

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, March 15, 1949

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

Prayer by the Rev. Fr. Gondin of Auburn.

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 to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the 1944 Revision and the Session Laws of 1945 and 1947" (S. P. 611) (L. D. 1319)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Memorial to the Congress of the United States in Opposition to Federalization of the National Guard (S. P. 620)

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Sliding Scale Bonus to Veterans of World War II" (S. P. 616) (L. D. 1331)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Sliding Scale Bonus to Maine Members of the Military and Naval Forces in World War II (S. P. 615) (L. D. 1330)

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

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

**Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve, Providing for a Multi-Purpose Building at the Oak Grove School (S. P. 397) (L. D. 735)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Juvenile Records" (S. P. 428) (L. D. 784)

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

**Leave to Withdraw**

Report of same Committee reporting leave to withdraw on Bill "An Act Relating to Transfer of Convicts from Prison to State Reformatory for Men" (S. P. 426) (L. D. 786) as it is covered by other Legislation.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

**Ought to Pass in New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Liens on Logs, Lumber or Pulpwood for Advances of Money or Merchandise" (S. P. 210) (L. D. 272) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 599) (L. D. 1291) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

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

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Terms of Court in Aroostook County" (S. P. 433) (L. D. 787)

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission" (S. P. 124) (L. D. 145)

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, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

### Recommitted

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve to Repeal Clam Cleansing Research (S. P. 237) (L. D. 351)

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Harpswell, Mr. Prince.

Mr. PRINCE: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, my reason for this is to clarify a complication and offer an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Harpswell, Mr. Prince, moves that Item 12, Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve to Repeal Clam Cleansing Research (S. P. 237) (L. D. 351) be recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon, the motion prevailed and the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the Committee on State Hospitals reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Recommitment of Patients to the State Hospitals" (S. P. 444) (L. D. 796)

Report of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Forest Fighter Pay and Aid to Towns in Controlling Forest Fires" (S. P. 556) (L. D. 1179)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act to Aid Small Woodland Owners" (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1182)

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, the Bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act relating to Consignment of Fish, Lobsters and Shellfish" (S. P. 194) (L. D. 247) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 194. L. D. 247, Bill "An Act Relating to Consignment of Fish, Lobsters and Shellfish."

Amend said bill by inserting before the enacting clause thereof, the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Thereas, lobsters from Canada consigned to Maine dealers to be reconsigned to persons in other states are subject to seizure if not conforming to the laws of the state of Maine; and

Whereas, such lobsters would be shipped to other states via Maine by airplane or boat under the present law; and

Whereas, it is necessary that Maine people be allowed to transport such lobsters by truck into other states providing the provisions of this legislation are met; and

Whereas, many people will lose much revenue unless this legislation is enacted; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, the following:

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble,

this act shall take effect when approved.

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

Report of the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act for State Forest Fire Prevention and Control in Organized Towns" (S. P. 528) (L. D. 1058) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to S. P. 528, L. D. 1058 Bill "An Act for State Forest Fire Prevention and Control in Organized Towns."

Amend said bill by striking out in the 9th line of Sec. 2 the figures "184,093" and inserting in place thereof the figures "182,093."

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

**Tabled**

Report of the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Applications for Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 449) (L. D. 799) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to S. P. 449, L. D. 799 Bill "An Act

Relating to Applications for Liquor Licenses."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the period in the 14th line of said bill the underline words '**except a bona fide prospective purchaser may apply**'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

(On motion by Mr. DeSanctis, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending assignment for third reading.)

**Senate Report  
Ought Not to Pass  
Recommended**

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Cut Logs" (S. P. 262) (L. D. 393)

Came from the Senate recommended to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

**Non-Concurrent Matters  
Recommended**

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

Bill "An Act to Create the Town of Windsor School District" (H. P. 1675) (L. D. 929)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Whitefield School District" (H. P. 173) (L. D. 629)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Monroe School District" (H. P. 1256) (L. D. 561) which were passed to be enacted in the House on March 9th.

