

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, April 5, 1949

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Martin Storms of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**From the House**

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate and Clerk Hire in Office of Register of Probate in Androscoggin County." (S. P. 554) (L. D. 1177)

(In the Senate on April 1, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and by Senate Amendment "A.")

Comes from the House, recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken on April 1; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

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

(In the Senate on April 1, passed to be engrossed.)

Comes from the House, recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, under suspension of the rules, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken on April 1; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports**

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Provide Schooling in Brunswick for Tuition Pupils from Certain Other Towns," (H. P. 1255) (L. D. 538) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary to which was recommended Bill "An Act Relating to Notice in the Small Claims Law," (H. P. 1633) (L. D. 986) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Uniform Veterans' Guardianship Act," (H. P. 1634) (L. D. 987) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Portland re Form of Ballot," (H. P. 1649) (L. D. 956) reported that the same ought to pass.

The committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Relating to Sirens on Motor Vehicles Used by Deputy Sheriffs," (H. P. 1938) (L. D. 1312) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Relating to Overtaking and Passing School Buses," (H. P. 489) (L. D. 164) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 2025) (L. D. 1414) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending assignment for second reading.)

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Require Stop Lights on School Buses," (H. P. 321) (L. D. 101) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 2023) (L. D. 1412) 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 Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Creating the Development Credit Corporation of Maine," (H. P. 1970) (L. D. 1358) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Welfare Claims Against Estates," (H. P. 1910) (L. D. 1273) 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 Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Lobster Licenses," (H. P. 720) (L. D. 262) reported that the same ought to pass. (signed)

Senators:

SLEEPER of Knox  
BROWN of Washington  
LARRABEE of Sagadahoc

Representatives:

PRINCE of Harpswell  
BUCKNAM of Whiting  
LITTLEFIELD of Kennebunk  
AMES of Vinalhaven  
HANSON of Machiasport  
PHILLIPS of Southwest Harbor

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought not to pass.

(signed)

Representative:

STEVENS of Boothbay

Comes from the House, the Majority Report read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Sleeper of Knox, the Majority "Ought to Pass" report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act Relating to Powers and Duties of Liquor Inspectors." (S. P. 530) (L. D. 1068)

Bill "An Act Relating to Ballots." (S. P. 644) (L. D. 1420)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Aeronautical Fund." (S. P. 645) (L. D. 1419)

Which bills were severally read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Larrabee from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Regulating the Sale of Clams for Eating Establishments," (S. P. 525) (L. D. 1057) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Smelt Fishing in Dennys River in Washington County," (S. P. 509) (L. D. 1009) reported that leave be granted to withdraw."

Mr. Sleeper from the same Committee on "Resolve Directing Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries to Make Study of Herring and Means of Avoiding Their Depletion," (S. P. 366) (L. D. 583) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Sleeper of Knox, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Fee for Commercial Shellfish License," (S. P. 491) (L. D. 951) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Larrabee from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Clams," (S. P. 179) (L. D. 237) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Sleeper from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in St. George River in the Town of Warren," (S. P. 251) (L. D. 357) reported that the same

ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

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

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to L. D. 357. Amend said bill by striking out the word 'Saturday' in the next to the last line of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the word 'Sunday'.

Further amend said bill by striking out the word 'Sunday' in the last line of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the word 'Monday'."

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

Mr. Batchelder from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Pension for Chief of Police of City of Lewiston," (S. P. 355) (L. D. 563) 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. 563. Amend said bill by inserting in the 7th line thereof, after the stricken out words 'as such', the following underlined words 'in any capacity in the police department.'"

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

Mr. Hopkins from the Committee on State Hospitals on Bill "An Act Establishing Infirmaries at the State Hospitals," (S. P. 629) (L. D. 1378) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 650) under a new title, "Resolve Authorizing the Legislative Research Committee to Study the Advisability of Infirmaries and Home for the Aged," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that the bill be laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Senator care to have the bill printed?

