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Tuesday, March 29, 1949

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

Prayer by the Rev. Fr. Begin of Lewiston.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Senate Reports of Committees
Ought Not to Pass**

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Cathance Stream and Bradley Pond (S. P. 225) (L. D. 354)

Report of the Committee on Public Health reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Manufacture and Sale of Bedding and Upholstered Furniture" (S. P. 550) (L. D. 1170)

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 Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the State Treasury Due to Insufficient Appropriations (S. P. 606) (L. D. 1297)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Racing Commission Due to Insufficient Appropriations" (S. P. 607) (L. D. 1298)

Report of the Committee on Education reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to State Assistance for Supervision" (S. P. 609) (L. D. 1300)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Conveyance or Board of Children" (S. P. 608) (L. D. 1299)

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Power of Certain

Corporations to Hold Property" (S. P. 503) (L. D. 1004)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Interference with Certain Officers" (S. P. 521) (L. D. 1053)

Report of the Committee on State Sanatoriums reporting same on Resolve in Favor of Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association (S. P. 492) (L. D. 952)

Report of the Committee on Temperance reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Wholesale Sale of Spirituous and Vinous Liquor" (S. P. 541) (L. D. 1103)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Relating to Sale of Malt Liquor by Trade Name" (S. P. 512) (L. D. 1011)

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.

**Ought to Pass with Committee
Amendment**

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of the Judge and of the Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court" (S. P. 365) (L. D. 582) 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. 365, L. D. 582, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of the Judge and of the Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,100" in

the 12th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,800',

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$1,500" in the 13th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,200',

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

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act Relating to Explanation of Constitutional Amendments" (H. P. 1968) (L. D. 1342) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 16th.

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

In the House, the House voted to recede from its action taken on March 16th, whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

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

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1968, L. D. 1342, Bill "An Act Relating to Explanation of Constitutional Amendments."

Amend said bill by striking out the title and adding in place thereof the following: '**AN ACT Relating to Explanation of Constitutional Amendments and State-wide Referendum.**'

Further amend said bill in the 4th line of that part designated as Sec. 18-A thereof, by inserting after the underlined word "**resolve**" the underlined words '**or statewide referendum**'

Further amend said bill in the 6th line of that part designated as Sec. 18-A thereof, by striking out the underlined word "**approximately**" and inserting in place thereof the underlined words: '**not more than 45 days and not less than**'

Further amend said bill in the last line of that part designated as Sec. 18-A thereof, by striking out the underlined word "**approximately**" and inserting in place thereof

the underlined words: '**not more than 10 and not less than**'

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

Mr. DOW of Falmouth: Mr. Speaker, I move that Item 5 lie upon the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Dow, that Item 5 has been assigned for third reading tomorrow and will come up in its usual order without any need of reconsideration. Is that satisfactory to the gentleman?

Mr. DOW: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

At this point, the House voted to take up an additional paper just received from the Senate.

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

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: At a recent New England conference of Governors, which included our own good Governor, they reached an agreement to join together in their efforts for the combined development of our entire New England States.

Now, this gentleman's agreement, so far needs to have enabling legislation and the item which the Clerk will now read to you, or very shortly, is that enabling act. The purpose is entirely to permit our own good Governor to join with the other Governors of the New England States for the common good of the group as a whole.

The CLERK (reading):

Bill "An Act Relating to New England Development Authority" (S. P. 639) (L. D. 1410)

Came from the Senate received by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, received by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Faas of Benton, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. James W. Barr of Fairfield, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Monday, April 4, 1949.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Unity, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Winston Clark of Unity, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, April 21, 1949.

House Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Bearce from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moosehead Lake, in the County of Piscataquis (H. P. 1140) (L. D. 600) reported leave to withdraw.

(On motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon, Report and accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30th.)

