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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1949

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HOUSE

Wednesday, February 16, 1949

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hubbard of Randolph.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to the Sales and Marketing of Eggs" (S. P. 374) (L. D. 640)

Bill "An Act Relating to Investigation of Cases of Cruelty to Animals" (S. P. 375) (L. D. 641)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

From the Senate:

Resolve to Provide for a Pollen and Fungus Survey of Maine (S. P. 385) (L. D. 649)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Resolve in Favor of Samuel Dorrance, of Augusta (S. P. 390)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Completing the Revision of the Unemployment Law" (S. P. 346) (L. D. 623)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Hayden Lake, in the County of Somerset (S. P. 376) (L. D. 642)

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.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Assistant Probation Officers and Clerk Hire for County of Washington" (S. P. 351) (L. D. 652)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reinstatement of Dismissed State Employees" (S. P. 378) (L. D. 644)

Bill "An Act Relating to Election of Presidential Electors" (S. P. 386) (L. D. 650)

Resolve Authorizing the Treasurer of State to Convey Certain Land to the Town of Houlton (S. P. 377) (L. D. 643)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Create An Industrial Safety Code Commission" (S. P. 379) (L. D. 645)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Aurora, Mr. Silsby.

Mr. SILSBY: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hesitate to rise and take issue in a matter which is wholly a legal matter, being a lawyer myself, but, nevertheless, I feel that it is my duty to the Bar and to the members and citizens of this State that bills which deal wholly and totally with legal matters should be referred to a legal committee. And if you will examine L. D. No. 645, you will observe that it is wholly and totally a legal document. It is a bill which deals with the codification of our labor laws and laws which are already enacted in our statutes and the amendment and repeal of other codes and, in view of that fact, I move that this bill be referred to the Legal Affairs Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Aurora, Mr. Silsby, moves that S. P. No. 379, L. D. No. 645, Bill "An Act to Create an Industrial Safety Code Commission" be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in nonconcurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

From the Senate:

Resolve Authorizing the Trustees of Town of Houlton School District to Convey Certain Land to the State of Maine (S. P. 380) (L. D. 646)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Continue the Cost of Living Increases of State Employees (S. P. 382) (L. D. 647)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys to Maintain Present Salary Scale for State Employees (S. P. 383) (L. D. 648)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees

Ought Not to Pass

Tabled

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Fishing and Hunting Licenses" (S. P. 132) (L. D. 194)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Faas of Benton, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities, reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Caboose-cars Used by Railroads" (S. P. 192) (L. D. 245)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Suspension of Public Utility Rates" (S. P. 177) (L. D. 233)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Chief Inspectors of Utilities" (S. P. 176) (L. D. 234)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Fares Between the Western End of Peaks Island and Portland" (S. P. 119) (L. D. 140)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Provide for Authorization of Issues of Stocks, Bonds or Notes by Public Utilities and Railroads" (S. P. 59) (L. D. 35)

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

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

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act Relating to Retail Grocer Representative on Milk Control Board" (H. P. 1360) (Presented by Mr. Albee of Portland by request)

(1000 Copies Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Bee Industry" (H. P. 1361) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Buckfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Price of Milk to the State and Certain Institutions" (H. P. 1362) (Presented by Mr. Wight of Bangor)

(1000 Copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to Investment of Sinking Funds" (H. P. 1363) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Augusta)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Banks and Banking

Bill "An Act Relating to Powers of Industrial or Morris Plan Banks" (H. P. 1364) (Presented by Mr. Faas of Benton by request)
 (Ordered Printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in Favor of the George Green Estate (H. P. 1365) (Presented by Mr. Farley of Biddeford by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Woodland (H. P. 1366) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Woodland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Wells (H. P. 1367) (Presented by Mr. Wormwood of Wells)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in Favor of Gene P. Woodworth, of Houlton (H. P. 1368) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pembroke for Support and Medical Aid for Mrs. Kenneth Gove (H. P. 1369) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Robbinston)

Resolve in Favor of Mildred G. Clarke, of Cooper (H. P. 1370) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

Resolve in Favor of Louise W. Cony, of Augusta (H. P. 1371) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Augusta)

Resolve in Favor of Howard E. Fuller, of Rangeley (H. P. 1372) (Presented by Mr. Carville of Stratton)

Resolve in Favor of Donald Veilleux of Waterville (H. P. 1373) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow)

Resolve in Favor of Ralph B. Gillam of Bar Harbor (H. P. 1374) (Presented by Mr. Dufresne of Bar Harbor)

