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SENATE

Thursday, March 10, 1949.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Charles R. Monteith of Rockland.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House

Bill "An Act Providing for the Expenses of the Banking Department." (H. P. 1924) (L. D. 1284)

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Permitting Continuance of Service of State Employees Reaching Seventy Years of Age." (H. P. 1925) (L. D. 1285)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Fire Escapes." (H. P. 1926) (L. D. 1286)
Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve Appropriating Money to Transport War Trophies into the State." (H. P. 1927) (L. D. 1287)

Which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Lincoln Water District." (H. P. 1929) (L. D. 1288)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Probation Officer, Assistant Probation Officer and Clerk Hire in Probation Office of Androscoggin County." (H. P. 1930) (L. D. 1289)

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of Kenneth H. Adams, of Yarmouth." (H. P. 1932)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Guy Howland of Caswell Plantation." (H. P. 1939)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Helen Greene of Bath." (H. P. 1940)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Discriminating Against Persons." (S. P. 576) (L. D. 1239)

(In the Senate on March 3, referred to the Committee on Judiciary)

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed without reference to a committee, in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, the Senate voted to recede from its former action taken on March 3 and the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind." (S. P. 30) (L. D. 5)

(In the Senate, on January 25, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A")

Comes from the House, having been passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence; subsequently the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Incorporation of Bridgton Center Village Fire Corporation and Bridgton Center Village Corporation," (H. P. 361) (L. D. 124) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Comes from the House, recommended to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate:

Mr. BATCHELDER of York: Mr. President, I understand that there is further information which is wanted to be presented to the committee on this matter that wasn't

at the hearing and I therefore move that we concur with the House in recommitting this bill.

Thereupon, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Relating to Funds Collected by the Potato Tax," (H. P. 890) (L. D. 362) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Guides," (H. P. 989) (L. D. 420) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Pensions on "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Clarence S. Chapman," (H. P. 1183) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ervin Lord, Sr., of Manchester," (H. P. 847) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to Schedules of Rates Filed by Motor Carriers," (H. P. 1584) (L. D. 906) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Artificial Light in Taking of Herring," (H. P. 66) (L. D. 25) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The Committee on Ways and Bridges on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of York," (H. P. 788) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of York," (H. P. 789) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, Providing for Certain Construction at the Western Maine Sanatorium," (H. P. 892) (L. D. 399)

reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Trapping in East Pond Stream and Bog in the Town of Smithfield, County of Somerset," (H. P. 467) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Regulating Ice Fishing in North and East Ponds and East Pond Stream in Kennebec and Somerset Counties," (H. P. 474) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Exceptions to the Admission or Exclusion of Evidence," (H. P. 1400) (L. D. 731) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Sale of Personal Property by Minors," (H. P. 829) (L. D. 314) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Mortgaged Personal Property," (H. P. 1157) (L. D. 609) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Entitling Employees of Public Libraries to be Members of State Employees' Retirement System," (H. P. 1346) (L. D. 698) reported that the same ought not to pass as it is covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on "Resolve, in Favor of a Special Recess Committee to Study All Election Laws," (H. P. 134) (L. D. 40) reported that the same ought not to pass as it is covered by other legislation.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to Continuous Driving of Commercial Motor Vehicles," (H. P. 1003) (L. D. 434) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostock, tabled pending consideration.)

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Installation of Head and Rear Lights on Track

Motor Cars Operated by Railroads," (H. P. 1526) (L. D. 857) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, tabled pending consideration.)

