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ERRATA:

The header on pages 26, 28 and 30

in the Second Special Session

should read

“HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944”

instead of

“SENATE, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944”

HOUSE

Wednesday, September 20, 1944.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Aldrich of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House.

Mr. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, may I have permission to address the House?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House, asks unanimous consent to address the House. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none, and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. HOUSE: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I have a resolve which I wish to introduce, which I will read, then explain it to you.

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Burlington. (H. P. 1386)

Resolved, that that part of chapter 146 of the resolves of 1941 relating to the town of Burlington be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

'**Burlington.** To aid in repairing the Lincoln road, so-called, in said town of Burlington, 1941 and 1942, \$500.'

In 1941 the Legislature allocated five hundred dollars to the town of Burlington from the State Highway fund, but the Representative who preceded me, not being familiar with the roads of Burlington, designated the so-called Lowell Road for this money to be expended on, and as a matter of fact, the so-called Lowell Road has been built, tarred and is in good condition today. The inhabitants of Burlington want this money changed to the so-called Lincoln Road, which is practically unimproved and without a mite of tar.

Now, I am not asking for any money—this is just simply to ask unanimous consent of this House to let me introduce this resolve which I have read, without reference to any committee, in order that the town of Burlington may receive the money which has been allocated to them. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House, asks unanimous consent to introduce a re-

solve, notwithstanding the joint order. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the resolve is introduced.

The gentleman from Lincoln, Mr. House, moves that the rules be suspended and that the resolve be given its two several readings at this time and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the resolve had its two several readings under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee and sent up for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Public Laws of the State of Maine (S. P. 523)

An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-four (S. P. 524) (L. D. 934)

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

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, all papers acted upon were sent forthwith to the Senate.

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

Miss CLOUGH: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that there may be matters which we can act upon promptly following the committee hearings this morning. I therefore move that the House recess until twelve o'clock.

The motion prevailed and the House so recessed.

**After Recess
12 O'clock**

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

House Committee Report

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act authorizing Savings Banks, Loan and Building Associations and Trust Companies to Make Mortgage Loans under the Servicemen's Re-

adjustment Act of 1944" (H. P. 1382) (L. D. 925)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill given its three several readings under suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed and on motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: It now appears that the entire elected membership of the House at this time is one hundred and thirty-nine. The Chair gave the figure as one hundred and forty the first day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes the presence of the Representative from Oxbow Plantation, Representative Anderson. If there is no objection, his name will be added to the roll as present.

The Chair would call the attention of the House to the fact that several matters will be voted on later—emergency measures—and it will be necessary, obviously, that the House has a good representation present, in order to vote upon those matters.

The House expects three or four papers from the Senate momentarily, and the House will be at ease.

House at Ease

Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Establish a South Portland Park and Recreation Commission" (H. P. 1384) (L. D. 927) reporting that same be referred to the 92nd Legislature.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DUNBAR of Washington
—of the Senate
PAYSON of Portland
WARD of Millinocket
DONAHUE of Biddeford
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. SANBORN of Cumberland
—of the Senate
BARTLETT of Portland
—of the House

The Majority Report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

House at Ease

12:15 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

House Committee Report

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly on Bill "An Act to Aid Returning Veterans" (H. P. 1835) (L. D. 928) reported that same be referred to the 92nd Legislature.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Military Affairs on Resolve providing for Certain Construction at the Pownal State School (H. P. 1380) (L. D. 923) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1387) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

The SPEAKER: The new draft will be tabled for printing.

In explanation, the Chair will state that this is a very short bill and there will be no delay in legislative procedure. The House is waiting patiently for additional papers from the Senate. The House will be at ease.

House at Ease

12:30 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Withholding of the Federal Income Tax" (S. P. 528) (L. D. 932) reporting that same be referred to the 92nd Legislature.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act providing for Sale and Distribution of Revised Statutes" (S. P. 529) (L. D. 933) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence and the

Bill was given its three several readings under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to (S. P. 529) (L. D. 933), Bill "An Act Providing for Sale and Distribution of Revised Statutes"

"Amend said bill by inserting in the second line of Sec. 2, between the words 'a' and 'price', the word 'wholesale', and by striking out everything in the last line of said section after the word 'book stores' and adding in place thereof the following 'at said wholesale price.'"