Resolve in Favor of Marjorie Heald of Yarmouth (H. P. 1375) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

Resolve in Favor of Dr. A. L. Gould of Freeport (H. P. 1376) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of Brunswick Hospital (H. P. 1377) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of Donald E. C. McKay of Waterville (H. P. 1378) (Presented by Mr. Muskie of Waterville)

Resolve in Favor of Clinton A. Clauson of Waterville (H. P. 1379) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of Maurice Davis of Warren (H. P. 1380) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Union)

Resolve in Favor of C. C. Smith Company, Inc. (H. P. 1381) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Perham for Aid Extended to Weston Blackstone (H. P. 1382) (Presented by Mr. Philbrick of Woodland)

Resolve in Favor of Raymond F. Tassinari of Auburn (H. P. 1383) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

Resolve in Favor of John D. Clifford, Jr., of Lewiston (H. P. 1384) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of Royal Amusement Company of Auburn (H. P. 1385) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Federal Relations

Bill "An Act to Amend the Unemployment Compensation Law with Respect to Coverage" (H. P. 1386) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Unemployment Compensation Law to Eliminate Double Penalties" (H. P. 1387) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefit Eligibility Conditions"

(H. P. 1388) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Payment of Benefits" (H. P. 1389) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1390) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Employer's Experience Classification" (H. P. 1391) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Union)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Relative to Registration of Deer" (H. P. 1396) (Presented by Mr. Jamieson of Presque Isle)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Opening Upper and Lower Macwahoc Lakes, Aroostook County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1392) (Presented by Mr. Boulter of Stacyville)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve to Open Perry Pond, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1393) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Hancock Pond in the Town of Denmark (H. P. 1394) (Presented by Mr. Fitch of Sebago)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Peabody Pond in the Town of Sebago (H. P. 1395) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Royal River in the County of Cumberland (H. P. 1397) (Presented by Mr. Knapp of Yarmouth)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Relative to Sale of Hatcheries and Feeding Station Property

Authorized (H. P. 1398) (Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Relating to Liability of Personal Sureties on Probate Bonds" (H. P. 1399) (Presented by Mr. Muskie of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Exceptions to the Admission or Exclusion of Evidence" (H. P. 1400) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of the Senior Class on Problems of Democracy from the Monroe High School in charge of Mr. Alton Rich. On behalf of the Members, we bid you welcome. (Applause)

Labor

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Wages by Hotels and Camps" (H. P. 1401) (Presented by Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to the Licenses of Buildings for Dancing Purposes" (H. P. 1402) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Duties of the State Auditor" (H. P. 1403) (Presented by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Bill "An Act Relating to National Codes in Fire Prevention" (H. P. 1404) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Powers of Insurance Companies" (H. P. 1405) (Presented by Mr. Sargent of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Motor Vehicles

Bill "An Act Relating to Stop Signs at Multi-entrance Intersections" (H. P. 1406) (Presented by Mr. Carle of Wellington)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Parking in Dangerous Places" (H. P. 1407) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Traffic Control Signals" (H. P. 1408) (Presented by Mr. Johnson of Gardiner)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Stop Intersections" (H. P. 1409) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Pensions

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Wallace Huff, of Burnham (H. P. 1410) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Unity)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Florence Howard, of Swanville (H. P. 1411) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Kenneth Pratt of Mars Hill (H. P. 1412) (Presented by Mr. Bubar of Blaine)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Ellis, of Brooks (H. P. 1413) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Thomas Bard of Fort Kent (H. P. 1414) (Presented by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Victor Charette, of Fort Kent (H. P. 1415) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for a Pension for Howard L. Copp of Trenton (H. P. 1416) (Presented by Mr. Dufresne of Bar Harbor)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Esther Ann McDonald of Ridonville (H. P. 1417) (Presented by Mr. Marble of Dixfield)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Nellie M. Estes of Lewiston (H. P. 1418) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Health

Bill "An Act Relating to Application of Health Laws to Certain Grocery Stores" (H. P. 1419) (Presented by Mr. Albee of Portland by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, House Rule No. 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Repealing Retail Dealers' Fish Licenses" (H. P. 1420) (Presented by Mr. Albee of Portland by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking of Clams in Scarborough" (H. P. 1421) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Temperance

Bill "An Act Relating to Retail Sale of Malt Liquor" (H. P. 1422) (Presented by Mr. Albee of Portland by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Procuring of Liquor for Certain Persons" (H. P. 1423) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in Favor of Hammond Plantation (H. P. 1424) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

