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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Akeley of Gardiner, Jr. Chaplain M. S. G.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Public Health reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Diabetic Foods and Beverages" (S. P. 410) (L. D. 701)

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges reporting same on Bill "An Act providing for Adjustments in the Highway Department Made Necessary by the War" (S. P. 345) (L. D. 518) as it is taken care of in other legislation.

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 Claims on Resolve in favor of Northeast Airlines Inc. (S. P. 187) (L. D. 269) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 463) (L. D. 827) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Report of the Committee on Claims on Resolve to Reimburse H. W. Brooks of Portland (S. P. 92) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 462) (L. D. 829) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Report of the Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act providing for Experience Rating under Unemployment Compensation Law" (S. P. 282) (L. D. 601) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 459) (L. D. 807) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Permitting Bowling on Sunday" (S. P. 359) (L.

D. 643) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 464) (L. D. 828) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Fort Kent, Mrs. Leidy.

Mrs. LEIDY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have no objection to Sunday bowling. It offers a means of relaxation to some people, and I believe we are going to need relaxation in these trying times. The so-called Blue Laws also forbid roller-skating on Sunday. I maintain skating is a better exercise for young people. I now offer House Amendment "A" to S. P. 464, L. D. 828.

The bill thereupon had its two several readings.

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

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 464, L. D. 828, Bill "An Act Permitting Bowling on Sunday."

Amend said bill by inserting in the first line of the second paragraph thereof after the word "alleys" the underlined words 'or roller skating rinks.'

Further amend said bill by inserting in the first line of the second paragraph thereof after the word "bowling" the underlined words 'or roller skating'.

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

Mr. WEBBER: Mr. Speaker, I have no motion to make at this time. I wish to discuss this matter just a little. I am not in favor of any extension of activities of this nature on Sunday. It seems to me we have gone quite a distance from what we used to do. Sunday was appointed for a definite purpose, and there are still many of us who believe it should be observed in a certain way. We do not wish to impose our views upon others, but we still have those views. We believe that the Sabbath was made for a day of rest. I think it was Bacon who said: "Bowling is good for the back; shooting for the lungs." We have no quarrel with that statement, but we believe all things should be done in the proper place.

There are those who accuse some of the members of being old-fashioned because we cling to the beliefs upon which we were brought up when we were children. I am one of those who believe we "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." I also believe there is a way out of it. I do not think I am any better than any member of this House because I think I have accepted God's provision of grace. I believe that having accepted we should endeavor to observe Sunday and every other day in a way that is becoming. I am sorry that there should be such an extension of this matter. There are several matters which I think ought not to be passed by the House.

I am not making any motion, but I wish the House to know where I stand on these bills.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Fort Kent, Mrs. Leidy.

Mrs. LEIDY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The word "rest"—what does it mean but relaxation? People find relaxation in different things. I believe in living and let live, and if people find relaxation in skating and bowling I say let them have them. Those who find rest in other ways than those, I think they should be privileged to do so.

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

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker, I feel I should oppose this amendment for two reasons. The committee report is, in new draft, to permit Sunday bowling during the period of the emergency. The argument of the proponents of the bill was that the defense workers and the soldiers and sailors or leave needed and should have the relaxation they could get from Sunday bowling. Even the chief opponent of the bill did not seem to feel he should oppose the bill, although he said he was not in a position to speak for others at that time, but he didn't seem to oppose the bill too seriously if it were limited to the period of the emergency.

Now the only matter advertised and heard publicly and argued before the committee was the question of Sunday bowling. I haven't the slightest objection to Sunday roller-skating myself or to any other indoor or outdoor sport on Sunday so

far as my own personal predilections go, but I do feel it is not proper to put a new subject in this bill on which people have never been heard and for which this Legislature has no preparation. I am afraid if this amendment is adopted we may lose the whole bill. I had rather try to go along with Sunday bowling and save that than to add on a lot of other things and not get anything. I therefore rather regretfully move the postponement of the whole amendment.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson for indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A".