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the Committees on Inland Fisheries and Game and Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly on Resolve providing for Certain Construction of Fish Hatcheries and Rearing Stations (S. P. 518) (L. D. 921) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 532) (L. D. 935) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Came from the Senate the Report read and accepted and the new draft passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Resolve read once. Under suspension of the rules the Resolve was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Private and Special Laws of 1941 providing for a State Office Building Authority" (S. P. 527) (L. D. 931)

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 read twice. Under suspension of the rules the Bill was read the third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House seems to be disposing of all matters before it at the present time. One or two financial bills are outstanding, awaiting final reports of the committees, and the bills are

now being considered by the Committee on Salaries and Fees. The Chair anticipates that many of these bills will be back and ready for action by two o'clock this afternoon, and the Chair suggests that if the members of the House are back here promptly and ready for work, it may be possible to close the session much earlier than contemplated. There seems to be nothing pending that will cause long controversy because there seems to be considerable unity.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor,

Recessed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

After Recess—2.00 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The following papers were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

Resolve providing for Certain Construction at the Pownal State School (H. P. 1387) (L. D. 936)

Resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives for salaries, the amounts included in lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively, subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (S. P. 533)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

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

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, it was voted that papers acted upon for the remainder of the day shall be sent forthwith to the Senate.

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor,

Recessed until the sound of the gavel.

After Recess—3:40 P. M.

Called to order by the Speaker.

House Committee Reports (Out of Order)

Mr. Hamilton from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to School Unions" (H. P. 1383) (L. D. 926) reported that same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Marsans from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Tuition for Pupils Attending Approved Secondary Schools" (H. P. 1381) (L. D. 924) reported leave to withdraw.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys to Provide for Carrying on the Activity of Aid to Dependent Children for the Remaining Months of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945" (S. P. 526) (L. D. 929)

Came from the Senate the 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 three several readings under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve appropriating money for the Completion of the Eighth Revision of the Public Laws (S. P. 525) (L. D. 930).

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

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence and the Resolve was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 519) (L. D. 922) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 535) 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 as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

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

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

Senate Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 535).

Senate Amendment A to Section 6. The rates of compensation heretofore set forth are hereby declared to express the legislative intent, any inconsistent provisions in the 1944 Revision of Statutes heretofore enacted notwithstanding.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. Payson of Portland, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 535, Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature"

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 5 thereof.

Further amend said Bill by correctly renumbering the remaining sections of the Bill.

Thereupon House Amendment "A" was adopted.

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

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

House Amendment "B" to Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature." (S. P. 535)

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following section: Section . This act shall take effect on the first Wednesday of January, 1945.

House Amendment "B" was adopted.

Mr. DOW of Falmouth: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. DOW: For information, Mr. Speaker. I ask the unanimous consent of the House to read Rule 17

from the Joint Rules at this time.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. DOW: Those of you who have the little green book will find it on Page 49—Rule 17 of the Joint Rules:

"No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either branch of the Legislature, nor in committee whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved."

I would ask a ruling, Mr. Speaker, as to whether that applies to the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman make parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. DOW: Beg pardon, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman make parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. DOW: I did not hear, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: You are asking for a ruling on that?

Mr. DOW: As to whether that applies to this bill under consideration. It seems to me that it does, and I was asking for a ruling.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that Section 17 does apply to this question.

Mr. DOW: With that ruling, Mr. Speaker, I would move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules in answer to the question raised by the gentleman that this rule does apply to the matter under discussion before the House, just as it does to every other matter, and that if he wishes to question the right of any member here to vote upon the matter now before the House for consideration, he must challenge the right of that individual or individuals to vote. The Chair is not at this time making a definite ruling as to whether or not an individual so challenged is entitled to vote.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its third reading.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House now is that of passing the bill to be engrossed.

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

Mr. DOW: Mr. Speaker, when it comes to a vote I withdraw my previous motion. When this comes to a vote under Rule 17 I will challenge the right to vote of the

gentleman from Rangeley, Mr. True.

The SPEAKER: Upon what ground does the gentleman question the right to vote of the gentleman from Rangeley?

Mr. DOW: Because it affects his interests, Mr. Speaker. I would also challenge the right of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Leavitt, to vote on the bill.

The SPEAKER: In order that the records may be definite and specific the Chair would ask the gentleman to state the grounds upon which he objects.