Resolve in Favor of Moro Plantation (H. P. 1425) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Pembroke (H. P. 1426) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Robbinston)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Monticello (H. P. 1427) (Presented by Mr. Bubar of Blaine)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Garland (H. P. 1428) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Garland)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of York (H. P. 1429) (Presented by Mr. Gerrish of Old Orchard Beach)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Mexico (H. P. 1430) (Presented by Mr. Marble of Dixfield)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Orient (H. P. 1431) (Presented by Mr. Maxell of Orient)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Orient (H. P. 1432) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Weston (H. P. 1433) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Haynesville (H. P. 1434) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of Cary Plantation (H. P. 1435) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Warren (H. P. 1436) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Union)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sidney (H. P. 1437) (Presented by Mr. Pullen of Oakland by request)
Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Boothby of Livermore, it was

ORDERED, that there be printed 500 additional copies of Bill "An Act Imposing an Assessment of One Cent Per Hundredweight on Milk for Advertising and Research of the Milk Industry" (H. P. 972) (L. D. 414)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wight.

Mr. WIGHT: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the Chair if it is necessary to put in an order today of this kind or whether it may be done at a later time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the gentleman may present an order at any time at this stage of the proceedings or at any subsequent day under Orders. Does that answer the gentleman's question?

Mr. WIGHT: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Covered by Other Legislation

Mr. Carville from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to a Fifteen-day Non-resident Fishing License" (H. P. 47) (L. D. 11) reported "Ought not to pass" as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Wight from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to a Fifteen-Day Fishing License" (H. P. 48) (L. D. 12) as it is covered by other legislation.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Bearce from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Certain Persons" (H. P. 284) (L. D. 80)

(On motion by Mr. Campbell of Garland, the Bill was tabled pending acceptance of the Report of the Committee.)

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in Denny's River in the town of Meddybemps" (H. P. 351) (L. D. 117)

Mr. Carville from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Limiting Hunting of Wild Animals or Birds" (H. P. 463) (L. D. 150)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Plummer from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Open First Debsconeag Lake in T. 2, R. 10, Piscataquis County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 287)

(On motion by Mr. Gates of Millinocket, the Bill was tabled pending acceptance of the Report of the Committee.)

Mr. Wight from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game re-

ported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Persons over Sixty-Five Years of Age" (H. P. 570) (L. D. 171)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve Substituted for Report

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election (H. P. 51) (L. D. 14)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert.

Mr. JALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I move to substitute the resolve for the report.

Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: For a third time I present a measure that the question "Shall the State's Constitution be amended, as proposed by a resolution of the Legislature, to change the date of the general election," be placed before the electorate of Maine.

First, may I say that the Committee's report is unanimous, "Ought not to pass". I have a colleague and friend and a party member, Representative Muskie of Waterville, who did not sign a minority report, but he is very much in favor of the measure; I know and I am so told.

My first attempt in 1945 was turned down by a vote of 120 to 14; my second, in 1947, by a vote of 79 to 49—a decisive gain shown in an attempt to change the State's election from September to November in conformity with the forty-seven other states.

I have done a great deal of research work on this proposal. I have conducted a poll of city and town managers, selectmen and mayors of Maine communities, asking if they did or did not favor a change, and asked them to estimate the cost to their communities of a double election—September and November. I received 195 answers, of which 176 officials favored a

change, 17 opposed and two held no opinion.

I estimate, conservatively, that combining the elections will result in a saving of \$289,920.26, broken down as follows:

To the 195 communities answering my poll, \$19,920.26; to all other towns and cities (estimated) \$25,000.

I have, Mr. Speaker, the record of the 1947 Legislature, and, due to the fact that our stenographers have enough work, might I ask unanimous consent to insert pages 361 to 363 of the 1947 Legislative Record into this record? This is motivated by time-saving.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, moves to insert into the record pages 361 to 363 of the record of the 1947 session, being the 93rd Legislature of Maine. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the gentleman may proceed.

"List of election costs in 176 towns and cities inserted from 1947 Legislative Record."