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Interstate Transportation of Lobsters," (H. P. 369) (L. D. 129) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act Relating to Hearings on Applications for Liquor Licenses," (H. P. 1549) (L. D. 826) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve, in Favor of Knox Memorial Association, Inc., for Support and Maintenance of 'Montpelier'", (H. P. 1338) (L. D. 1262) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, in Favor of the Maine Historical Society," (H. P. 811) (L. D. 1261) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Procuring Testimonials for the Purpose of Marking the Unmarked Graves of the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War," (H. P. 18) (L. D. 1260) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to the Corinna Water District," (H. P. 854) (L. D. 324) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes," (H. P. 1586) (L. D. 908) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Permitting Public Li-

brary Corporations to Participate in State Employees' Retirement System," reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1923) (L. D. 1264) under a new title, Bill "An Act Permitting Public Library Corporations and Maine Municipal Association to Participate in State Employees' Retirement System," and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Assigning Counsel in Cases Punishable by Imprisonment," (H. P. 1158) (L. D. 610) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1922) (L. D. 1263) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills in new draft read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Milo Water District," (H. P. 661) (L. D. 218) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A"

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certificates of Motor Vehicles for Hire," (H. P. 660) (L. D. 217) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills read once; Committee Amendments "A" were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance," (H. P. 767) (L. D. 303) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Senators:

WILLIAMS of Penobscot
McKUSICK of Piscataquis
BOUCHER of Androscoggin

Representatives:

CHASE of Cape Elizabeth

TAYLOR of Lyman
SANDERSON of Greene
LACKEE of Addison

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the same ought to pass.

(signed)

Representatives:

BUBAR of Blaine
LESSARD of Skowhegan

Comes from the House, the Majority Report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Knight of York, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair notes in the Senate the presence of the Problems of Democracy class of Richmond High School. On behalf of the Senate, the Chair welcomes you here and trusts you will find something of interest to discuss in your class.

Referred to Committees

The following bill and resolve were received, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committee:

Military Affairs

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented

"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)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act to Provide for a Sliding Scale Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II." (S. P. 616) (Ordered Printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

Bill "An Act Relating to Liens on Logs, Lumber or Pulpwood for Ad-

vances of Money or Merchandise." (S. P. 599) (L. D. 1291)

Which bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Ward from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Terms of Court in Aroostook County," (S. P. 433) (L. D. 787) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission," (S. P. 124) (L. D. 145) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve to Repeal Clam Cleansing Research," (S. P. 237) (L. D. 351) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Cobb from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act to Aid Small Woodland Owners," (S. P. 542) (L. D. 1182) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Williams from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Forest Fighter Pay and Aid to Towns in Controlling Forest Fires," (S. P. 556) (L. D. 1179) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Larrabee from the Committee on State Hospitals on Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of Re-commitment of Patients to the State Hospitals," (S. P. 444) (L. D. 796) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills and resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Boucher from the Committee on Temperance on bill "An Act Relating to Application for Liquor Licenses," (S. P. 449) (L. D. 799) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill was given its first reading. The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to L. D. 799: Amend said bill by inserting before the period in the 14th line of said bill the underlined words, 'except that bona fide prospective purchasers may apply.'"

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Cobb from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Bill "An Act Providing that the State of Maine May Become a Party to the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Compact," (S. P. 469) (L. D. 921) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill was given its first reading. The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to L. D. 921. Amend said bill by striking out the first paragraph of Section 1 and inserting the following, 'The Governor on behalf of this state is hereby authorized to enter into a compact substantially in the following form with any one or more of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont, and with such other states of the United States or provinces of the Dominion of Canada as may legally join therein, and the legislature hereby signifies in advance its approval and ratification of such compact so entered into, such approval and ratification to be effective upon the filing of a copy of such compact in the office of the State Secretary.

Further amend said bill by striking out in the second, third and fifth lines of Section 6, 'State Treasury' and inserting in place thereof 'General fund.'"