Came from the Senate recommended to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the recommitment of the Bills to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

### Recommitted

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Machias School District" (H. P. 1900) (L. D. 1225)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Orono High School District" (H. P. 1901) (L. D. 1224) which were passed to be engrossed in the House on March 8th.

Came from the Senate recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the recommitment of the Bills to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

### 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:

#### Banks and Banking

Bill "An Act Relating to the Banking Department" (H. P. 1969) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

(Ordered Printed.)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Judiciary Tabled

Bill "An Act Creating the Development Credit Corporation of Maine" (H. P. 1970) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Augusta)

Was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

(Mr. Campbell of Augusta moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Banks and Banking and on motion by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, the Bill was tabled pending that motion and ordered printed.)

#### Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Dogs from Licensed Kennels" (H. P. 1971) (Presented by Mr. Chapman of Portland)

(Ordered Printed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Control of Dogs" (H. P. 1972) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed.)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Judge of Probate and Clerk Hire in Office of Register of Probate of Lincoln County" (H. P. 1973) (Presented by Mr. Johnston of Jefferson)

(Ordered Printed.)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Bill "An Act Relating to Inheritance Taxes" (H. P. 1974) (Presented by Mr. Chapman of Portland)

(Ordered Printed.)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Temperance

Bill "An Act Re-Establishing Prohibition" (H. P. 1975) (Presented by Mr. Bubar of Blaine)

(1000 Copies Ordered Printed.)  
Sent up for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges

Bill "An Act Relating to Method of Issuance of State Highway and Bridge Bonds" (H. P. 1976) (Presented by Mr. Robbins of Houlton)

(Ordered Printed.)  
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Burgess of Limestone was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: It appears that tomorrow morning this House will have an unusually large calendar, and it is also Oxford County day and I understand they have a luncheon engagement at noon-time. There will also be major tax hearings early in the afternoon. So, Mr. Speaker, I move you that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn until 9 A. M. tomorrow, March 16.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, moves that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at nine o'clock tomorrow morning, March

16. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Thereupon the motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown of Unity was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You have before you this morning a report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs showing, in summary form, the General Fund estimated revenues available for appropriation under current laws and the resultant effect after applying Appropriations for Departments as approved by the Appropriations Committee and pending bills before this Legislature. Also attached is a summary of the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus showing bills signed by the Governor, pending bills affecting surplus, and the estimated surplus deficit as of March 11, 1949.

Bills pending before this Legislature need no explanation from me. However, I would like to explain briefly the Committee's recommendations for appropriation for State Departments, Institutions and Agencies in the amount of \$25,473,452 for 1949-1950 and \$26,007,070 for 1950-1951.

We have approved appropriations for the various departments on the basis of need under current laws and have not allowed new services of any consequence. It reflects and provides for the following major services: An estimated increase in population of some 600 inmates at our 13 institutions; an estimated increase in case load of approximately 1,725 cases in our Department of Health and Welfare; an estimated increase in enrollment of 3,537 pupils and 127 teaching positions in subsidies to cities and towns in our Department of Education; an increased maximum grant to Old Age Recipients from \$40 to \$50 per month, which has already been approved by the Governor; an increased maximum grant for Board and Care of our Neglected Children from \$24 to \$30 per month. It provides for the recommendations of

our Governor as itemized in his Budget Message to this Legislature; for Public and Private Hospitals in an amount we feel will reimburse these hospitals for approximately 80% of the costs of state cases; for Normal School Teachers which will maintain a salary comparable to salaries now being paid to teachers in other public schools; for the operating of the new buildings at Pownal State School which will house 344 inmates and 44 employees; new building at the Bangor State Hospital which will take care of 40 inmates and 18 employees; and the reopening of the so-called Downs Building at Central Maine Sanatorium, which will take care of 48 inmates and 20 employees; merit increases to State employees and the continuance of the present \$7.20 cost-of-living increase now in effect.