Towns and Cities	"Yes" Amounts
Buckfield	\$ 25.00
Arrowsic	13.00
Winthrop	37.05
Liberty	25.00
Brooklin	45.00
Bradley	23.00
Hancock	25.00
Bridgton	65.00
Waldoboro	75.00
Oakfield	15.00
New Limerick	11.50
Falmouth	92.20
Albion	35.00
Alexander	42.00
Deer Isle	79.00
Monroe	20.00
Sumner	20.00
New Gloucester	60.00
So. Thomaston	35.00
So. Portland	671.57
Stoneham	30.00
Winter Harbor	35.00
Houlton	125.00
Aurora	25.00
Greenville	No Amount
Hampden	50.00
Naples	No Amount
Lincoln Plant.	13.50

Bristol	38.00	Perham	20.00
Van Buren	50.00	Avon	50.00
Haynesville	10.00	Perry	25.00
Carroll	45.00	Amherst	14.88
Hodgdon	15.00	Pittsfield	42.00
Newcastle	35.00	Machias	25.00
Hudson	29.00	Madison	77.00
Wade	14.00	Solon	25.00
Holden	30.00	North Yarmouth	70.00
Stockton Springs	20.00	Raymond	6.00
Dyer Brook	9.00	Brunswick	500.00
Bar Harbor	76.29	Jay	100.00
Cutler	25.00	Phillips	28.00
Springfield	40.00	Glenwood Plant.	24.80
Eddington	25.00	Masardis	40.00
Milford	24.65	Bowdoinham	40.50
Alfred	40.00	Vassalboro	60.00
Westfield	20.00	Palmyra	40.00
Grand Lake Stream Plant.	15.00	Gilead	10.00
West Bath	18.00	Orneville	25.00
Glenburn	16.00	Lake View	35.00
Livermore Falls	50.00	Mechanic Falls	75.00
Grand Falls Plant.	29.41	Carthage	25.00
Rangeley	25.00	Lewiston	969.98
St. Agatha	76.50	Poland	75.00
Mt. Desert	83.00	Dexter	43.00
Princeton	28.00	Ashland	50.00
Coplin Plant.	6.00	Dover-Foxcroft	56.00
Turner	25.00	Sangerville	36.80
Stockholm	25.00	Benedicta	15.00
Hiram	45.00	Belmont	26.88
Burlington	24.00	Gouldsboro	24.00
Shirley	10.00	Richmond	60.00
Danforth	45.00	Searsmont	50.00
Bancroft	3.00	Presque Isle	No Amount
Rockport	41.00	Newport	66.00
Plant. No. 21	25.00	Sullivan	55.00
Orient	36.00	Mapleton	25.00
Pownal	50.00	Brewer	655.00
Parkman	25.00	Wallagrass Plantation	50.00
Sherman	21.00	Westbrook	250.00
Medway	40.00	Corinna	12.00
Milbridge	20.00	Livermore	30.00
Littleton	28.00	Madison	50.00
Ripley	15.00	Steuben	25.00
Lebanon	63.50	Eagle Lake	50.00
Sanford	539.71	Veazie	25.00
Thomaston	65.00	Harrison	51.00
Harrington	15.00	Wales	50.00
Fairfield	50.00	Edgecomb	40.00
Crawford	40.50	Abbot	40.00
Minot	100.00	Mariaville	21.00
Portage Lake	40.00	Belgrade	32.00
Baileyville	16.40	Farmington	85.00
Skowhegan	100.00	Biddeford	758.00
Whitefield	39.00	Dennysville	50.00
Fort Kent	75.00	Dixmont	19.84
		Unity	46.00
		Crystal	40.00

Palermo	50.00
Industry	36.00
Southwest Harbor	51.00
Lee	36.00
Gardiner	468.64
Mars Hill	30.00
Monmouth	75.00
Freeport	50.00
Rockland	584.75
Fort Fairfield	65.00
Calais	500.00
Frenchville	42.00
Ellsworth	350.00
Mexico	47.37
Rangeley	12.00
Winslow	60.00
Hebron	40.00
Friendship	41.00
Plymouth	35.00
Lubec	No Amount
Orono	33.34
Auburn	1000.00
Enfield	40.00
Dallas Plantation	No Amount
Jackson	36.00
Blaine	22.00
Cushing	25.00
Waterville	1500.00 Plus
Blue Hill	75.00
Appleton	35.00
Guilford	50.00
Towns and Cities	"No"
	Amounts
Southport	34.00
Kingfield	18.00
Windham	36.00
Hallowell	320.33
Wells	(Very Little)
Madrid	40.00
Patten	30.00
Greene	40.00
Northport	27.50
Island Falls	12.00
Litchfield	42.00
Webster	20.00
Troy	30.00
Easton	20.00
Charleston	20.00
Cumberland	93.39
Augusta (no opinion)	1429.82
Portland (no opinion)	1939.00

Mr. JALBERT (Continuing): Cost due to loss of time to city and town officials, \$10,000, cost to the State's election division, \$24,000; cost of extra clerk hire, voting materials, etc., \$10,000; cost to the 400,000 vot-

ers of Maine, figured at 50 cents per voter, \$200,000.

