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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, March 1, 1949.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stevens of Westbrook.

The Members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Lamoine Naval Coaling Station" (S. P. 499) (L. D. 1000)

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.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to County Jail Costs for Certain Violations" (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1001)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Counties.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Inland Fish and Game Wardens, as Coastal Wardens" (S. P. 501) (L. D. 1002)

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 Requiring Owners of Motor Vehicles to Furnish Security Account of Damage Caused by Their Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 502) (L. D. 1003)

Bill "An Act relating to Power of Certain Corporations to Hold Property" (S. P. 503) (L. D. 1004)

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 relating to Compensation for Specified Injuries Under the Workmen's Compensation Law" (S. P. 504) (L. D. 1005)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Elevators, Power-Driven Dumb-Waiters and Moving Stairways" (S. P. 505) (L. D. 1006)

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:

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Office of Clerk of Courts, Androscoggin County" (S. P. 508) (L. D. 1007)

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.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Interstate Shipment of Shellfish" (S. P. 510) (L. D. 1008)

Resolve Regulating Smelt Fishing in Dennys River in Washington County (S. P. 509) (L. D. 1009)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses in Unincorporated Places" (S. P. 511) (L. D. 1010)

Bill "An Act relating to sale of Malt Liquor by Trade Name" (S. P. 512) (L. D. 1011)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance. In the House, referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

#### Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" (S. P. 148) (L. D. 204) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Exemption from Taxation of Certain Dependents of Veterans" (S. P. 182) (L. D. 239)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing for Furnishing and Operating Two New Dormitories at the Pownal State School (S. P. 232) (L. D. 346)

Report of the Committee on Education reporting same on Bill "An Act Authorizing Northern Conservatory of Music to Confer Degrees" (S. P. 306) (L. D. 572)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Duty of Superintendent of Schools Concerning Habitual Truants" (S. P. 344) (L. D. 570)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Apportionments from School Funds" (S. P. 130) (L. D. 192)

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

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

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Resolve Appropriating Money for the Study and Control of the Spruce Budworm (H. P. 944) (L. D. 385) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 18th.

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

In the House: The House voted to reconsider its action taken on February 18th, whereby the Resolve was passed to be engrossed.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 944, L. D. 385, "Resolve Appropriating Money for the Study and Control of the Spruce Budworm."

Amend said Resolve by inserting after the word "appropriated" in the 5th line from the end thereof the following words: 'from the general fund'

Senate Amendment "A" was then adopted and the Resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

#### Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Dealer's Registration" (H. P. 1252) (L. D. 555) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on February 15th.

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

In the House: The House voted to reconsider its action taken on February 23rd whereby the Bill was passed to be enacted and further voted to reconsider the action taken on February 15th whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1252, L. D. 555, Bill "An Act Relating to the Issuance of Dealer's Registration."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Sec. 2, R. S., c 19, § 19, additional. Section 19 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 123 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph, to read as follows:

"The secretary of state shall suspend without hearing such registration within 10 days of receipt of written notice from the company that the insurance policy or bond herein required has been cancelled. He shall likewise suspend said registration upon the expiration of the policy and shall not restore same until new certification of coverage is filed by the company."

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

The Chair, at this time, notes the presence of the Junior and Senior Classes of Wyttopitlock High School, in charge of Mr. Merle R. Keyes, the principal; and also the Social Science Class of Anson Academy, Junior High School Division.

In view of the extremely poor condition of travelling, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here on behalf of the House this morning. (Applause)

#### **Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves, transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to joint order (S. P. 452), were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

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#### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act Relating to Disposition of Fees Received by the Insurance Department" (H. P. 1762) (Presented by Mr. Fitch of Sebago) (Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to State Aid for Municipalities Maintaining Free Public Libraries" (H. P. 1733) (Presented by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Tabled**

Resolve for Preliminary Investigation of Quoddy Project (H. P. 1764) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Baileyville, tabled pending reference to a committee and ordered printed.)