Mr. HOPKINS: Mr. President, the purpose of my motion was to avoid printing.

Thereupon, the bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Empower the Legislature with the Consent of the People to Authorize the Issuance of State Bonds for any Purpose Stated in the Constitution." (H. P. 1571) (L. D. 885)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Retail Store Malt Liquor Licenses." (H. P. 1838) (L. D. 1195)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fire Escapes." (H. P. 1926) (L. D. 1286)

Bill "An Act to Validate the Acts of the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery Association and to Authorize the Transfer to and Acceptance by the City of Brewer of that Association's Cemetery and Trust Funds." (H. P. 1933) (L. D. 1308)

Bill "An Act to Provide Civil Service Rights to the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief of the City of South Portland." (H. P. 1935) (L. D. 1310)

"Resolve Authorizing Town of Harpswell to Fill Certain Waters for Road." (H. P. 1936) (L. D. 1311)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Selling Liquor Near Togus Hospital." (H. P. 2024) (L. D. 1413)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts in Sagadahoc County." (H. P. 757) (L. D. 294)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Judge and Clerk Hire of the Municipal Court of Waterville." (H. P. 941) (L. D. 382)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Bangor

Municipal Court." (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 597)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Bulk Sales Act." (H. P. 1505) (L. D. 812)

Bill "An Act Relating to Entertainment and Recreation on Sunday." (H. P. 1506) (L. D. 813)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Dealer's Registration." (H. P. 1515) (L. D. 890)

Bill "An Act Relating to Establishing Boundaries of State Highways." (H. P. 1873) (L. D. 1213)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Allocation of Moneys by Governor and Council." (S. P. 66) (L. D. 47)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Spencer Lake in Somerset County." (S. P. 203) (L. D. 266)

Bill "An Act Creating the State Board of Education." (S. P. 204) (L. D. 488)

(On motion by Mr. Varney of Washington, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for Completion of Dairy Barn at Augusta State Hospital." (S. P. 159) (L. D. 227)

Bill "An Act Creating a State Commission of Nursing Attendant Education." (S. P. 269) (L. D. 442)

(On motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

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)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

### Orders of the Day

Mr. Cobb of Oxford was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. COBB: Mr. President and members of the Senate, you will find on your desks an orange from Florida. I have received a note which is headed, "From the Southernmost Atlantic Seaboard State to the Northernmost," which I will read to you:

"This gift of golden fruit comes to you from the Chamber of Commerce of Vero Beach, Florida, heart of the Indian River Fruit Country, 'Where the Tropics Begin.'

"In 1917 families from Maine purchased citrus groves here and helped with the pioneer building of a small but vigorous Florida city. These families are still here, and we cordially invite you to visit us. We hope you will enjoy these oranges, the finest raised in our United States. We are now the home of the Dodgers Baseball Club, as you are reading in your papers and hearing on your radios."

This is from the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, Vero Beach, Florida.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report "Ought Not to Pass" from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill, An Act to Create an Industrial Safety Code Commission (S. P. 379) (L. D. 645) tabled by that Senator on March 31st, and today assigned, pending acceptance of the report and the Chair recognized that Senator.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I have never before been guilty of attempting to "dress the body prior to burial." I recognize that this bill will not pass in this legislature, but since it is Tuesday morning, and since we do not appear to have too much on the calendar, I would like to recite—and I hope I may be brief—a few of the reasons why I think this type of legislation will some day be passed in the State of Maine.

On a national basis, we currently have about two million industrial accidents a year in this country. They cost employers and employees about four and a half billion dollars, and at least ninety per cent of those accidents are preventable. Another generality is the fact that safety, like freedom, is everybody's business, and the employee suffers, his family suffers, the employer suffers and the community suffers when preventable accidents occur.