In other words, we are throwing away \$289,920.26 every four years. I think that is reason enough for a change.

The so-called feed bag is decadent. We contribute to National headquarters now, instead of they making donations to us, thus thwarting the reason for some selfish leaders of both parties to hold two elections.

The slogan "As Maine Goes, So Goes the Nation," has repeatedly been defeated and this year proves that to a final conclusion—the September Republican landslide compared with the Democratic deluge of some two months ago.

Maine is big business today and growing daily. Let's economize, cut corners, then resort to taxation and not before.

In presenting this measure, I repeat that I'm asking only for the Legislature to put this issue before the people for them to decide.

If the people of Maine want to discard the September election, it seems unfair that a Legislative body should stymie this desire. At least the Legislature, in my opinion, should give the people a chance to speak their minds; because, in any analysis, the government is the people.

Four years ago, I circulated petitions asking opinions, and upwards of 55,000 voters signed for a change.

Some may be inclined to decide against the adoption of this measure on the ground that it represents a party measure. This is not the case and our own legislative records of past sessions are there to uphold my contention. Both major political parties have carried this measure as part of their platform at various times in the past—and always on the basis of economy.

Bear this in mind: In 1911, with the Governor, the Senate, and the House of Representatives Democratic, this measure was presented, and the unanimous report of the committee was—"Ought not to pass". I submit the legislative

record of the 1911 session, page 262, to substantiate this claim.

In 1913, with the Governor, the Senate, and the House of Representatives Republican, the same measure was reported out of committee with a split report, 5 and 4. That, and many other reasons, would definitely indicate this not to be a party measure. I submit to you the record of the debate on this in the Senate, by again submitting the 1913 Legislative record.

This debate can be found on pages 501 to 504. The Senate accepted the majority (5) report of the Committee by a vote of 19 to 10, with one absent, by yeas and nays. The House of Representatives, without one word of debate, voted by yeas and nays to accept the minority report (4), by a vote of 89 to 46, with 15 absent.

This record can be found on pages 803-804.

I now quote from the inaugural address of a great governor, a Republican, in 1909: "It is a waste of time and money to hold two elections when one can serve as well".

Now, the question of interest at the polls has come into the picture. Through the years, weather records have established the fact that the weather becomes less hardy per decade. Since 12 decades have elapsed the weather is no longer a factor. I quote an opponent of the measure from the record, speaking from the floor of the Senate, concerning the weather, pages 503 to 504, 1913 Legislative record:

"1884 Total vote for Governor 142,107
 Total vote for President 130,488
 1888 Total vote for Governor 145,389
 Total vote for President 128,237
 1892 Total vote for Governor 130,202
 Total vote for President 116,387
 1896 Total vote for Governor 127,516
 Total vote for President 116,552
 1900 Total vote for Governor 117,878
 Total vote for President 105,697
 1904 Total vote for Governor 131,512
 Total vote for President 97,028
 1908 Total vote for Governor 142,666
 Total vote for President 106,335
 1912 Total vote for Governor 141,002
 Total vote for President 128,684"

I now quote from figures compiled, also in the Secretary of State's office:

"1940 Total vote for President 320,840
 Total vote for Governor 255,047
 1944 Total vote for President 296,400
 Total vote for Governor 187,632
 Total vote for Governor 222,500"

There again is proof that **times change!** An opponent's contention against this measure becomes a strong point for the proponents. Farmers are busy the year round, I know, but with this weather change, they are particularly busy with their harvesting of crops during the month of September. Our great potato industry is at its height during September, to a point that during frequent trips through Aroostook County and elsewhere where potato crops are enjoyed, I have been told oftentimes by growers that they find it difficult to go to the polls themselves and that a great majority of the thousands of pickers, being away from their voting residences, cannot afford to take time off to go to the polls, even though they would want very much to do so.

This measure calls for the definite saving of thousands of dollars. Some of the arguments that have cropped up against this change were: That an attempt should be made to keep National politics out of State politics. That being the case, why then should our United States Congressmen and United States Senators be elected in September? Also, why should the Speakers' Bureaus of both parties seek the aid of National Speakers, United States Senators, Vice Presidential and Presidential candidates to campaign on the issues in Washington during the September elections?