Mr. DOW: On the grounds, Mr. Speaker, that if the bill were passed, one or both of the gentlemen mentioned would benefit by the increase. It is within their personal interest.

The SPEAKER: And why would he benefit? This is for the record.

Mr. DOW: What was the question, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER: Why would he benefit? In what way?

Mr. DOW: He would receive the increase in salary in the next session of the Legislature. The Speaker has asked me to be more definite and I wish to say that the reason is because they are members-elect of the next Legislature.

The SPEAKER: We thank the gentleman. The House will be at ease.

House at Ease

5:15 P. M.

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is ready to rule on the point of order raised by the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow.

The gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow, has raised a point of order as to whether or not the gentleman from Rangeley, Mr. True, and the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Leavitt, have the right to vote on the pending bill, which bill, if enacted into law, will increase the salaries of the members of the next legislature. The gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow, contends that both Mr. Leavitt and Mr. True are members-elect of the next legislature and are, therefore, disqualified to vote upon the pending measure by Rule 17 of the Joint Rules, which reads as follows:

"No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in either

branch of the Legislature, nor in committee, whose private right, distinct from public interest, is immediately involved."

Former Speakers of this House have often ruled that the right to vote under Section 17 has been a matter of the conscience of the particular member and the Speaker is in accord with those precedents and so rules.

In the present instance, however, the Speaker feels that he is duty bound to go a step farther and rule upon the specific proposition raised by the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow.

Section 7 of Article 5 of the Constitution of Maine provides: "The Senators and Representatives shall receive such compensation, as shall be established by law; but no law increasing their compensation shall take effect during the existence of the Legislature which enacted it."

So far as the Speaker has been able to ascertain in the limited time since the point of order was raised, no Speaker has ever definitely ruled upon the specific question raised.

The established rule in the United States House of Representatives is adopted by the Speaker for his guidance.

On Feb. 20, 1925 there was pending in the U. S. House of Representatives a bill to increase the salary of the members to \$10,000 per annum. A point of order was raised questioning the right of the members elected to the succeeding Congress to vote upon the pending measure because of a direct and personal pecuniary interest therein. Hon. Frederick H. Gillette, the Speaker, ruled as follows:

"The Chair thinks that provision is in conflict with the provision of the Constitution which says that the House shall fix its own salaries, and the Chair is of opinion that the universal practice has been to hold it in order."

In the specific case before us officially there are no members-elect of the next legislature, the returns not having been as yet canvassed; that therefore, no person has any private right to the salary of a member of the next legislature, at least until the date of his qualification as a member of the next House. In any event, any such private right of a member would not be distinct from public interest.

Neither may the legislature, by rule, deprive a member of his constitutional right to vote upon a question which the constitution specifically says shall be fixed by the legislature. I, therefore, overrule the point of order of the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow.

The question before the House is on the passage of the bill to be engrossed. Having had its three several readings, is it now the pleasure of the House that this bill be passed to be engrossed as amended?

Thereupon, the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in non-concurrence and was sent up for concurrence.

The following papers were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules.

Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Authorizing Savings Banks, Loan and Building Associations and Trust Companies to Make Mortgage Loans Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (H. P. 1382) (L. D. 925)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 121 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Providing for Sale and Distribution of Revised Statutes (S. P. 529) (L. D. 933)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 118 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Private and Special Laws of 1941 providing for a State Office Building Authority (S. P. 527) (L. D. 931)

Finally Passed

Resolve, Providing for Certain Construction of Fish Hatcheries and

Rearing Stations (S. P. 532) (L. D. 935)

Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Burlington (H. P. 1386)

Resolve, Providing for Certain Construction at the Pownal State School (H. P. 1387) (L. D. 936)

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

The following papers were taken up out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945." (H. P. 1379) reports that the same "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the bill was given its three several readings under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1379, Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945.

Amend said bill by striking out the figure "\$12,000" and inserting in place thereof the amount of '\$17,000'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: It seems that it would be well for the House to be at ease for a few moments in order that the House may ascertain whether or not the Upper Branch concurs with the House in the action which has just been taken on the two matters the House has just considered. The House will be at ease.

House at Ease

6:00 P. M.

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Orono, Mr. Goldsmith, moves that the House recess until eight o'clock this evening. There will be

at least one more emergency measure at that time.

Recessed until 8:00 P. M. this evening.

