30 P. M.

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Orders

Miss Clough of Bangor, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that Rule 8 of the Joint Rules be amended by striking out at the end thereof the following:

"and the Secretary of the Senate shall enter on the journal of the Senate the day on which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the Governor."

and inserting in place thereof the following:

"and the Secretary of the Senate shall communicate to the Senate, the House and the Secretary of State the time which such bills or resolutions are so presented to the Governor, which time shall be entered upon the Journals of the Senate and House."

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act

relating to Fees Allowed under the Tax Lien Law, so-called" (H. P. 1213) (L. D. 694)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Sanborn of Cumberland
Dunbar of Washington
Peters of Androscoggin
—of the Senate.

Anderson of New Sweden
Ward of Millinocket
Bartlett of Portland
Haskell of Portland
Sichol of Lisbon Falls
Payson of Portland
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on the same Bill.

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. Donahue of Biddeford
—of the House.

The Majority Report "Ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Hunting" (H. P. 805) (L. D. 387)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Sanborn of Cumberland
Dunbar of Washington
Peters of Androscoggin
—of the Senate.

Anderson of New Sweden
Ward of Millinocket
Haskell of Portland
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Donahue of Biddeford
Bartlett of Portland
Sichol of Lisbon Falls
Payson of Portland
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Keller of Hallowell, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report, and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 23rd.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Membership in the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System for State Employees, Except Teachers" (H. P. 16) (L. D. 21) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1286) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Tax Acquired Land" (H. P. 1113) (L. D. 578) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1287) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Grua from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Stolen Property" (H. P. 791) (L. D. 420) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1288) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Perkins from same Committee 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) which was recommitted reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1289) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 804) (L. D. 385) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1290) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Haskell from same Committee on Bill "An Act relative to Enforcing the Collection of Real Estate Taxes by the Alternative Method" (H. P. 457) (L. D. 260) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1291) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Payson from same Committee on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Withholding of the Federal Victory Tax" (H. P. 1203) (L. D. 686) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1292) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Ordinances Covering Public Assemblage, etc." (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 599) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1293) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Records of Deorganized Towns" (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 604) reported same

in a new draft (H. P. 1294) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of Clerks in County Offices in Oxford County" (H. P. 1217) (L. D. 697) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1295) under title of "An Act relating to the Salaries of Clerks in County Offices in Oxford and Penobscot Counties" and that it "Ought to Pass"

Reports were read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Buzzell from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Vaccination of Animals to Prevent Tuberculosis" (H. P. 922) (L. D. 476)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Certificate of Health upon Sale of Pure-Blooded Cattle" (H. P. 923) (L. D. 477)

Mr. Day from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Protection of Cattle from Bangs Disease" (H. P. 1066) (L. D. 556)

Mr. Conant from the Committee on Federal Relations reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law" (H. P. 1131) (L. D. 596)

Mr. Grua from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Qualification and Registration of Voters" (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 581)

Mr. Sichel from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Rockland by providing for the Appointment of a Board of Commissioners of Police and Firemen" (H. P. 1222) (L. D. 709)

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts for Oxford County" (H. P. 1159) (L. D. 614)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills, having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and the next legislative day assigned for third reading.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Bath Municipal Court" (H. P. 249) (L. D. 165) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 249, L. D. 165, Bill "An Act Relating to the Bath Municipal Court."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 2nd and 3rd lines from the last the words "shall have and" and inserting in place thereof the word 'may'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Robinson from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Authority of Clerks of Municipal Courts" (H. P. 941) (L. D. 541) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 941, L. D. 541, Bill "An Act Relating to Authority of Clerks of Municipal Courts."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 2nd line from the last the figure "30" and inserting in place thereof the figure '10'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

On motion by Miss Bangs of Brunswick, House Rule 25 was suspended to permit smoking for the remainder of the morning session. (Applause)

At this point, Hon. Nathaniel Tompkins retired amid the applause of the House.