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Kent, Mrs. Leidy.

Mrs. LEIDY: Mr. Speaker, may I address the House?

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman may proceed.

Mrs. LEIDY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The reason why I added this is that I feel sure that this bill which calls for bowling on Sunday will go through without doubt. We have only a bowling alley. My children who are just growing—three of them—will go bowling. You all know what bowling is. It tends to make one shoulder lower than the other. If we have roller-skating rinks, then they can go skating, which I should prefer, because skating is like swimming, and it is grand exercise for children. It does not make them lop-shouldered, and that is why I have offered this amendment. I do hope it is considered.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Payson for indefinite postponement of House Amendment "A". All those in favor will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted, A division of the House was had.

Thirty six having voted in the affirmative and 30 in the negative, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed.

The bill was thereupon assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Finger-

printing of Pupils in Public Schools" (S. P. 356) (L. D. 646)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution relating to Adoption of Amendments to the Constitution (S. P. 357) (L. D. 644)

Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges reporting same on Bill "An Act to Authorize the State Highway Commission to Cooperate with the Public Roads Administration of the United States in the Construction and Maintenance of Flight Strips and of Certain Classes of Highways, in order to Facilitate the War Effort (S. P. 346) (L. D. 520)

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

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

Ought to Pass With Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Insane Hospitals on Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Insane Persons Having Settlements in this State from out of the State Institutions" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 325) 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 as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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. 213, L. D. 325, Bill "An Act Relating to Transfer of Insane Persons Having Settlements in this State from out of the State Institutions."

Amend said bill by inserting after the word "municipality" in the 5th line of the 2nd paragraph thereof, the words **'acknowledged by the municipal officers thereof'**.

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

Granting Increase in Salary to County Attorney of Oxford County" (S. P. 265) (L. D. 471) 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 read twice.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 265, L. D. 471, Bill "An Act Granting Increase in Salary to County Attorney of Oxford 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 '\$1,500.'

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

Ought to Pass in New Draft With Senate Amendment

Report of Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Trial Justices and Judges of Municipal Courts" (S. P. 333) (L. D. 507) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 458) (L. D. 806) and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate, the Report read and accepted and the new draft passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A"

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

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

Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 458, L. D. 806, Bill "An Act Relating to Trial Justices and Judges of Municipal Courts".

Amend said bill by striking out in the 7th line thereof the word "own".

Further amend said bill by adding after the word "name" in the 7th line thereof, the words **'as trial justice'**.

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Tabled and Specially Assigned

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Sale to Tax Acquired Land" (H. P. 1287) (L. D. 810) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 23rd.

Came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Miss CLOUGH: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, I move that this matter be laid on the table and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed and the matter was tabled pending further consideration and assigned for tomorrow morning.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Tabled and Especially Assigned

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money for the State Soil Conservation Law" (H. P. 125) (L. D. 105) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in the House on March 12th.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Orono, Mr. Goldsmith.

Mr. GOLDSMITH: Mr. Speaker, I note the absence in the House this morning of the gentleman from Presque Isle, Mr. Brewer. I therefore, move that this matter lie on the table and be specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed and the matter was tabled pending further consideration and assigned for tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes the presence this morning of the

gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, and I am sure all members of the House are glad to see him back here and apparently ready to go. (Applause)

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton.

Mr. DUTTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the members of this body and also to other members in the State House, who so kindly remembered me when I was down and out for nine counts.

It was a great pleasure for me when they brought the beautiful bouquet of flowers from this body to my bed-side, with the kind wishes of the members of this House. I assure you that I thought at that time that I could see the faces in those flowers of the members of this body. I am not ashamed to state that at that time the picture of the flowers was entirely effaced from my view by tears. I wish to especially thank you for remembering me at that time, and to assure you that your kind wishes will remain in my memory forever. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ft. Kent, Mrs. Leidy.