Resolve in Favor of Higgins Classical Institute (H. P. 1765) (Presented by Mr. Chaples of Hudson) (Ordered Printed)

Resolve in Favor of Portland Junior College (H. P. 1766) (Presented by Mr. Grant of South Portland) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Claims**

Resolve in Favor of Curtis H. Patterson of Bangor (H. P. 1767) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Bangor)

Resolve in Favor of Lawrence Thibodeau of Rumford (H. P. 1768) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

Resolve in Favor of William J. Bowes of Waterville (H. P. 1769) (Presented by Mr. Muskie of Waterville)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Counties**

Bill "An Act Relating to Farm Bureau Assistance in Kennebec County" (H. P. 1770) (Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Education**

Bill "An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of

Salaries of Teachers" (H. P. 1771)  
(Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in Favor of Robert Traip Academy (H. P. 1772) (Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game**

Bill "An Act Relating to the Revocation of License on Conviction of Hunting While Intoxicated" (H. P. 1773) (Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Augusta Game Preserve" (H. P. 1774) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relative to Closed Season on Deer Without Horns" (H. P. 1775) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Lower Hot Brook in the Town of Danforth (H. P. 1776) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Closing Lake Cobbosseecontee in Kennebec County to Fishing Through the Ice for Salmon and Trout (H. P. 1777) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Relating to Stewart Pond in the Town of Belgrade, Kennebec County (H. P. 1778) (Presented by Mr. Pullen of Oakland by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Interior Waters**

Resolve Appropriating Money to Set Buoys in Inland Waters (H. P. 1779) (Presented by Mr. Hayes of Dover-Foxcroft)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act Relating to Liens on Vehicles, Aircraft or Component Parts Thereof, and Parachutes" (H.

P. 1780) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Limitation of Actions for Injuries to Person and Property" (H. P. 1781) (Presented by Mr. Fitch of Sebago)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Permit the Town of Kennebunkport to Take Advantage of a Proposed Government Project" (H. P. 1782) (Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Definition of "Teacher" Under State Employees' Retirement Law" (H. P. 1783) (Presented by Mr. Robbins of Houlton)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Election to Certain Town Offices" (H. P. 1784) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Labor**

Bill "An Act to Extend Occupational Disease Coverage Under the Workmen's Compensation Act" (H. P. 1785) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act Authorizing Cities and Towns to Assess a Charge for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse" (H. P. 1786) (Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Cities and Towns to Assess a Charge for the Maintenance of Sewers" (H. P. 1787) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

#### **Mercantile Affairs and Insurance**

Bill "An Act Relating to the Duties of the Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Inspectors" (H. P. 1788) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Motor Vehicles

Bill "An Act relating to School Buses" (H. P. 1789) (Presented by Mr. Robbins of Houlton)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

### Pensions

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Manley Sharp of Morrill (H. P. 1790) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Colby Harden, of Albion (H. P. 1791) (Presented by Mr. Faas of Benton)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Hiley West of Jonesport (H. P. 1792) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Machiasport)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for George Rines, of Newburg (H. P. 1793) (Presented by Mr. McGown of Carmel)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lida May Withee of Etna (H. P. 1794) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Clarence P. Withee of Etna (H. P. 1795) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Relating to Automatic Signals at Railroad Crossings" (H. P. 1796) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)  
(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Knox County" (H. P. 1797) (Presented by Mr. Payson of Union)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Sheriff of Androscoggin County" (H. P. 1798) (Presented by Mr. St. Pierre of Lewiston by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking of Clams, Quahogs, Mussels

and Worms in the Town of Islesboro" (H. P. 1799) (Presented by Mr. Foley of Winterport by request)  
(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Permitting the Digging of Clams in Kennebunk River for Bait Only" (H. P. 1800) (Presented by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Towns Regulating the Taking of Shellfish" (H. P. 1801) (Presented by Mr. Prince of Harpswell)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Regulating the Taking of Smelts from Cobscook River, Cobscook Bay, Orange River, Denny's River and Their Tributaries (H. P. 1802) (Presented by Mr. Bucknam of Whiting)

(Ordered Printed.)