We have seen in Washington three weeks ago a National Safety Conference in which the leaders of industry, labor and government met, and in that Conference, they were very specific in their recommendation that each state enact a basic safety law authorizing some state agency to render working places safe, and empowering such department to develop safety codes to serve as a foundation. Whether or not the State of Maine shall join the other twenty-nine states in establishing that is a problem that will face a future legislature in the State of Maine, and when that time comes, I suspect that one of the urgent arguments of the proponents will be the invasion of the Federal Government in the field. Already, under the Walsh-Healy Act, we have federal invasion of that field, and you have before Congress, today, a bill that would appropriate five million dollars in grants and aids to the state for industrial safety work, and of course that type of thing is always subject to federal control.

Now, what is the need of better safety practice in the State of Maine? We have reasonably accurate records of industrial accidents in the State of Maine, and for the year 1947, for instance, we had 6,152 reported accidents of six-days duration or greater. For the period 1942 to 1948, we had fatalities in industrial accidents in the State of Maine of 53, 48, 45, 41, 47, 36, and 41.

Let us examine what our present statutes are with reference to the

authority of the State for controlling reasonable safety practice in the State, and when the proponents of this type of legislation succeed in having the State authorize a safety code, I am sure one of their arguments is going to be the drastic nature of our present statute. Under Section 4 of Chapter 25 and Section 5 of Chapter 25, we have these words, and I will abbreviate it: "If the Commissioner shall find upon such inspection that belting, shafting, gearing, elevators, drums, saws, cogs and machinery are dangerous, not sufficiently guarded, he shall notify in writing the owner, and the owner shall within thirty days remove that hazard." And the penalties are very severe for failure to do that. Obviously, that type of statute is not practical, in that no individual given that power can reasonably or properly enforce it.

For those reasons, the safety code bill was drawn up. It seemed to be a reasonable bill. I tried to check it with those people who have had experience in other states, and they seemed to agree that it was entirely reasonable. It happens that in my War Labor Board work I became acquainted with a few of the industrial people in the State of Rhode Island, and I inquired of some of those people, and I will quote very briefly from a few of their comments.

First, under date of February 9 is a report of the Industrial Code Commission of Rhode Island which attempts to summarize the result of the adoption of safety codes in the State of Rhode Island: "We wish to call to your attention a press release which announces an eight and a half per cent average reduction in Workmen's Compensation Insurance Rates, which when it becomes effective will show a saving of \$575,000 in premiums per year to Rhode Island employers." They acknowledged that there were a number of factors responsible, but one very important factor in this reduction and future reductions is the result of the development of their Rhode Island safety codes.

This reduction in Workmen's Compensation Insurance Rates is proof that some specific employers who comply with code requirements, and thereby prevent future accidents, will eventually result in further substantial savings. That could be prejudiced, and it does come from the Code Commission, itself.

In Rhode Island there are many conservative New England type of industry operators. The Builders Iron Foundry is one of them. I happen to know two of the chief executives of that company, and I quote from their letter:

"The experience in Rhode Island in getting an Industrial Code Commission established has been very satisfactory. The writer was one who opposed the enabling legislation in Rhode Island.

"It was finally proposed that a temporary Commission function during one year to prepare a few sample codes for presentation to the next State Legislature. These proposed codes were drawn up in consultation with leading safety engineers employed by several industries in the State of Rhode Island. The codes were submitted to a following Legislature, and after publication and hearing, since there was no opposition, a law was passed which created a permanent Commission, of which the writer is now a member.

"In conclusion, it is my opinion that the codes which have been adopted in the State of Rhode Island have been helpful to industry and not harmful. The accident record of the State has definitely decreased in the past few years, and it is natural that the Code Commission of the State of Rhode Island should believe that their work has tended toward the reduction of industrial accidents."

One of the most conservative of Rhode Island industries is the J. & P. Coats company. Comment of the General Manager, J. Colby Lewis, of that company says, "A code commission was established in Rhode Island in January 1946 by an act of the Legislature, and, being well-chosen and given the facts to work with, has been able to set up

a series of codes which tie in with the voluntary codes of the American Standards Association and has caused little hardship for industry commensurate with the amount of good these codes are doing.