Mrs. LEIDY: Mr. Speaker, if we cannot have Sunday roller-skating, we can still have smoking, and I move that House Rule 25 be suspended for the remainder of today's session.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Ft. Kent, Mrs. Leidy, moves that House Rule 25 be suspended for the remainder of today's session. That motion is supported by the gentlewoman from Crystal, Miss Longstaff, and the motion prevails. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees

Divided Report

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Majority Report of the Committee on Counties on Bill "An Act relating to Farm Bureau Assistance in Oxford County" (H. P. 1094) (L. D. 565) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WOODBURY of Waldo
HODGKINS of Hancock
—of the Senate.

KELLER of Hallowell
BOYD of Winn
WELCH of Mars Hill
BURTON of Orneville
SANBORN of Wales
PRINCE of Harpswell

—of the House.

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

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. TOWNSEND of Penobscot
—of the Senate.

NADEAU of Biddeford
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled, pending acceptance of either Report, and specially assigned for tomorrow morning).

Inexpedient

Mr. Coombs from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Liquors to Minors" (H. P. 972) (L. D. 545) reported that legislation is inexpedient as it is covered by other legislation.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Wine in the Manufacture of Patented Medicines" (H. P. 472) (L. D. 253)

Reports were read and accepted.

Leave to Withdraw

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Setting Aside of Verdict by Presiding Justice" (H. P. 1127) (L. D. 592) reported leave to withdraw.

Report was read and accepted.

Bill Tabled

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary reported leave to withdraw on Bill "An Act Relating to a Retirement System for State Police" (H. P. 1105) (L. D. 571)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Brunswick, Miss Bangs.

Miss BANGS: Mr. Speaker, pending disposition of another bill pertaining to the same subject matter, I move that Legislative Document 571 be laid upon the table.

Thereupon, the motion prevailed, and the Report, with accompanying papers, was tabled, pending acceptance of the Report.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Willey from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of Victor Woodbury of Sebago (H. P. 175)

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Fishing and Hunting License Fees during the War" (H. P. 1098) (L. D. 568)

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Placing Officers and Employees of the Legislature under the Provisions of the Contributory Retirement System" (H. P. 1216) (L. D. 695)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Notice to Purchasers of Contracted Crops" (H. P. 944) (L. D. 490)

Reports were read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Mr. Perkins from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Workmen's Compensation Act" (H. P. 1123) (L. D. 588) as it is covered by other legislation.

(On motion by Mr. Renouf of Biddeford, the Report, with accompanying papers, was tabled pending acceptance of the Report, and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.)

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Bubar from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Sale of Malt Beverages for Entertainment of Soldiers" (H. P. 1168) (L. D. 623) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1325) under title of "An Act relating to Licenses for Sale of Malt Beverages" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Grua from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Membership of Persons Employed in the Federal Employment Service in the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System for State Employees" (H. P. 1124) (L. D. 589) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1321) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Claims and Actions Against Executors and Administrators" (H. P. 250) (L. D. 164) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1323) under

same title and that it "ought to pass"

Mr. Maxwell from same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide Relief during the Emergency for Certain Businesses in Financial Distress because of Wartime Conditions" (H. P. 949) (L. D. 538) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1322) under title of "An Act to Provide Relief During the Emergency for Businesses in Financial Distress Because of Wartime Conditions" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Bubar from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to the Limitations on Sales by Licensees of Liquor, Malt Liquor, Wines and Spirits" (H. P. 585) (L. D. 351) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1324) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Robinson from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Guardians of Persons Resident out of the State" (H. P. 1115) (L. D. 580) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1115, L. D. 580, Bill "An Act Relating to the Appointment of Guardians of Persons Resident out of the State."

Amend said bill by inserting in the 3rd line of the 2nd paragraph, after the word "state", the following: ' **being under foreign guardianship or conservatorship,**'

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

Mr. Maxwell from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts" (H. P. 947) (L. D. 539) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 947, L. D. 539, Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement of Justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts."