Mr. Carville from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported leave to withdraw on Bill "An Act Relative to Open Season on Beaver" (H. P. 1287) (L. D. 654)

Mr. Hayward from same Committee reported same on Resolve Closing Junkins Brook in the Town of York to Trout Fishing (H. P. 1146) (L. D. 548)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Wilson Stream in the County of Piscataquis (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 546)

Mr. Hill from same Committee reported same on Resolve Closing McIntire Brook in the Town of York to Trout Fishing (H. P. 1145) (L. D. 547)

Mr. Silsby from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of South Portland in Regard to Number of Names on Referendum Petitions" (H. P. 1635) (L. D. 988)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Bird from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Providing for a Vocational-Technical Institute in Aroostook County (H. P. 1961) (L. D. 1346)

Mr. Jacobs from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Publishing of State Notices" (H. P. 1714) (L. D. 1071)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. Jalbert from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve in Favor of Portland Junior College (H. P. 1766) (L. D. 1108)

(On motion by Mr. Grant of South Portland, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Superintending School Committees" (H. P. 1716) (L. D. 1073)

Mr. Muskie from the Committee on Federal Relations reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Disqualification for Benefits" (H. P. 1390) (L. D. 723)

Mr. Bearce from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on Resolve Opening Scraggly Lake, T. 7, R. 8, W.E.L.S., Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 49)

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 Resolve Regulating Fishing in Portage Lake, in the County of Aroostook (H. P. 1141) (L. D. 601)

(On motion by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Tabled

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Portage Lake, in the County of Aroostook (H. P. 1144) (L. D. 604)

(On motion by Mr. Jamieson of Presque Isle, tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report.)

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Relative to Hunting of Deer on Mount Desert Island" (H. P. 1474) (L. D. 888)

Mr. Hill from same Committee reported same on Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moosehead Lake in the County of Piscataquis (H. P. 1343) (L. D. 695)

Mr. Burgess from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Unsatisfied Judgments Resulting from Motor Vehicle Accidents" (H. P. 1577) (L. D. 900)

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act to Create the Town of Cumberland, Chebeague Island School District" (H.P. 1837) (L. D. 1163)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Establish an Airport Commission for the City of Waterville. (H. P. 1641) (L. D. 994)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled

Mr. DeSanctis from the Committee on Temperance reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Permit Taverns to Sell Wine and Spirits" (H. P. 1752) (L. D. 1044)

(On motion by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report.)

Mr. Taylor from the Committee on Welfare reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Requisite for Citizenship for Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 1553) (L. D. 871)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Covered by Other Legislation

Mr. McGlaflin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Relating to Education (H. P. 1697) (L. D. 1020) as it is covered by other legislation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Divided Report**Tabled and Assigned**

Majority Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Repealing the Gasoline Road Tax", (H. P. 1200) (L. D. 532)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. HASKELL of Penobscot
NOYES of Hancock
—of the Senate.

DUQUETTE of Biddeford
Miss LONGSTAFF of Crystal
Messrs. WIGHT of Bangor
DOW of Falmouth
DORSEY of Fort Fairfield

—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. ALLEN of Cumberland
—of the Senate.

CHASE of Cape Elizabeth
—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Wight of Bangor, both Reports with accompanying papers were tabled pending acceptance of either report and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30th.)

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Wight from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Resolve to Open Perry Pond, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1393) (L. D. 726) reported "Ought to pass" in a new draft (H. P. 2019) (L. D. 1405) under title of Resolve

to Open Plunkett Pond, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve, having already been printed, was read once under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Recommended

Mr. Burgess from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Housing and Redevelopment" (H. P. 575) (L. D. 173) reported "Ought to pass" in a new draft (H. P. 2020) (L. D. 1406) under title of "An Act to Authorize the Creation of Public Bodies to be Known as Housing Authorities".

Report was read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary for further consideration.