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Aid the Prosecution of the War by Providing for the Creation of Local Agencies to Cooperate with the Federal Government in Making Housing Available for Persons Engaged in War Industries and Activities and by Granting Certain Powers to Public Bodies" (H. P. 23) (L. D. 9) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

(Report was read and accepted, and on motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, the Bill and accompanying papers, was tabled pending first reading, and was specially assigned for Tuesday, March 23rd)

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes in the House the presence of another former Speaker of the House, the Honorable Donald W. Philbrick of Cape Elizabeth, and requests the Sergeant at Arms to conduct him to the rostrum.

Thereupon, the Sergeant at Arms conducted the Honorable Donald W. Philbrick to the rostrum, amid the applause of the House, the members rising, where he assumed a seat at the left of the Speaker.

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating a Civil Service Commission for the city of Old Town" (H. P. 559) (L. D. 298) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 559, L. D. 298, Bill "An Act Creating a Civil Service Commission for the City of Old Town."

Amend said bill by adding a new section at the end thereof, to be numbered "Section 17".

'Sec. 17. Effective date; referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Old Town

at the next general election therein or any special state election or at any special city election, which special election may be called for that purpose by an appropriate article inserted in the warrant for such election or elections in the manner prescribed by law for notifying and calling such elections. For the purposes of such election, the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Creating a Civil Service Commission for the City of Old Town' be approved?", and the voters shall indicate by a cross, placed within a square upon their ballots, over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately upon the acceptance of this act at any above election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers and a certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. MacLeod from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Exempting Certain Property of Agricultural Societies, and Farmers from the Regulations in re Motor Vehicles Used in Intrastate Traffic" (H. P. 108) (L. D. 68) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 108, L. D. 68, Bill "An Act Exempting Certain Property of Agricultural Societies, and Farmers from the Regulations in re Motor Vehicles Used in Intrastate Traffic."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the figure "(9)" in the last sentence thereof the words: 'only during the duration of the present war with Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries, and 6 months after the termination of said war,'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined word "patrons" in the 7th line from the end

thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined word **'members'**.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Downs from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Register of Deeds of the Northern District of Aroostook County" (H. P. 1157) (L. D. 612) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1157, L. D. 612, Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of Register of Deeds of the Northern District of Aroostook 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 the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Jones from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Clerks in the Office of Register of Probate of Lincoln County" (H. P. 470) (L. D. 251) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 470, L. D. 251, Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Clerks in

the Office of the Register of Probate of Lincoln County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$1,000**" in the seventh line of section 1 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$600.**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Jones from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Office of Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County" (H. P. 825) (L. D. 393) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 825, L. D. 393, Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in Office of Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$500.**" in the last line of the 2nd paragraph and by inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$240.**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Jordan from 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) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 206, L. D. 141, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of Lincoln Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "**\$1,500**" in the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '**\$1100.**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of County Commissioners of Lincoln County" (H. P. 826) (L. D. 394) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 826, L. D. 394, Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of County Commissioners of Lincoln County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$600", in the 4th line of section 1 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$500',

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Goldsmith from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of County Commissioners of Aroostook County" (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 611) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1156 L. D. 611, Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of County Commissioners of Aroostook County"

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "**who shall reside in Houlton and**" in the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph and inserting in the place thereof the underlined words **'to be designated by the board.**

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned

for third reading the next legislative day.

At this point, the Honorable Donald W. Philbrick, retired amid the applause of the House.

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County" (H. P. 827) (L. D. 395) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 827, L. D. 395, Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$600," in the 1st line of the 2nd paragraph thereof, and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$450.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Williams from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Fire Wardens" (H. P. 829) (L. D. 396) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 829, L. D. 396, Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of Fire Wardens."

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 the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day

Mr. Dorsey from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 584) (L. D. 350) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and this, being a printed Bill, the rules were suspended, and the Bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 584, L. D. 350, Bill "An Act Relating to the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles."

Amend said bill by inserting the word "farm" before the word "tractor" in line four of section 90 on page one, and in line two of section 91 and line six of section 92 on page two.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Grua 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 "B" submitted therewith.

Report read and accepted, and this being a printed Bill, under the suspension of the rules, the Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "B" to L. D. 591, H. P. 1126, Bill "An Act Enacting the Consumer's Cooperative Act."