Resolve Relating to the Use of Seines in Medomak River, Lincoln County (H. P. 1803) (Presented by Mr. Johnston of Jefferson)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

### State Lands and Forest Preservation

Bill "An Act Relating to Slash, Brush and Debris Disposal" (H. P. 1804) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Wayne)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Taxation

Bill "An Act Imposing a Personal Income Tax and an Additional Corporate Franchise Tax" (H. P. 1821) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(2500 Copies Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enable Certain Cities to Impose a General Business and Occupation Tax" (H. P. 1805) (Presented by Mr. Paine of Portland)

(2000 Copies Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Excise Tax in Lien of Personal Property Tax on Aircraft" (H. P. 1806) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act to Allow Cities and Towns to Raise Money by an Admissions Tax" (H. P. 1807) (Presented by Mr. Gates of Millinocket) (Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Excise Tax on Tractors" (H. P. 1808) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Topsham)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Data in Possession of State Tax Assessor" (H. P. 1809) (Presented by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Temperance

Bill "An Act Relating to Licenses for Consumption Sale of Liquor and Appeals" (H. P. 1810) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sales of Liquor to Minors" (H. P. 1811) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Ways and Bridges

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Littleton (H. P. 1812) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Merrill (H. P. 1813) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Blaine (H. P. 1814) (Presented by Mr. Bubar of Blaine)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Athens (H. P. 1815) (Presented by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Stockton Springs (H. P. 1816) (Presented by Mr. Foley of Winterport)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Rumford (H. P. 1817) (Presented by Mr. Kelley of Rumford)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Carmel (H. P. 1818) (Presented by Mr. McGown of Carmel)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Gorham (H. P. 1819) (Presented by Mr. Sanborn of Gorham)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Welfare

Bill "An Act Relating to Requirements for Old Age Assistance" (H.

P. 1820) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This morning we are indebted to the Hon. Harry I. Rollins of Greenville for the grapefruit that have been placed around on our desks.

As a great many of you know, Mr. Rollins has served at least two terms in this House with great distinction and is now vacationing in Florida. Because of his thoughtfulness and kindness, I would like to move, Mr. Speaker, that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Rollins at his winter home.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Hon. Harry I. Rollins, of Greenville, a former member of this House, who is now vacationing in Florida, expressing to him the appreciation of the House for the generosity of his gift of these grapefruit, which he has provided this morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

### House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Reducing the Daily Bag Limit on Trout, in the county of Aroostook (H. P. 1042) (L. D. 526)

Mr. Hill from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Certain Implements and Devices Prohibited in Fishing" (H. P. 745) (L. D. 287)

Mr. Plummer from same Committee reported same on Resolve Closing Chase Brook, in Township 13, Range 8, and Township 13, Range 7, in the county of Aroostook, to All Fishing (H. P. 1142) (L. D. 602)

Mr. Wight from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulat-



ing Fishing in Red River, in Aroostook County (H. P. 1043) (L. D. 527)

Mr. Burgess from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Right of Appeal in Cigarette and Tobacco Products Law" (H. P. 830) (L. D. 315)

Mr. Carter from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Resolve Providing for the Abatement of Certain Inheritance and Estate Taxes (H. P. 1201) (L. D. 607)

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

#### Tabled

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" (H. P. 1586) (L. D. 908)

(On motion by Mr. Muskie of Waterville, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Duquette from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Goats" (H. P. 945) (L. D. 386)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Payments from Baxter State Park to Forestry District" (H. P. 861) (L. D. 330)

Miss Longstaff from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Town of Masardis by Seed Potato Board" (H. P. 860) (L. D. 329)

Mr. Muskie from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Appeals by Male Minors" (H. P. 919) (L. D. 371)

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 Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to Facsimile Signatures of Judges, Recorders and Clerks of Municipal Courts" (H. P. 1757) (L. D. 1029)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the City of Westbrook School District" (H. P. 1758) (L. D. 1030)

Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Registration" (H. P. 1759) (L. D. 1031)

Were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

#### Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Deputy Register of Deeds and Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds, in the County of Cumberland" (H. P. 1760) (L. D. 1032)

(On motion by Mr. Campbell of Garland, tabled pending first reading.)