Amend said bill by inserting before the figure "70" wherever it appears in said bill the words 'at least'.

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

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Proceedings in the Probate Court—Birth Records of Children Proposed for Adoption" (H. P. 940) (L. D. 542) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 940, L. D. 542, Bill "An Act Relating to Proceedings in the Probate Court—Birth Records of Children Proposed for Adoption."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 10th line from the end the word "filed" and inserting in place thereof the word 'presented';

And further amend said bill by striking out in the 8th line from the end, the period after the word "birth" and inserting the following: ' **which certificate of birth and;**' and by changing the capital "A" in the word "An" in said line to a small 'a'.

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

Mr. Pierce from the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act to Clarify and Improve the Administration of the Liquor Laws" (H. P. 586) (L. D. 352) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 586, L. D. 352, Bill "An Act to Clarify and Improve the Administration of the Liquor Laws."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end of the 7th paragraph thereof after the word "public", the underlined words 'on the same premises'.

Further amend said bill by deleting from the 2nd and 3rd lines of the 11th paragraph thereof the word "principally" and inserting in place thereof the word 'regularly'.

Further amend said bill by deleting from the 5th line of the 13th paragraph thereof the words "where sold" and inserting in place thereof the words 'of said wholesaler'.

Further amend said bill by striking out the following words from the 25th line of that part of section 7 of said bill designated as "Sec. 15": "; suspension shall be for not less than 3 months".

Further amend said bill by deleting the next to last sentence of section 11 and inserting in place thereof the following: 'Any increased federal taxes levied on or after April 1, 1941 shall be added to the established price without mark up.'

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

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolve

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Androscoggin County Clerks" (H. P. 1318) (L. D. 855)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Waldo County Municipal Court and to Provide for Clerk Hire" (H. P. 1319) (L. D. 856)

Bill "An Act providing for the Maintenance of the Road leading to Baxter State Park" (H. P. 1320) (L. D. 857)

Resolve in favor of the town of Bethel (H. P. 1083) (L. D. 858)

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

Passed To Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Defining an Indian" (S. P. 86) (L. D. 13)

Bill "An Act relating to Acquiring Membership in Indian Tribes" (S. P. 90) (L. D. 17)

Bill "An Act relating to Highway Bridges" (S. P. 153) (L. D. 151)

Bill "An Act Amending the Inheritance and Estate Tax Laws" (S. P. 307) (L. D. 430)

Bill "An Act relating to the Compensation of the State Personnel Board" (H. P. 343) (L. D. 220)

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 "An Act to provide for the Speedy and Inexpensive Adjudication of Small Claims" (H. P. 565) (L. D. 314)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, although this bill works well in Massachusetts, I still prefer the New Hampshire system, which I think would apply better in the State of Maine. Therefore, I now offer House Amendment "A", which makes it similar to the New Hampshire system, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, offers House Amendment "A" and moves its adoption.

The Clerk will read House Amendment "A":

House Amendment "A" to H. P. 565, L. D. 314, Bill, "An Act to Provide for the Speedy and Inexpensive Adjudication of Small Claims."

Amend said Bill by striking out the words "that failure to comply with such order may be treated as a contempt and subject you to punishment" in the 7th paragraph of section 4 of said Bill, and inserting in place thereof the following words: 'upon your failure to appear and/or to comply with such order, judgment and costs will be rendered against you'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 5 of said Bill and inserting in place thereof a new section 5 to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Trial by jury and appeal waived unless claimed; procedure. A plaintiff beginning a cause under

this act shall be deemed to have waived a trial by jury and any right of appeal; but if said cause shall be removed to the superior court as hereinafter provided, the plaintiff shall have the same right to trial by jury as if the cause had been begun in the superior court. The defendant may elect to remove his cause to the superior court as hereinafter provided, but if he fails so to do, he thereby waives his right of appeal from the judgment of the municipal court.