After Recess—8:15 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Final Reports

(Out of Order)

From the Senate: Final Reports of the Committees on

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Banks and Banking

Education

Inland Fisheries and Game

Judiciary

Legal Affairs

Pownal State School

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

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

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to express by letter to Mr. Burton of Orneville, the regrets of the members of the House that he was unable to be present at this special session of the Legislature.

Passed to be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945 (H. P. 1379)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 106 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act Appropriating Moneys to Provide for Carrying on the Activity of Aid to Dependent Children for the Remaining Months of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945 (S. P. 526) (L. D. 929)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an

emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 106 voted in favor of same, and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Finally Passed

Resolve, Appropriating Money for the Completion of the Eighth Revision of the Public Laws (S. P. 525) (L. D. 930)

Passed to be Enacted

An Act relating to the Salary of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Members of the Legislature (S. P. 535)

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

The SPEAKER: The House has now acted upon all matters presented for its consideration. It will, however, be necessary for the members to be here in order to know the action taken in the Upper Branch and also to know what may take place when these matters go to His Excellency for signature. The House will be at ease.

House at Ease

9:40 P. M.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

(Out of Order)

From the Senate: Final Report of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, through Senator Hodgkins of Hancock, informing the House that the Senate had transacted all business before it, and was ready to adjourn without day.

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

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. Speaker, I move that a message be sent to the Senate, informing that body that the House has attended to all mat-

ters before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, moves that the House convey a message to the Senate that the House has attended to all matters before it and is ready to adjourn without day.

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair designates the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, to bear the message, and instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to conduct the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Sleeper, to the Senate Chamber.

Subsequently Mr. Sleeper reported that he had conveyed the message with which he was charged to the Senate.

Paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them and are now ready to receive any further communication as he may be pleased to make. (S. P. 534)

Came from the Senate, read and passed, with the following members appointed on its part:

Messrs. Farris of Kennebec, McGlauffin of Cumberland, Brown of Aroostook.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Thereupon, the Chair appointed as members of the committee on the part of the House:

Mr. Cleaves of Portland, Miss Clough of Bangor, Mr. Pelletier of Sanford, Mrs. Roberts of Westbrook, Miss Deering of Bath, Mrs. Leidy of Port Kent, and Mr. Leavitt of Portland.

Subsequently Mr. Cleaves, for the committee, reported that the committee had attended to its duties and begged leave to report that the Governor was pleased to say that he would transmit a message to the House forthwith.

At this point a message was received from the Executive Department, as follows:

STATE OF MAINE
Executive Department

Augusta, September 20, 1944.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am happy to report that I have signed the five public acts, the three public and private acts and the four resolves which you have enacted at this special session.

By these various acts you have completed the revision of statutes and taken effective measures to meet more fully the State's responsibility toward the mentally defective, to provide opportunities for our returning veterans, and to develop one of our major recreational resources.

As we part, I wish to express my personal appreciation for the consideration and courtesy you have shown me. Please accept my cordial best wishes. May good fortune attend you always.

Sincerely,

(Signed) SUMNER SEWALL.

Communication was read and placed on file.

The SPEAKER: In all probability this group of men and women will not assemble again as members of the House of Representatives, not in a body, and we want to take this final opportunity of saying to you that it has not alone been a privilege to preside over you, but it is more especially to be a member of this body, and we may well take a lot of satisfaction tonight in realizing that this type of government,

of which the legislative branch is one division, is one of the things that is being maintained and made possible by the millions of men who are scattered all over the face of the earth, fighting and dying, and I think, as we look back upon this biennium, this term, for which we have been elected, and during which it has been our privilege to serve the State of Maine, it has not alone been one that has brought world-stirring events to our nation, but one that has found a representative government truly functioning in Maine.

May we add our wishes to those of the Governor, to the members of this Legislature. (Applause)

The Chair now recognizes the oldest member of our body, the gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan. He will make the final motion.

Mr. FORHAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I believe this is the fifth time it has been my lot to move the final adjournment of the House, two regular and three special sessions.

Now I had a nice little speech prepared for this occasion, but due to the excitement of the afternoon it has completely gone from me, so I now move that the House adjourn sine die.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Canton, Mr. Forhan, moves that the House adjourn without day. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and at 10:03 P. M. Wednesday, September 20th, 1944, the House so adjourned.