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 1 of Article 9, thereof, and substituting the following:

'Sec. 1. Registration as Dealers in Securities. Associations organized under this act shall be subject to the provisions of sections 162 to 172, both inclusive, of chapter 57 of the revised statutes, provided however,

that the fee charged for registration or renewal shall be \$10.00.'

Committee Amendment "B" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Mr. Goldsmith from 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) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "B" submitted therewith.

Report read and accepted, and this being a printed Bill, under the suspension of the rules, the Bill had its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "B" to H. P. 264, L. D. 169, Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation of Judge of Probate of Lincoln County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,000," in the fourth line of section 1 thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures "\$1100'.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Damariscotta, Mr. Denny.

Mr. DENNY: Mr. Speaker, there seems to be a slight mistake in this amendment and I move that Legislative Document 169 lie on the table pending adoption of Committee Amendment "B" and be specially assigned for next Wednesday, March 24th.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Damariscotta, Mr. Denny, moves that Legislative Document 169, with accompanying papers, lie on the table pending adoption of Committee Amendment "B" and be specially assigned for Wednesday, March 24th. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Bill was so tabled and so assigned.

Ought to Pass

County Tax Resolves

Mr. Jacobs from the House Committee on County Estimates of the several Counties reported two Resolves under the title of "Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the year 1943" (H. P. 1296) and

"Resolve for the Laying of the County Taxes for the Year 1944" (H. P. 1297) and that they "ought to pass"

Reports read and accepted, and the Resolves read once under suspension of the rules without reference to a Joint Committee, ordered printed, and were assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

First Reading of Printed Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Records of Oaths in the Office of Town Clerks" (H. P. 1285) (L. D. 801)

Bill was read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Accept the Benefits of an Act of Congress to Provide for the Promotion of Vocational Education" (S. P. 211) (L. D. 323)

Bill "An Act relating to Report of Controller and its Publication" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 441)

Bill "An Act relating to the Penalty for Violation of Certain Sections in the Health and Welfare Laws" (S. P. 441) (L. D. 768)

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Laws relating to Paroles and Good Time Allowances to Convicts in State Prison" (H. P. 796) (L. D. 379)

Bill "An Act relating to the Protection of Bees" (H. P. 1282) (L. D. 797)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Special Legislative Pensions from Appropriations for Same" (H. P. 1283) (L. D. 798)

Bill "An Act relating to the Bank Commissioner's Office" (H. P. 1284) (L. D. 799)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Somerset County to George H. Cook, Jr., and Howard H. Chase (S. P. 202) (L. D. 283)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to the Great Northern Paper Company (S. P. 224) (L. D. 336)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act relating to the Amount to be Paid for Clerk Hire in the Office of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the City of Portland" (S. P. 58) (L. D. 51)

Bill "An Act relating to State Aid for Academies" (S. P. 281) (L. D. 439)

Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Planning and Zoning" (H. P. 190) (L. D. 127)

Bill "An Act relative to Hunting Foxes with Hounds in the county of Franklin" (H. P. 241) (L. D. 160)

Bill "An Act relating to Members of Teachers' Retirement System in Military Service" (H. P. 549) (L. D. 311)

Bill "An Act further amending the Financial Responsibility Law" (H. P. 1122) (L. D. 587)

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.

Orders of The Day

The SPEAKER: Under Orders of the Day the Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of Lincoln County" (S. P. 150) (L. D. 183) tabled by the gentleman from Damariscotta, Mr. Denny, on March 12th, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Denny, the Bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, "An Act Relating to Examination and Registration of Osteopathic Physicians" (S. P. 304) (L. D. 432) tabled by the gentlewoman from Bangor, Miss Clough, on March 17th, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentlewoman.

On motion by Miss Clough the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third

tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Permitting Non-Resident Citizens to Transport Deer." (S. P. 188) (L. D. 274) tabled by the gentleman from Buxton, Mr. Davis, on March 18th, pending acceptance of Report in concurrence; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. DAVIS: Mr. Speaker, as the Bill as amended seems to take care of the objections to the original Bill, I move that the Bill be substituted for the Report.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Buxton, Mr. Davis, now moves that the Bill be substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee in concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the Bill was substituted for the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee in concurrence, and was given its two several readings.