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Crosby from the same committee on Bill "An Act for State Forest Fire Prevention and Control

in Organized Towns," (S. P. 528) (L. D. 1058) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill was given its first reading.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to L. D. 1058. Amend said bill by striking out in the 9th line of Section 2, the figures 184,093 and inserting in place thereof the figures 182,093."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Liberalizing the Beneficiary Limitation on Fraternal Insurance." (H. P. 582) (L. D. 180)

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

(On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Care of Cemetery Lots." (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 608)

Bill "An Act Relating to Liquor License Fees." (H. P. 1325) (L. D. 639)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Licenses of Buildings for Dancing Purposes." (H. P. 1402) (L. D. 762)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Powers of Insurance Companies." (H. P. 1405) (L. D. 752)

Bill "An Act Relating to Funds of the Examining Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration." (H. P. 1573) (L. D. 896)

Bill "An Act Relating to Payments to Maine Forestry District in Lieu of Taxes for Lands Within Indian Township." (H. P. 1585) (L. D. 907)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Orono High School District." (H. P. 1901) (L. D. 1224)

Bill "An Act Relating to Licenses Issued by Boxing Commission." (H. P. 758) (L. D. 295)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed, as amended, in concurrence.

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 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)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

Bill "An Act Increasing the Number of Trustees for the Maine Maritime Academy." (H. P. 11) (L. D. 2)

Bill "An Act Granting Powers to Portland University." (H. P. 479) (L. D. 154)

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement Fund of State Employees in Armed Forces." (H. P. 584) (L. D. 189)

(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Re-employment Rights of State Employees in Armed Forces." (H. P. 585) (L. D. 190)

(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Dependent Children." (H. P. 697) (L. D. 222)

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 Investments of Savings Banks." (H. P. 726) (L. D. 305)

Bill "An Act Relating to Destruction of Old Bank Records." (H. P. 813) (L. D. 310)

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 Issuing of Licenses for the carrying of Concealed Weapons." (H. P. 832) (L. D. 317)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Collection, Payment and Dishonor of Demand Items by Banks and the Revocation of Credit for, and Payment of, Such Items." (H. P. 834) (L. D. 333)

Bill "An Act Relating to Certificates of Marriage." (H. P. 835) (L. D. 319)

Bill "An Act Relating to Vital Statistics." (H. P. 836) (L. D. 320)

Bill "An Act Relating to the County Law Library of Piscataquis County." (H. P. 920) (L. D. 372)

Bill "An Act Relating to Time of Lighting on Snow Removal or Sanding Equipment." (H. P. 928) (L. D. 378)

Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Identification Number in Motor Vehicle Registration." (H. P. 930) (L. D. 379)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Driven Cycles." (H. P. 931) (L. D. 380)

Bill "An Act Relating to Equipment in Official Inspection Garages." (H. P. 932) (L. D. 381)

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement Pensions for Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland." (H. P. 999) (L. D. 430)

Bill "An Act Relating to Insurance for Motor Vehicles Carrying Passengers for Hire." (H. P. 1001) (L. D. 432)

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Whitefield School District." (H. P. 1173) (L. D. 629)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Issuance of Dealer's Registration." (H. P. 1252) (L. D. 555)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Monroe School District." (H. P. 1256) (L. D. 561)

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

"Resolve, Closing Certain Ponds in Piscataquis County to Fishing." (H. P. 288) (L. D. 406)

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

"Resolve, Extending the Open Season on Gull Pond." (H. P. 572) (L. D. 927)

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

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Gay Brook in the County of Cumberland." (H. P. 653) (L. D. 928)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs." (S. P. 121) (L. D. 142)

(On motion by Mr. Allen of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be enacted)

Bill "An Act Relating to Apportionment from School Funds." (S. P. 130) (L. D. 192)

Bill "An Act Relating to Court Stenographers." (S. P. 147) (L. D. 203)

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 Compensation for State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation." (S. P. 193) (L. D. 246)

(On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

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 Relating to Analysis of Water." (S. P. 236) (L. D. 350)

Bill "An Act Relating to Cremation of Old State Bonds." (S. P. 274) (L. D. 447)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Ricker Classical Institute and Junior College." (S. P. 282) (L. D. 454)

Bill "An Act Authorizing Northern Conservatory of Music to Confer Degrees." (S. P. 306) (L. D. 572)

(On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Duties of the Chief Justice of the Supreme