The defendant may, prior to the day upon which he is notified to appear, file with the judge or recorder of the municipal court where the cause is pending a claim of trial by jury and his affidavit that there are questions of fact in the cause requiring such trial, with specifications thereof, and that such trial is intended in good faith, together with the fees required for transfer to and entry in the superior court. Upon request of the plaintiff the defendant shall be made to recognize as provided in section 20 of chapter 97 of the revised statutes. When the procedure for removal to the superior court has been thus complied with, the judge or recorder shall forthwith transmit the original papers or attested copies thereof and the superior court may try the cause as transmitted or may require pleadings as in a cause begun by writ.

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the word "notice" in the 2nd sentence of section 7, the words 'by registered mail'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out the figures "\$20" in the 3rd sentence of section 11 thereof and inserting in place thereof the figures '\$5'.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 12 thereof, and inserting in place thereof a new section 12 to read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Judgment; procedure subsequent thereto. Judgment shall be entered for the prevailing party and for his costs if the court so order, and the court may order that judgment be paid to the prevailing party at a certain date or by specified instalments, and may stay the issue of execution and other supplementary process during compliance with such order. Such stay may at all times be modified or vacated.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 13, 14 and 15, and renumbering section 16 as section 13.

Further amend said Bill by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 14, and to read as follows:

'Sec. 14. Proceedings after judgment. All other proceedings subsequent to the rendition of judgment shall follow the practice and procedure now provided.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 17 and 18 as sections 15 and 16 respectively.

Thereupon, House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Engrossed (Cont'd.)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire for Clerk of Courts in Androscoggin County" (H. P. 600) (L. D. 369)

Bill "An Act Granting Increase in Salary for Clerks in the Office of Register of Probate in Androscoggin County" (H. P. 832) (L. D. 399)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Probation Office in Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1160) (L. D. 615)

Bill "An Act relating to Tuition for State Wards" (H. P. 1310) (L. D. 839)

Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Females and Minors" (H. P. 1311) (L. D. 840)

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

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to the Choice of Assessors and Compensation of Town Officers" (H. P. 1312) (L. D. 841)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Pottle of Otisfield, tabled pending third reading and specially assigned for tomorrow morning)

Bill "An Act relating to Malt Beverage Taxes on Government Reservations" (H. P. 1313) (L. D. 842)

Bill "An Act prohibiting Throwing of Bottles, etc. on the Highways" (H. P. 1314) (L. D. 843)

Bill "An Act relating to Appropriations for Private and Public Hospitals for Medical Treatment" (H. P. 1315) (L. D. 845)

Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Trial Justices in Certain Parts of Aroostook County" (H. P. 1316) (L. D. 846)

Bill "An Act relating to Conduct of Persons who have Communicable Diseases" (H. P. 1317) (L. D. 844)

Resolve in favor of Kennebec Journal Print Shop (S. P. 208) (L. D. 321)

Resolve Granting his Soldier's Bonus to Frank W. Hughes of East Machias (H. P. 1197) (L. D. 848)

Resolve in favor of Central Maine Sanatorium at Fairfield (H. P. 1309) (L. D. 847)

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 Salary of the Reporter of Decisions" (S. P. 268) (L. D. 458)

Bill "An Act relating to the Discharge of Persons Committed to Insane Hospitals" (S. P. 319) (L. D. 523)

Bill "An Act relating to Fines, Costs and Forfeitures" (S. P. 334) (L. D. 508)

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

Tabled and Specially Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to the Terms of County Commissioners" (S. P. 391) (L. D. 681)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Rankin.