Another argument that has been presented at prior hearings on a resolve similar to the one which I have presented has been the publicity value to the State of Maine of this election. However, if the Maine Development Commission, with its staff of expert advertising men, were given these funds which are now needlessly expended for this additional election, certainly

the recreational and commercial interests of this State would be immeasurably advanced.

Another thought brought to my attention has been that little interest has been shown at hearings, and few legislators have been approached on the subject. My original remarks shatter that, in figures presented to you; petitions signed asked for a change, and Mayors, Selectmen, City and Town Managers, approximately 90% heard from were in favor of the change.

In closing, may I call attention once again to some of the factors which should be borne in mind in arriving to a decision on my proposal.

1. Economy: This measure calls for the elimination of an expenditure and consequential saving, of a huge sum of money — approximately \$300,000 every four years. Failure on our part to take advantage of this opportunity would be a violation of the mandate entrusted unto us by the people of the State. We like to preach economy; let's also practice it. If we are sincere, here is our chance to prove it.

2. Political Aspect: I have quoted from past legislative records to prove that at various times in the past a similar measure was sponsored and supported by both major political parties, each agreeing as to the merits of the measure but, unfortunately, never at the same time. This defeats any possible thought of considering my proposal as a party measure.

3. Existing Confusion: The intermingling of issues of federal scope with state and local questions by national representatives of both parties during our State campaigns has created a case of confusion in the minds of the electorate whom it is our duty to enlighten thoroughly on our respective programs. This could be accomplished to a much more satisfactory degree with the adoption of my measure, since national issues would then be timely with our own election period.

I would like, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, to show you a little something about confusion.

This is our November ballot. This is our September ballot. (Displaying ballots) Let us put it this way: This will be our ballot in November should we vote once; with the proposal and thought these electors would be eliminated, this would be our ballot.

I have done a little work on this thing, so I would like to show you some ballots from some other states. This is the ballot of the State of Michigan, this long sheet with these two additional sheets. This here is the ballot of the State of Iowa. This is a sample ballot, the very same ballot they have. I have several here, and I will be happy to show them to any of you. Here is one here, and I think you would have to be a Philadelphia lawyer to understand this one. It is the ballot in Arizona. Talk about confusion!

On the Speaker's left is our State flag, and the motto is "Dirigo". I not only think, but I know, that the people of the State of Maine are much smarter than anyone else anywhere in this country. The people in Arizona must have to take half a day if they are going to understand a thing like that. We will have to take a little time if we have to vote for President along with the others.

4. Our Duty to the People: My personal canvass through the State relative to the sentiment of the people pertaining to this proposal has convinced me beyond any shadow of doubt that the public is eager for an opportunity to express their own feelings on the matter. I have submitted figures to bear out this contention.

Ours is the democratic form of government—that type in which all of us Americans take immense and justifiable pride in designating as a government by the people.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is one instance if ever when the opinion of the people should be heard and it is not for a handful of us, duly elected representatives of that very same people, to continually stifle

its voice in order to prevent its wishes from being carried out.

I merely ask you, once and for all, to act favorably upon this proposal in order that it may be brought before the people. I don't, and I am convinced that you also do not, want them denied this right as has been the case at several other sessions.

Once this has been done, I promise you that the decision of the people will be final with me, and that I shall not reintroduce similar legislation at any future time.

This bill has been presented eighteen times: In 1876, 1883, 1887, 1889, 1909, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1925, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1945, 1947 and now. The State Grange gave its support to this measure in 1913, and they have not indicated any change in their standing.

Now in the past we have kept taxation measures alive. Is it not fair enough to keep an economy measure alive?

Mr. Speaker, I move to substitute the resolve for the report of the committee.

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

Mr. McGLAUFLIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: One hundred and twenty-nine years ago when they passed the first Constitution, they enacted this provision that we should have a September election. At that time, so far as I can learn from the discussion that took place or the debates that took place when the Constitution was adopted, they were trying to get a date that was suitable for the farmers. But there was another reason why this date was separated from the November election: It enabled the State to discuss and decide upon State issues and not mix them up with national issues; and it has seemed to the people of the State of Maine a good idea to keep these two elections separate.