"I think it is good business to accept the recommendations of the Code Commission and feel that, over a period of years, it will pay its own way through decrease in workmen's compensation payments and loss of time to our workers;" and he recites the codes already in effect covering the use of abrasive wheels, mechanical power, power presses and drop hammers, construction and maintenance of elevators, escalators and dumbwaiters, woodworking machinery, the solvent industry, and structural painting and painters' rigging.

Mr. Lewis further goes on to state, "The Commission is now working on Codes for Laundries, Dry-cleaning, the Rubber Industry, and Textiles."

I honestly believe, Mr. President and members of the Senate, that this type of bill will eventually have serious consideration, and will eventually come in here with the support of industry. I realize that it has no support in this Senate, and as a test of that, I asked one or two of those whom I consider my close personal friends if they wouldn't relieve my embarrassment of standing alone, and when not one of those members could I get to relieve that embarrassment, I recognized that the bill has been pretty well lobbied.

So, Mr. President, I apologize for trying to give decent burial to the bill, and I move the acceptance of the ought not to pass report.

Thereupon, the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report "Ought Not to Pass" from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds on bill, An Act Relating to Zoning Near State Capitol (S. P. 462) (L. D. 914) tabled by that



Senator on April 1 pending consideration of the report.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President I also rise to give decent burial to a bill. I am going to move to accept the "Ought Not to Pass" report but I would like to tell the members of the Senate that I believe there will be a number of you attorneys here two years from now and I believe that you should try to find some way of protecting the environments of our beautiful capitol. The city of Augusta was very anxious to have the capitol moved here from the city of Portland. Twenty years ago the environs of the capitol were beautiful. I am shocked to see how they have gone downhill. Probably this proposed bill is not the method but some method should be found to keep the environments of the capitol and its grounds on a higher plane than they are tending at this time.

At the hearing there were several opponents including a former mayor, the present mayor and the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. They put me in the position of a defendant who was trying to ruin the city of Augusta. They said it was my fault that something wasn't done twenty years ago. They admitted that the properties were on the down-grade, and strange to say, they felt that nothing should be done. They seemed to take pleasure in bringing to the attention of the committee that this bill is going to keep everything in status quo. They apparently wished to confuse the committee that this was to prevent any commercial establishment from coming into this area. There was no such intent in the bill, and the committee understood it. However — and I agree heartily with the findings of the committee with the very humble presentation by the lone proponent, and the able exposition of the opponents— but one thing I brought to the attention of the opponents was the fact that if twenty years ago they went to a doctor and he found no symptoms of cancer at

that time and twenty years later the doctor found a cancerous growth, that the opponents were in favor of allowing the patient to die rather than have any treatment while there is time and opportunity to save the patient.

Unfortunately in those capitols which have no zoning law it does seem that for some reason or other the environs of the capitol seem to attract the least pleasant type of building. And in those states that have a zoning law the tone of the community immediately rises. In those places that have a zoning law, the values of property immediately rise and the only suggestion made by the opponents was that in their opinion property values would depreciate and the poor city of Augusta couldn't afford to lose any more tax money, but they advocated that the state take by right of eminent domain an area of roughly two thousand feet in every direction and I cannot understand how they would get any tax money if the state did any such thing. "Consistency thou are a jewel." But their arguments were not too consistent.

They may have been correct in their contention that this suggested method of protecting the environments of the capitol was unconstitutional. I do know from what I believe is a competent legal authority that it was constitutional. However, when it comes to constitutionality I find that attorneys differ.

I am going to ask you at this time to try and find some means or method or raising the standards of the community around our statehouse. This is not the statehouse of only the people of Augusta. It is ours. It belongs to every one of us. It is every citizen's statehouse and it is a beautiful statehouse, and the immediate grounds are beautiful, and I would like to see someone come forward with some means or method of improving the environs of our capitol.