Judicial Court in the Event of His Disability." (S. P. 309) (L. D. 502)

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Duty of Superintendent of Schools Concerning Habitual Truants." (S. P. 344) (L. D. 570)

Emergency Measures

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Registration for Amputee Veterans." (H. P. 841) (L. D. 336)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Bill "An Act Appropriating Monies for State General Relief." (H. P. 1111) (L. D. 537)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 26 members of the Senate, and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

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

(On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Shapleigh School District." (H. P. 1676) (L. D. 930)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

"Resolve Providing for Furnishing and Operating Two New Dormi-

tries at the Pownal State School." (S. P. 232) (L. D. 346)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

"Resolve Appropriating Money for the Study and Control of the Spruce Budworm." (H. P. 944) (L. D. 385)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 25 members of the Senate, and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

Orders of The Day

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Cumberland the Senate voted to take from the table Bill, An Act Relating to the Licenses of Buildings for Dancing Purposes (H. P. 1402) (L. D. 762) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending second reading; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was given its second reading and laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boutin of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table Bill, An Act Permitting Dog Racing (H. P. 1724) (L. D. 1033) tabled by that Senator on March 2nd pending reference, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I notice my good colleague from Androscoggin, Senator Boutin, has taken the Dog Racing bill off the table, and I am wondering if it is not the proper time for me to take my Rabbit and Hare bill off the table and have a little race around the Senate floor.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair inquires of the Senator if he wishes to make motion to that effect?

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report "Ought to Pass" from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, An Act Relative to Sale of Wild Hares and Rabbits (H. P. 353) (L. D. 118) tabled by that Senator on February 17th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President, I would really like to have this bill recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs and see if they cannot get the rabbits, hares and dogs together.

I have read this bill and if I understand it right—and if I don't I'd like to be corrected—it would deprive any citizen in Maine of the right to buy either rabbits or hares or offer them for sale. I am not a hunter. I am really afraid of guns and of going into the woods because I am afraid of being shot at. I keep out of the woods in the fall. If I go in at all I go in the Spring to see Indians. I hope to do it tomorrow and Saturday.

I cannot see any reason why the good citizens of Maine should be deprived of the right to buy rabbits and hares or the right to sell rabbits and hares. I have read this bill thoroughly and cannot see anything it tries to accomplish except that. And so, Mr. President, believing the citizens of Maine do want to buy rabbits and hares and want to sell them, I move indefinite postponement of this bill.

Mr. ELA of Somerset: Mr. President and Senators, this bill applies only to wild hares and rabbits, not to domestic rabbits and hares. They are a wild game animal and it is the thought of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game that none of our wild game in the woods should be exploited for commercial purposes. I hope the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, does not prevail.

Mr. VARNEY of Washington: Mr. President, coming from a section of the State where more blueberries are produced, probably than in any section in the world I am in favor of the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, because we find in our section that a great many rabbits do great damage to the blueberries and in some instances are very destructive. Because of the fact that they are perhaps very thick in some sections of the County of Washington, it results in a great deal of loss to the blueberry crop. We would like to have rabbits exterminated there because very little is done there in hunting rabbits from the standpoint of the game hunter. I hope the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, will prevail.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President, I think someone ought to go to Mr. Webster's dictionary and explain to me the difference between the wild and tame hare and especially between the wild and tame rabbit. Possibly I have been brought up the wrong way. I always understood a rabbit was the little rabbit you kept around your house and a hare was one of the young fellows that lived out in the woods. Possibly I am wrong on that.

I still maintain I cannot see why the law should be changed and why we should not have the privilege of buying either hares or rabbits.

Mr. ELA: Mr. President, the wording in Chapter 33, Section 95 of the Game laws. I note also in that section that it is unlawful for any person to kill or have in his possession more than four rabbits taken in any one day. Many people do hunt them as a matter of sport and if we put it on a commercial basis there will soon not be too many to hunt.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, that the bill be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, the bill was laid upon the table pending the motion to indefinitely postpone.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.