I, myself, believe that the last September election advertised the State of Maine to the extent of

more than half a million dollars' worth. I made that statement to one of my friends who stated that he did not think I could prove that a single dollar had come into Maine. I will not undertake to prove that dollars came into Maine because of that advertising, but I still say that the advertising was well worth while. I, myself, feel that my standing in this House is worth vastly more to me than any compensation I get for being here, and I want to make the point that the State of Maine is outstanding in the nation because of this very method of election. Had Senator Margaret Chase Smith been elected in November, she probably would not have been heard from any more than some of the representatives, but we have an election in September, and that election calls attention to the State of Maine all over the country. Everybody knew about the State of Maine. But it is not enough just to know about the State of Maine; we have got to know the standing of the State, and that is where Maine excels.

Some years ago, I was traveling in the middle west and I met a former Congressman from Iowa. He told me that while he was in Congress that the State of Maine wielded an influence in national affairs that was not excelled even by the State of New York. Doesn't it mean something to us to have our State outstanding, and it is outstanding for its character and intelligence.

Let me tell you a little experience. I had occasion to take some business trips to Indiana some years ago. I had been in Indiana in the early spring and I was there again a few weeks later, and I was amazed at the change that had taken place in those few weeks, and I commented upon the fact that it was marvelous what they raised in Indiana. And one of the men to whom I was talking said, rather sarcastically I thought, "What do they raise in Maine—anything?" "Yes," I said, "we raise men." That is where it is worth while to have the advertising of the September election.

There is still another thing. It was brought out by Representative Bubar in the hearing before the Judiciary Committee on another bill. He pointed out the educational advantages of these elections; and that is something worth considering.

Now the gentleman who has just spoken has said to you that what he wants is for you to give the people of the State of Maine an opportunity to pass on this question. What does the Constitution itself say? It says that when two-thirds of both houses of this Legislature deem it necessary then we shall vote to submit it to the people. But, as I have pointed out in this House more than once before, you have no right to submit a question of a constitutional amendment to the people until you, yourselves, are convinced that it is necessary. When you do so you mislead the people. The people of this State have a right to the leadership of you people who have investigated the question and who have heard the discussion and who know more about it than they do, and when they find you voted to submit that to the people they look to you.

I want to call your attention to the fact that at this very session it has been argued on the floor of the House that, when the people voted to give us travel once a week instead of once a session, they did not know what they were talking about. That was argued in this House. Now what is the use of submitting things to the people that they do not know anything about and when they get the impression that we favor a thing when perhaps we do not.

Now I do not mean to take any more time on this question. This is a constitutional measure, and it takes a two-thirds vote. I am going to say that time and time again in the past the people have had the sense to vote it down, and I expect you to do the same thing today and vote against this motion.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of

the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, to substitute the resolve for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Sebago, Mr. Fitch.

Mr. FITCH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Coming from a small town, I can just express how it affects a small town financially. If this change should be made, it would save the town of Sebago \$60.00. That seems like a small amount, but, as far as the advantages are concerned, I cannot see where the advantages of a September election warrant the town of Sebago paying \$60.00 to rave, as Representative McGlauffin says, the advertising. I would favor having this change made so that the election could be held in November. When the vote is taken, I would ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, to substitute the resolve for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. Is the House ready for the question? The gentleman from Sebago, Mr. Fitch, has requested a division.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Jalbert, to substitute the resolve for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

The SPEAKER: Sixty-six having voted in the affirmative and forty-seven having voted in the negative, the resolve has been substituted for the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee. This being a printed resolve, is it now the pleasure of the House that the rules be suspended and the resolve be given its first reading at this time?

Thereupon the Resolve was given its first reading under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought Not to Pass (Continued)

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting Certificates of State Tax Assessor to be Recorded Without Acknowledgment" (H. P. 477) (L. D. 152)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Transfers of Property in Contemplation of Death" (H. P. 357) (L. D. 120)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Silsby from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Joint Bank Accounts" (H. P. 297) (L. D. 85) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1433) (L. D. 710) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Prentiss School District" (H. P. 580) (L. D. 178) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1440) (L. D. 712) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Mr. Campbell from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Carroll School District" (H. P. 581) (L. D. 179) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1439) (L. D. 711) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted and the new drafts, having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass

Printed Bills

Mr. McGlaulin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Progressive Loan Co.'" (H. P. 179) (L. D. 55)

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Create the Boothbay Region Community School District" (H. P. 839) (L. D. 335)

Mr. Hayes from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Dover-Foxcroft School District" (H. P. 837) (L. D. 334)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Hayes.