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Federal Employees' Credit Union of Maine" (S. P. 80) (L. D. 69)

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

#### Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (S. P. 125) (L. D. 146)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent, tabled pending third reading.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles of Department of Inland Fisheries and Game" (S. P. 172) (L. D. 232)

Bill "An Act relating to Increases of Capital Stock (S. P. 208) (L. D. 355)

Bill "An Act relating to Inactive Savings Deposits in Banks" (S. P. 222) (L. D. 342)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Guardians for Adults, and Conservators" (S. P. 226) (L. D. 343)

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Territory of the Parsonsfield-Kezar Falls Village Corporation" (S. P. 275) (L. D. 448)

Bill "An Act to Create the Phippsburg School District" (S. P. 310) (L. D. 503)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Norway School District" (S. P. 311) (L. D. 504)

Bill "An Act relating to the Destruction of Old Records" (H. P. 356) (L. D. 119)

Bill "An Act relating to Disability Retirement Benefits in State Retirement System Law" (H. P. 703) (L. D. 249)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Probate in Cumberland County" (H. P. 714) (L. D. 256)

Bill "An Act relating to Acceptance of Provisions of Federal Law and Federal Grants" (H. P. 826) (L. D. 311)

Bill "An Act relating to Money Held in Trust for Cemetery Purposes" (H. P. 1154) (L. D. 554)

Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority" (H. P. 1156) (L. D. 606)

Bill "An Act relating to Park and Recreation Commission of City of South Portland" (H. P. 1176) (L. D. 596)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Provisions in the Motor Vehicle Law" (H. P. 1710) (L. D. 1012)

Bill "An Act to Create the Town of Orland School District" (H. P. 1712) (L. D. 1014)

Resolve Changing Name of Unity Pond to Lake Winnecook (H. P. 293) (L. D. 81)

Resolve Changing the Name of Number Three Pond (H. P. 574) (L. D. 172)

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 Bill

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Hartland School District" (H. P. 1175) (L. D. 630)

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

### Orders Of The Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, An Act to Incorporate the Town of South Thomaston School District. (H. P. 485) (L. D. 161) tabled on February 24th by the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Bird, pending passage to be enacted; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. BIRD: Mr. Speaker, it was my intention to add an amendment to this bill at this time, but, after conferring over the week-end with the proponents of this bill, they desire to leave it as it is but to have it tabled until sometime after their town meeting so that it can be considered by itself. So I would move that it be tabled and specially assigned for Friday April 1st.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Bird, moves that the first tabled and today assigned matter lie upon the table and be specially assigned for Friday, April 1st. Is this the pleasure of the House?

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Savings Banks and Trust Companies" (H. P. 1742) (L. D. 1070) tabled on February 25th by the gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, pending motion of the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown, to reconsider reference, the matter having been referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed. The Chair recognizes at

this time the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker, if my motion to reconsider prevails I will move that this matter lie upon the table. My reason for this is that I understand there is another bill in process in the Legislative Research office which will supplant this one.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown, to reconsider reference of this particular matter to the Committee on Taxation. Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider its action previously taken whereby the matter was referred to the Committee on Taxation?

The motion for reconsideration of reference prevailed; and on further motion by Mr. Brown, the bill was retabled and specially assigned for Thursday, March 3rd.

On motion by Mr. Webber of Bangor, the House voted to take from the table the fifteenth tabled and unassigned matter, "Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Land in Township 10, S.D. (H. P. 1694) (L. D. 1028) tabled on February 24th by that gentleman pending reference; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and sent up for concurrence.

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

The Chair would like to take this opportunity to remind the members of the House that there are now some twenty-two tabled and unassigned matters on the calendar and that it will be in the interest of saving time in the future if, whenever possible under Orders of the Day, members could arrange to take such matters as they have tabled from the table for consideration.

In this connection, the Chair would state that the office of the Speaker is always open for consultation and for assistance in matters of this kind. It would be appreciated if, without unduly rushing the members in any manner, any items which may properly be taken from the table may be taken from the table as quickly as possible.

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

The SPEAKER: Before entertaining a motion to adjourn, the Chair would like to state to the members of the House the fact that our guests in the balcony from Wytopotlock High School have come a distance of one hundred and sixty miles today through this storm to be with us. Once again, in behalf of the House, we thank you for the consideration shown. (Applause)

On motion by Mr. Latno of Old Town,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.