This, Members, covers the items of major importance worthy of mention at this time, and I reiterate that our approved appropriations do not provide for new services of any consequence and are based on need under current laws.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Gauvin of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Fr. Roger Ouellette, Assistant Pastor of the Holy Family Church of Lewiston, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Friday, March 25, 1949.

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.

#### House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft Tabled

Mr. Wight from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act relating to Street Openings by Public Utility Corporations" (H. P. 1529) (L. D. 860) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1977)

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

Mr. WIGHT: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 1 lie on the table pending acceptance of the report of the committee as it seems to be covered by another bill which is in the Legal Affairs Committee and I believe those two bills can be combined.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Wight, moves that Item 1 lie upon the table pending acceptance of the report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

#### Ought to Pass

Mr. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (H. P. 632)

Mr. DeSanctis from the Committee on Claims reported same on Resolve in favor of Frank D. Miller of Orland (H. P. 454)

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

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of the State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949" (H. P. 1110) (L. D. 536)

Mr. Chapman from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Bond Issues of the City of Portland" (H. P. 1645) (L. D. 997)

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

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Bearce from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve to Provide for a Fish Screen at Hot Brook Lake, in the county of Aroostook (H. P. 1486)

(L. D. 843) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1486, L. D. 843, Resolve, to Provide for a Fish Screen at Hot Brook Lake, in the County of Aroostook.

Amend said Resolve by adding at the end thereof before the period the following words; 'and the Club shall assume all liability for keeping of said screen free from all sticks, leaves and debris so that the same will not become clogged and prevent the free running of water through the same.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and tomorrow assigned for second reading of the Resolve.

Mr. Bearce from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relative to Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 986) (L. D. 417) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 986, L. D. 417, Bill, "An Act Relating to Fishing Licenses."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined words "residents of" in the 4th line of said Bill and inserting in place thereof the underlined words 'residing in'

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

Mr. Chapman from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Department of Electrical Appliances of the city of Portland" (H. P. 1699) (L. D. 1022) reported "Ought to pass" as



amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

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

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"** to H. P. 1699, L. D. 1022, Bill "An Act Relating to the Department of Electrical Appliances of the City of Portland."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 4th line of the 2nd paragraph thereof the underlined words "**a monthly annuity of**" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words:

**'an annuity payable in monthly installments in which said installments shall be'.**

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

#### **First Reading of Printed Bills**

Bill "An Act relating to Amending Complaints and Indictments in Matters in Substance" (H. P. 1965) (L. D. 1339)

Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications of Voters in Primary Elections" (H. P. 1966) (L. D. 1340)

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement of Justices of the Superior and Supreme Judicial Courts" (H. P. 1967) (L. D. 1341)

Bill "An Act relating to Explanation of Constitutional Amendments" (H. P. 1968) (L. D. 1342)

Resolve in favor of the town of Trenton (H. P. 1610) (L. D. 1343)

Resolve in favor of the city of Calais (H. P. 1708) (L. D. 1344)

Bills were read twice, Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

#### **Passed to be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses for Veterans" (S. P. 106) (L. D. 110)

Bill "An Act relating to State Owned Cars for Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries" (S. P. 123) (L. D. 144)

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicle Damage by Protected Wild

Animals or Birds" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 490)

Bill "An Act relative to Hunting and Fishing Licenses" (S. P. 297) (L. D. 491)

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Clams in town of Phippsburg" (S. P. 323) (L. D. 515)

Bill "An Act relating to Retiring Allowances or Life Insurance for Officers and Employees of Savings Banks" (S. P. 399) (L. D. 737)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Penobscot Log Driving Company" (S. P. 596) (L. D. 1267)

Bill "An Act Relating to Illegal Marriage and Annulment Thereof" (H. P. 1162) (L. D. 614)

Bill "An Act to Provide Reciprocal Comity for the Collection of Taxes" (H. P. 1302) (L. D. 682)

Bill "An Act Relating to Investment of Sinking Funds" (H. P. 1363) (L. D. 716)