Mr. Wight from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Excise Tax in Lieu of Personal Property Tax on Aircraft" (H. P. 1806) (L. D. 1147) reported "Ought to pass" in a new draft (H. P. 2021) (L. D. 1407) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Dorsey from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to Road Tax on Motor Carriers" (H. P. 318) (L. D. 98)

Report was read and accepted.

(On motion by Mr. Fitch of Sebago, the House voted to reconsider its action just taken where-by it accepted the Report of the Committee; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, March 30th.)

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of York County" (S. P. 266) (L. D. 396)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds, Southern District, Aroostook County" (S. P. 363) (L. D. 580)

Bill "An Act Relative to Extending Hunting Season on Deer" (S. P. 630) (L. D. 1385)

Bill "An Act Relating to Public Health Nursing Service" (H. P. 853) (L. D. 323)

Bill "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Deer in the Town of Islesboro" (H. P. 1471) (L. D. 834)

Bill "An Act to Effect a Change in the Experience Rating Record Provisions of the Unemployment Compensation Law" (H. P. 1626) (L. D. 937)

Bill "An Act Relative to Open Season on Beaver" (H. P. 2018) (L. D. 1403)

Resolve Permitting Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Incorporated, to Lay a Pipeline Across Property of the State School for Girls in Hallowell and Property of the Augusta State Hospital in Augusta (S. P. 216) (L. D. 278)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Whetstone Pond in the County of Piscataquis (H. P. 465) (L. D. 1402)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Porter Lake (H. P. 747) (L. D. 289)

Resolve Opening Upper and Lower Macwahoc Lakes, Aroostook County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1392) (L. D. 725)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moosehead Lake in the County of Piscataquis (H. P. 1480) (L. D. 880)

Resolve Opening Leighton Brook, Hancock County, to all Fishing (H. P. 1487) (L. D. 844)

Resolve Opening Deer Pond, in the Town of Hollis, York County, to Fishing (H. P. 1826) (L. D. 1152)

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.

Tabled

Resolve Changing the Opening Date for Fishing in Streams in Cumberland and York Counties (H. P. 2017) (L. D. 1404)

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

(On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk, tabled pending second reading.)

Amended Bills and Resolves

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salaries of the Clerk of Courts and Deputy Clerk of Courts of Penobscot County" (S. P. 438) (L. D. 793)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Westport-Wiscasset Bridge District" (S. P. 460) (L. D. 912)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Presque Isle Municipal Court" (S. P. 465) (L. D. 918)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of East Millinocket (S. P. 258) (L. D. 1386)

Resolve Closing the Tributaries to Great Moose Pond to Fishing (H. P. 1483) (L. D. 840)

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 as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Tabled

Resolve Changing the Opening Date for Fishing in Lone Pond in the Town of Waterboro, York County (H. P. 1825) (L. D. 1151)

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

(On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk, tabled pending second reading.)

**Passed to be Enacted
Emergency Measure**

An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Department of Forestry Due to Insufficient Appropriations (H. P. 1904) (L. D. 1269)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-

thirds vote of all members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 109 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly, the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to Clarify the State Library Law (S. P. 171) (L. D. 230)

An Act Relating to Taxation of Musical Instruments (S. P. 254) (L. D. 353)

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

An Act Relating to Shelters or Tents on Maine Forestry Department Public Camp Sites and Luncheon Grounds (S. P. 526) (L. D. 1060)

An Act Relating to Mill Privileges, Dam Sites and Flowage Rights (S. P. 527) (L. D. 1059)

An Act Creating a Merit Award Board to Encourage and Reward Efficiency and Economy in State Government (S. P. 537) (L. D. 1069)

An Act Relating to Pedestrians on Ways (H. P. 705) (L. D. 251)

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

Placed on Special Calendar

Resolve for the Development and Improvement of Baxter State Park (H. P. 840) (L. D. 322)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed and, at the request of Mr. Brown of Unity, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, was placed on the Special Calendar.