Mr. HAYES: Mr. Speaker, I suggest that this bill requires verbal amendment in two respects for the purpose of correcting mistakes which appear in the printed document. In the first place, I think there should be a semicolon after the word "town" in the fourth line from the end of Section 1, and that the first word "any" after the word "in" in the first line of Section 5 should be deleted.

The SPEAKER: This being a clerical error, the Clerk will make the corrections.

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Litchfield School District" (H. P. 925) (L. D. 401)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills, having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Printed Resolve

Resolve to Open Third Debsconceag Lake in T. 1, R. 10 and T. 2, R. 10, Piscataquis County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 286) (L. D. 693)

Was read once and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to be Engrossed Amended

Bill "An Act Excluding Television for Use in Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 173) (L. D. 231)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 173, L. D. 231, Bill "An Act Excluding Television for Use in Motor Vehicles."

Amend said Bill by striking out from the second paragraph thereof, the following underlined words: "which is located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or"

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

Passed to be Engrossed (Cont'd)

Bill "An Act to Provide the Time for Filing Monthly Reports relating to the Use Fuel Tax" (S. P. 280) (L. D. 455)

Bill "An Act relative to Non-Resident Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 350) (L. D. 116)

Bill "An Act relative to Sale of Wild Hares and Rabbits" (H. P. 353) (L. D. 118)

Bill "An Act relative to Game Preserve, Limington, Hollis and Waterboro" (H. P. 652) (L. D. 208)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Motor Vehicles by Minors" (H. P. 1336) (L. D. 661)

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

Recommitted

Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn (H. P. 531) (L. D. 658)

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Addison, Mr. Lackee.

Mr. LACKEE: Mr. Speaker, this Resolve, House Paper 531, was reported out of committee in error. By some mistake it was included with House Paper 532, and, in order to correct that situation, I now move that House Paper 531, Legislative Document 658, be recommitted to the Ways and Bridges Committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Addison, Mr. Lackee, moves that Item 7, Resolve in favor of the Town of Washburn, H. P. 531, L. D. 658, be recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon, the Resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn (H. P. 532) (L. D. 659)

Resolve in favor of the town of Appleton (H. P. 686) (L. D. 660)

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

Passed to be Enacted

An Act Permitting the Presidential Short Ballot (S. P. 74) (L. D. 50)

An Act Relating to Application of Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes to Federal Income Tax (S. P. 218) (L. D. 279)

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Lisbon School District (H. P. 58) (L. D. 21)

An Act to Create the Limestone School District (H. P. 180) (L. D. 56)

An Act Relating to Special Guardians for Minors (H. P. 295) (L. D. 83)

An Act Relating to Service on Foreign Corporations (H. P. 298) (L. D. 86)

An Act Relating to Expenses of Publishing Delinquent Corporate Franchise Taxes (H. P. 372) (L. D. 132)

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Troy School District (H. P. 888) (L. D. 307)

Finally Passed

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Freeman (S. P. 93) (L. D. 356)

Resolve Relating to Fly Fishing in Stratton Brook in Coplin Plantation, in Franklin County (H. P. 132) (L. D. 403)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Orange and Rocky Lakes in the County of Washington (H. P. 176) (L. D. 404)

Resolve Opening Thistle Pond in the Town of Monroe, Waldo County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 177) (L. D. 405)

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

Tabled

Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at John's Pond in Davis Plantation (H. P. 285) (L. D. 412)

(On motion by Mr. Carville of Stratton, tabled pending final passage.)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Salt Pond in the Towns of Friendship and Cushing (H. P. 290) (L. D. 407)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Forest Lake in the Town of Friendship, Knox County (H. P. 291) (L. D. 408)

Resolve Closing Salt Pond in the Towns of Friendship and Cushing to Ice Fishing (H. P. 292) (L. D. 409)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Smelt Brook in the County of Washington (H. P. 354) (L. D. 410)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Colcord Pond in the County of Oxford (H. P. 355) (L. D. 411)

Were reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. Resolves finally passed, signed by the Speaker 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 Continuous Credit for Excise Tax" (H. P. 1322) tabled on February 11th by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, pending motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon to refer to Committee on Motor Vehicles; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer.

On motion by Mr. Plummer, the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, House Report, reporting New Draft (H. P. 1253) (L. D. 557) of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Travel Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature" (H. P. 312) (L. D. 92) (New Title An Act relating to Travel for Members of the Legislature") tabled on February 11th by Mr. Dow of Falmouth pending acceptance of report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Dow, the report of the committee was accepted, and, the new draft having already been printed, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

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

If there be no further items of business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.