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Revisor of the Statutes, I move that this Bill, Senate Paper 391, Legislative Document 681, lie on the table, and that it be specially assigned for Wednesday morning, March 31st.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bridgton, Mr. Rankin, moves

that Senate Paper 391, Legislative Document 681, be laid on the table pending third reading, and specially assigned for Wednesday morning, March 31st. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

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

Bill "An Act relating to Dairy, Breeding and Show Cattle" (H. P. 924) (L. D. 478)

Bill "An Act to Create the Office of Clerk in the Office of the Treasurer of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1232) (L. D. 730)

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 matter of unfinished business, the Majority Report "Ought to pass" and the Minority Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Clarifying the Apportionment of Representatives to the Legislature" (H. P. 186) (L. D. 136), pending motion of Mr. Williams of Auburn to accept the Majority Report, during the consideration of which the House adjourned.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gray, Mr. Doughty.

Mr. DOUGHTY: Mr. Speaker, owing to the absence of so many members this morning, I move that these two reports lie on the table and be specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Gray, Mr. Doughty, moves that the two reports, and accompanying papers, be laid on the table and be specially assigned for tomorrow morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the two reports, and accompanying papers, were tabled, pending acceptance of either report, and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

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

matter of unfinished business, Bill "An Act Revising the State Library Laws" (S. P. 242) (L. D. 362), tabled by Mr. Williams of Clifton on March 24, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. Williams thereupon offered House Amendment "A", and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 242, L. D. 362, Bill "An Act Revising the State Library Laws."

Amend said bill by striking out the words "town or city in which there is no free public library" in the 6th and 7th lines of section 17 thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the word 'municipality.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the words "town or city" in the 7th and 8th lines of section 17 thereof, and by inserting in place thereof the word 'municipality.'

Further amend said bill by striking out the words "One copy shall also be sent to each town or city in which there is a free public library if so requested by the municipal officers thereof," in the 28th, 29th and 30th lines of section 17 thereof.

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended, in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the third matter of unfinished business, Bill "An Act Relating to City Ordinances on Licenses for Cinematograph Moving Pictures and Operators" (H. P. 1136) (L. D. 600), tabled by Mr. W. A. Jones of Waterville, pending third reading.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Donahue.

Mr. DONAHUE: Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Jones prepared a House Amendment "B" which does not accomplish the end that he sought. I understand that House Amendment "B" will not be offered. We have talked the matter over and have agreed upon House Amendment "C", and at this time I offer House Amendment "C" and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Donahue, offers House Amendment "C" and moves its adoption.

The Clerk will read House Amendment "C".

House Amendment "C" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "C" to H. P. 1136, L. D. 600, Bill "An Act Relating to City Ordinances on Licenses for Cinematograph, Moving Pictures and Operators."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 6th line thereof the underlined words "or towns" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'having a population of over 18,000'

House Amendment "C" was adopted, and the Bill had its third reading, was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "C" and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the fourth matter of unfinished business—

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, I have been approached by both the proponents and opponents of this measure—House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Carriers under the Financial Responsibility Act." (S. P. 366) (L. D. 638) and I believe that the members of the House would like to adjourn at 1:00 o'clock, and, as I understand that this debate will take us considerably by 1:00 o'clock, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, moves that the House do now adjourn. I think that the Chair should make a word of explanation as to an afternoon session.

When the members of the House left last week, I think it was generally understood that we might be able to have a session at 4:30 o'clock. However, in checking this morning, the Chair finds that three or four committees still have executive sessions, and, as a matter of fact, the work of those committees is the key to when this House adjourns. Following a conference with the officials of the Senate this morning and those connected with the handling of the routine of both branches, it was deemed best to dis-

pense with the 4:30 session, with the definite understanding that all committees are to go into executive sessions this afternoon, and that all committees, with the exception of the Appropriations Committee and the Committee having the tax bill in charge, should be able to have all bills ready to report back either to the Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate by 7:00 o'clock tonight. In other words, our work will be much more advanced tomorrow night if we follow this

procedure. It is essential, however, that committees recognize that these executive sessions are necessary, and we can move no faster than the committees move.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Sleeper, of Rockland,

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.