Placed on Special Calendar

Resolve in Favor of the University of Maine for Buildings (H. P. 1027) (L. D. 459)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed and, at the request of Mr. Brown of Unity, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, was placed on the Special Calendar.

An Act Relating to Stop Signs at Multi-entrance Intersections (H. P. 1406) (L. D. 765)

An Act Relating to Parking in Dangerous Places (H. P. 1407) (L. D. 766)

An Act Relating to Stop Intersections (H. P. 1409) (L. D. 768)

An Act Relating to Lights on Motor Vehicles (H. P. 1514) (L. D. 856)

An Act to Protect the Blind and Incapacitated Pedestrians on Public Streets and Highways (H. P. 1728) (L. D. 1083)

An Act Concerning the Improvement, Protection or Preservation of Shade, Forest or Ornamental Trees (H. P. 1740) (L. D. 1094)

An Act Relating to Extinguishing Forest Fires by Backfiring (H. P. 1916) (L. D. 1278)

Finally Passed

Resolve Appropriating Money to Improve the Approach to the Fish Way at Aroostook Falls (S. P. 348) (L. D. 574)

Resolve Reimbursing Certain Towns for Losses Incurred During Forest Fires of 1947 (S. P. 569) (L. D. 1234)

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

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.

Orders of The Day

Mr. Clapp of Brooklin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. CLAPP: Mr. Speaker, I would like the unanimous consent of the House to present a resolve. This is for a check which a storekeeper down in my town cashed nineteen years ago in the amount of \$132. This is the only way I can see that this poor storekeeper can get his money, so I would like unanimous consent to present this resolve at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brooklin, Mr. Clapp, requests

unanimous consent for the introduction of a resolve. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: (reading) Resolve in Favor of Alfred M. Joyce of Brooklin (H. P. 2022)

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

On motion by Mr. Clapp, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boulier of Stacyville, the House voted to take from the table the 14th tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act to Aid Small Woodland Owners" (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1182) tabled on March 16th by that gentleman pending third reading.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier.

Mr. BOULIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This is one of those small bills that do not amount to very much and comes in with a unanimous report from the committee that it ought to pass. Now it only calls for an appropriation of \$30,000 for one year and \$29,000 for the fiscal year 1950. All it proposes to do, as near as I can find out, is to send out various numbers of inspectors to inspect small land owners' woodlands and tell them whether or not they can cut their wood and how, and help them sell it. It might be good policy down in the southwestern portion of the State where they have already used it for a short time, but I do not think it is good for our section, because most people up in that territory where there are good woodlots have already sold their wood or else are keeping it, and they are in a pretty fair condition to know where and when and how they want to cut it.

I do not think this bill ought to pass for the simple reason they have too much money tied up in it and it takes too many inspectors

to run around. As I understand the bill, there is an equal amount of money coming from the Federal government to match this, and that will give them practically \$60,000 a year and that would hire eight or ten inspectors to run around and use State cars. They call it an educational proposition. A lot of these woodland owners, I think, no doubt, need education, but I think they are too contrary to accept it, the same as myself. I had rather cut it to suit myself than to have someone coming around and telling me how to do it.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be indefinitely postponed, and when the vote is taken I ask that it be taken by a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier, moves that Bill "An Act to Aid Small Woodland Owners" (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1182) be indefinitely postponed, and asks that when the vote is taken it be taken by a division.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wayne, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I did not think it would be necessary for me to rise this morning to defend this bill, but, due to the fact there is a motion before the House to indefinitely postpone it, I feel I must explain it the best I can.

This bill is designed to provide money enough to hire foresters who, on request of small land owners can go into a small woodlot and advise the farmer or woodlot owner as to the best possible way he can cut the merchantable timber out on his land, the best avenues of marketing, and generally assist the small woodland owners.