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

Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 188, L. D. 274, Bill "An Act Permitting Non-resident Citizens to Transport Deer."

Amend said bill by striking out the title thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'An Act Regulating the Transportation of Deer.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the 2nd paragraph thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

; provided, however, that any resident of this state may transport or carry or cause to be transported or carried beyond the limits of this state a deer legally killed by him within this state, provided that he purchases a license so to do from the state, the fee for which shall be \$10.15.

Fifteen cents of this fee shall be retained by the clerk or other agent of the commissioner issuing such license. The commissioner is authorized to provide for such suitable tags as he may deem necessary to mark such deer.

Any tag or other marker issued under the provisions of this section shall be in lieu of that provided for by section 68'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the

Bill was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Carriers under the Financial Responsibility Act" (S. P. 366) (L. D. 638) tabled by the gentleman from Boothbay Harbor, Mr. Perkins, on March 18th, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. Perkins offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 366, L. D. 638, Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Carriers under the Financial Responsibility Act."

Amend said bill by inserting in said bill after the word "state," in the 5th line of the second paragraph of said bill the underlined words **'or while operating a motor vehicle then and there insured by a motor vehicle liability policy as defined by chapter 255 of the Public Laws of 1941'**.

(On motion by the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Williams, House Amendment "A", with accompanying papers, was tabled pending adoption of the amendment, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 24th)

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, the House voted to take from the table the seventeenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of Central Maine Sanatorium, at Fairfield" (H. P. 1074) (L. D. 563) tabled by that gentleman on March 16th, pending acceptance of Report.

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

Miss CLOUGH: Mr. Speaker, I now move that House Paper 1074, Legislative Document 563, be re-committed to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and in support of this motion I would say that this bill, through an error, came out of committee in a form different from

that desired, and now the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs request that it be recommended.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Bangor, Miss Clough, now moves that Legislative Document 563 be recommended to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the Bill was recommended to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber.

Mr. WEBBER: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House reconsider its action of March 18th whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Permitting the Department of Education to Cooperate in Establishing University Extension and Correspondence Courses" (H. P. 536) (L. D. 308). My purpose in asking for reconsideration is to make possible a motion that the Bill be referred to the next Legislature.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report on Legislative Document 308.

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

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: When we refer a matter to the next Legislature the usual comment outside is "They passed the buck." I believe the purpose of the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber, will be better accomplished by leaving the matter as it is and if there is a sufficient interest to bring it before the next Legislature, the same bill, or a similar one, could be presented then and I believe it would receive more favorable consideration.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Webber, that the House reconsider its action of March 18th whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Edu-

cation on Legislative Document 308. All those in favor will say aye; those opposed no.

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

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, the House voted to take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Amending the Financial Responsibility Law Relating to Obtaining Revoked Licenses" (S. P. 288) (L. D. 449) tabled by that gentleman on March 3rd, pending acceptance in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, the House voted to take from the table the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to Town Reports" (H. P. 809) (L. D. 465) tabled by that gentleman on March 11th, pending adoption.

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

Mr. PERKINS: Mr. Speaker, with your permission I yield to the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Vickery.

The SPEAKER: It is not necessary under the rules of the House that the gentleman yield.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Vickery.

Mr. VICKERY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: On March 11th, I introduced House Amendment "A" to Legislative Document 465, with the intent of limiting the restrictions under the law which does make it necessary for the Municipal Officers in printing their town reports to include in those reports an itemized statement of their receipts and disbursements, the requirement of the law which has been to a large extent disregarded by the municipalities or the larger towns. In submitting that amendment I find that I have stepped upon the toes of some of the smaller towns who feel that their rights are protected by the present law. They are entitled to have their rights pro-

tected. I also feel that the larger towns are entitled to protection. It places the selectmen or officers for the town in a rather undesirable position to be continually disregarding the law; a position which the Selectmen of our town found themselves in when an individual brought the matter to an issue and the several officers were subject to fine. Therefore, in order to clear the situation from my viewpoint, I am going to ask permission to withdraw my House Amendment "A" and in place thereof submit House Amendment "B". This amendment will place the matter on a local option basis so that each town, by vote of the town, can have such type of town report as its citizens wish and that amendment will also protect the officers for such reports as have been issued and care for the next year's report which will not be voted on. Mr. Speaker, I ask permission to withdraw my House Amendment "A".