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the "Ought Not to Pass" report.

Thereupon, the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bowker of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to the Licenses of Building for Dancing Purposes (H. P. 1402) (L. D. 762) tabled by that Senator on March 10 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator then offered Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

"Senate Amendment A to H. P. 1402, L. D. 762. Amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following underlined sentence:

**"The provisions of this section shall not apply to those cities and towns which have building codes."**

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Turgeon of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report "Ought Not to Pass" from the Committee on Federal Relations on bill, An Act Repealing the Experience Rating in the Unemployment Compensation Law, (S. P. 572) (L. D. 1235) tabled by that Senator on March 23 pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the "Ought Not to Pass" report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Cost of Maintaining Patients at Hospitals for the Insane (S. P. 58) (L. D. 34) tabled by that Senator on January 28 pending passage to be engrossed, and that Senator pre-

sented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

"Senate Amendment A to L. D. 34. Amend said bill by striking out all of Section 3 thereof."

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Boards of Registration (H. P. 1759) (L. D. 1031) tabled by that Senator on March 23 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment 'A' to H. P. 1759, L. D. 1031, Bill 'An Act Relating to Boards of Registration.'

Amend said Bill by striking out, in the 6th line thereof, the underlined word 'more' and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'less'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure '2,650' in the 6th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$2,450'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined word 'more' in the 7th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'less'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figure '\$2,300' in the 8th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '\$2,100' "

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion by the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Allen to adopt Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Turgeon of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to

take from the table Senate Report "Ought Not to Pass, as Covered by Other Legislation" from the Committee on Federal Relations on bill, An Act Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Benefits, (S. P. 574) (L. D. 1237) tabled by that Senator on March 28 pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the "Ought Not to Pass" report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relative to Bounty on Bears (H. P. 1261) (L. D. 662) tabled by that Senator on April 1, pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Ela of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report "Ought Not to Pass" from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill, An Act Relative to Bounty on Foxes (H. P. 1266) (L. D. 666) tabled by that Senator on April 4 pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the "Ought Not to Pass" report of the committee was accepted in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report that "Leave be granted to withdraw" from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on bill, An Act Designating the Counties of Maine on Motor Vehicle Registration Plates" (S. P. 583) (L. D. 1251) tabled by that Senator on March 31 pending consideration of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act

Relating to Practice of Architecture (S. P. 211) (S. D. 273) tabled by that Senator on February 18 pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to the Blind (H. P. 1550) (L. D. 868) tabled by that Senator on April 1 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the rules were suspended and the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken on April 1 whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

The same Senator presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment 'A' to H. P. 1550, L. D. 868, Bill 'An Act Relating to Aid to the Blind.'

Amend said Bill by adding after the title thereof and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble.** Whereas, in order for aid to the blind to be granted the applicant therefor must have no relatives liable by law who are able to support such applicant; and

Whereas, because of such requirements many deserving people of Maine are unable to receive such aid; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to limit such requirements to relatives able to support who reside in Maine so that many of our blind people will not be penalized by hardship and suffering; 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 pre-

amble, this act shall take effect when approved.’”

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Ela of Somerset, the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Williams to adopt Senate Amendment A.

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On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report “Ought Not to Pass” from the Committee on Taxation on bill, An Act Requiring the Portland Water District to Pay Taxes on Its Property in the Town of Standish (S. P. 181) (L. D. 238) tabled by that Senator on February 25 pending consideration of the report.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the Senate accept the “Ought Not to Pass” report of the committee. The previous attorney of the water district was of the opinion that the Portland Water District was not required to pay taxes on land in the town of Standish. The present attorney believes they are required to do so, and therefore, this legislation is unnecessary.

The motion prevailed and the “Ought Not to Pass” report of the committee was accepted.

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On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.