I think you will all agree with the fact that in the southerly or south-westerly part of the State there are many woodland owners just stripping their land, slashing it clean, cutting it clean, and getting all of their money out of it at one time. Whether or not that is good or bad for them is their problem, but I do feel that if they knew how to han-

dle their woodlot as a continuing crop, they could probably get money from that land each year to help pay their taxes and it would be money in their pocket to do it in that way rather than slash everything, the mature trees and the immature trees.

This is a bill to make this forestry practice statewide. In the southwestern part of Maine they have been doing it for the past number of years very successfully. The forester over in the southwestern part of the State ran into quite a lot of opposition at first, but after the farmers in that area and the small woodland owners found it was beneficial to them and it was money in their own pockets, they began to ask for the services of the State Forester.

There is nothing compulsory in this measure. The woodland owner has to request the services of the forester, and, on request, he will go in and mark the merchantable timber and advise the going market price and where it can best be sold to advantage.

This type of legislation is taking root all over the country. Just the other day, in the Christian Science Monitor of Friday, March 25th, I noticed this article. I would like to quote from an article written by Kate M. Archibald, special correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. This has to do with the State of Washington. I quote from that article.

"Wood-lot forestry is the new word in this tree-growing area. The forester may be a farmer or the owner of a small timbered tract, but it is the little lumberman on whom attention is now focused—not the 'big lumberman' who, for good or ill, always has been in the spotlight."

Then it goes on and tells what they are doing in Washington. This had a lot of success out there. There is an article in Monday's Kennebec Journal having to do with the same subject at the University of Maine under the Extension Service.

I think it is too important a thing to indefinitely postpone. Whether or not the amount of money hitched to it is too great at this time, I am not in a position to say, but I do know that the Forestry Department has kept their appropriations down to the minimum of what they thought they needed to carry on their program.

This is not compulsory legislation; it merely gives the woodland owner an opportunity to have expert advice on his woodland, and it is to encourage him to use his woodlot as a continuing crop, the same as any other crop on his farm.

I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier, does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I am ready to support the motion to indefinitely postpone. My reason for doing that is due to the fact that the Soil Conservation Service is now performing these various services, and all that one needs to do is call up the local conservation office and I am sure a forester will be out to attend to his wants immediately.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier.

Mr. BOULIER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the members of this House that at any time they want assistance of that kind they can contact the University of Maine and the Extension Service, and they have a forester there who is perfectly willing and able to help any small land-owner. As a matter of fact, our present Forest Commissioner was in that capacity before he was appointed Forest Commissioner of the State of Maine.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell.

Mr. CAMPBELL: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I rise to support the motion of the gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier. I feel this would be an unnecessary expense.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier, that Bill "An Act to Aid Small Woodland Owners" (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1182) be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. BROWN of Unity: Mr. Speaker, I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Unity, Mr. Brown, asks for a division. Is the House ready for the question? As many as are in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Stacyville, Mr. Boulier, that the bill be indefinitely postponed will kindly rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Ninety-one having voted in the affirmative and fourteen having voted in the negative, the motion prevailed, and the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Cormier of Rumford, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Baileyville, the House voted to take from the table the sixth tabled and unassigned matter, Resolve for Preliminary Investigation of Quoddy Project (H. P. 1764) (L. D. 1129) tabled on March 1st by that gentleman pending reference; and on motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and sent up for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Farley of Biddeford, the House voted to take from the table the ninth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of the Public Streets and Highways and to the Power of Cities and Towns to Install Parking Meters" (H. P. 1509) (L. D. 816) tabled on March 9th by that gentleman pending assignment for third reading; and on further

motion by the same gentleman the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Spear, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. SPEAR: Mr. Speaker, there is on display in the Hall of Flags, a model furnished by the government and sponsored by the Highway Department, showing the results of controlled traffic on city streets and the traffic on express ways. I noticed it there this morn-

ing and I wish to call it to the attention of the members in order that they may see this model in operation. It is quite fascinating and quite interesting.

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

On motion by Mr. Benn of Smyrna Mills,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.