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Pittsfield, Mr. Vickery, asks consent to withdraw House Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" was withdrawn.

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

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

House Amendment "B" to H. P. 809, L. D. 465, Bill "An Act Relating to Town Reports."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end of the first sentence of the paragraph beginning "Sec. 63" the following:

Provided a town may at a regular annual town meeting vote to waive the printing in its annual printed town report an itemized list of receipts and disbursements, said vote to stand effective until revoked at a regular annual town meeting. A town may print its annual report in 1944 on the same basis as that used in its 1943 report without a special authorizing vote and all printed town reports issued previous to the year 1944 shall be considered as having complied with the law if said reports were accepted by vote of the town at its annual meeting.

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

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, House Amendment "B", with accompanying papers, was tabled pending adoption, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 24th.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Portland, the House voted to take from the table the thirteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Mines and Mining on Bill "An Act Relating to Mining" (H. P. 257) (L. D. 166) tabled by that gentleman on March 11th, pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, the House voted to take from the table the eighteenth tabled and unassigned matter, Committee Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate for Androscoggin County (S. P. 166) (L. D. 767, tabled by that gentleman on March 17th, pending adoption.

Mr. Jacobs offered House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 166, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate for Androscoggin County."

Amend said amendment by striking out at the end thereof the underlined figures "\$2,500" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures "\$2,000."

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Boutin.

Thereupon on motion by Mr. Boutin, House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A", with accompanying papers, was tabled pending adoption, and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 24th.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Brunswick, the House voted to take

from the table the nineteenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act to Provide a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Brunswick" (H. P. 187) (L. D. 129), tabled by that gentleman on March 18th, under House Rule 36, for reproduction.

The SPEAKER: This amendment has now been reproduced and distributed under Filing No. 112. This has already been read prior to the time when it was reproduced, and unless there is a call, it will not be read the second time. Do I hear objections? I hear none. Is it now the pleasure of the House to adopt House Amendment "A" to L. D. 129?

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cross of Augusta, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Provide for Post War Planning" (S. P. 178) (L. D. 242) which came from the Senate, Report accepted and Bill passed to be engrossed; and which was tabled in the House by the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Cross, on February 18th, pending acceptance of Report.

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

Mr. CROSS: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: This bill was tabled by me some time ago for two particular reasons. One, which you will realize, was that it was a bill of particular importance and involved a great deal of money. I did not think at that time that we had had proper time to consider the bill, and for that reason, and for the fact that I felt it might be strengthened by an amendment, I tabled it. I have now prepared an amendment which I think will be acceptable to the sponsor of the bill and which will be presented at the proper time. I therefore move that the Report "Ought to pass" be accepted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Cross, moves acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee.

The motion prevailed, and the "Ought to pass" Report was accepted, and the Bill had its two several readings.

The SPEAKER: What time does the House assign for the third reading of this Bill?

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

Mr. CROSS: Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as the calendar is especially heavy for Tuesday, and inasmuch as this would come up for third reading, I presume, on Monday, I would move that this matter be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday morning.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman from Augusta specially assign this for third reading on Thursday morning?

Mr. CROSS: If you prefer, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair might state that all these matters which are assigned for Tuesday will automatically go over and remain unfinished business and we are anxious not to have any breaks in the business.

Thereupon, the matter was assigned for third reading Thursday, March 25th.

On motion by Mr. Usher of Gorcham, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Tax Abatements" (H. P. 191) (L. D. 138) tabled by that gentleman on February 18th, pending acceptance of Report; and on further motion of the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Cross of Augusta,

Adjourned until Monday, March 22nd, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.