Bill "An Act Relating to the County Law Library of Penobscot County" (H. P. 1489) (L. D. 846)

Bill "An Act Relating to Acquisition or Loss of Pauper Settlement by Dependent Children" (H. P. 1495) (L. D. 851)

Bill "An Act Relating to Exemptions from Regulation of Motor Carriers" (H. P. 1583) (L. D. 905)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Territorial Limits of the Dover and Foxcroft Water District" (H. P. 1658) (L. D. 966)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Penobscot Valley Water Commission" (H. P. 1661) (L. D. 969)

Bill "An Act Enlarging the Powers of the West Paris Village Corporation" (H. P. 1957) (L. D. 1332)

Bill "An Act Relating to Powers of Industrial or Morris Plan Banks" (H. P. 1958) (L. D. 1334)

Resolve Closing East Pond Stream to All Fishing (H. P. 654) (L. D. 1305)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory (H. P. 1959) (L. D. 1333)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read

the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

#### Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to the Ashland Water and Sewer District" (H. P. 755) (L. D. 292)

Bill "An Act Relating to Inspections and Recounts in Municipal Elections" (H. P. 1493) (L. D. 849)

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

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. Burgess of Limestone was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Earlier in this session I introduced a bill to create the Limestone School District. Many others of you have done likewise. It happens that my bill has now been enacted, but there are on the table and before the committees many that have not reached that stage. When I introduced the one to create the Limestone School District I did so at the request of the school board in my town, and I gave very little thought to the figure which they set as the maximum debt limit.

Since the beginning of this session, there have accumulated in both branches, school district bills which, if enacted, would permit a debt limit in various towns totalling well over ten million dollars. It now appears that we have not given sufficient consideration to each and every community in regard to allowing such a large debt. And so, this morning, I would like to ask unanimous consent to introduce a resolve which would amend my own school district bill and would reduce the figure, which was \$200,000, down to \$125,000, which, added to the constitutional five per cent debt limit, would allow the town to only borrow to the extent of fifteen per cent of its valuation.

I would like to remark to this group that I believe thoroughly that it is not sound business, except in an unusual case, to allow towns to go into debt in excess of fifteen per cent of their valuation.

If I am granted unanimous consent to introduce this measure this morning, I will move that it be not referred to a committee, and my reason for that is I do not think it needs to take up the time of the committee. It is purely a reduction of the possible debt limit of the town of Limestone.

I would like further to state as your majority floor leader that you who have school district bills before this Legislature in any position should give due consideration to your own debt situation, and, if you find it possible to ask further consideration of your particular school district bill with the idea of keeping your town on a more sound basis, I believe it should be done.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask unanimous consent to introduce a bill.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, presents a bill and requests unanimous consent for its introduction. The Clerk will read the title.

Bill "An Act amending the Limestone School District."

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the reception of the bill? The Chair hears none and it has been received by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognizes the same gentleman.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire if I would be in order now to move that the rules be suspended and that the bill be given its first and second readings without reference to a committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is in order, and moves that the bill be given its first and second readings without reference to a committee, under suspension of the rules.

Thereupon the bill was given its two several readings under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

On motion by Mr. Gates of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the 23rd tabled and unassigned matter, Committee Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act relating to Annual Audits for Cities, Towns, Plantations, Village Corporations, Sewer Districts, School Districts and School Activity Funds" (H. P. 1051) (L. D. 467) tabled on March 10th by that gentleman pending adoption; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, the House voted to take from the table the 15th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Houlton Water Company" (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 476) tabled on March 8th by that gentleman pending first reading.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was given its two several readings.

Mr. Robbins, of Houlton, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1070, L. D. 476, Bill "An Act Relating to the Houlton Water Company."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last 2 lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Houlton Sewerage Company; and said bonds to the amount of \$200,000 may be purchased and held by the savings banks of Maine.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was tomorrow assigned for third reading.

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

If there are no further items of business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Merritt of Mapleton,

Adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.