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OF THE

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SENATE

Friday, April 13, 1951.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Walter E. Kellerson of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Order**(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, April 16, 1951 at four o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 541)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

From the House

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Change the Term of Office of Treasurer of State," (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 686) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Comes from the House, the resolve substituted for the report and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. TABB of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that the resolve be substituted for the ought not to pass report of the Committee.

Mr. HASKELL of Cumberland: Mr. President, noting the absence of two of the Committee members, I move the resolve be tabled pending that motion.

The motion to table prevailed.

The Committee on Education to which was recommitted Bill "An Act Relating to Teachers' Contracts," (H. P. 269) (L. D. 170) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1655) (L. D. 1216) under the same title, and that it ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

Comes from the House, the report accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by

Committee Amendment "A" and by House Amendment "A."

In the Senate: The report was accepted and the bill read once, Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment A were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Round Pond and Fry Pan Pond, Somerset County," (H. P. 1617) (L. D. 1177) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, the report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A."

In the Senate: The report was read and accepted in concurrence and the resolve read once. House Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the resolve as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Swan Island Game Preserve," (H. P. 1577) (L. D. 1149) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, the report read and accepted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A."

In the Senate: The report was accepted in concurrence and the bill read once. House Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Relative to the Testing of Cattle," (H. P. 1463) (L. D. 1079) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Permits to Hunt and Fish for Members of the Armed Services of the United States," (H. P. 382) (L. D. 218) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Chain of Ponds, Franklin County," (H. P.

1580) (L. D. 1152) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Arnold Pond, Coburn Gore, Franklin County," (H. P. 1581) (L. D. 1153) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Little Jim Pond, Franklin County," (H. P. 1582) (L. D. 1154) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Crosby Pond, Coburn Gore, Franklin County," (H. P. 1583) (L. D. 1155) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Establishing Limit of Catch of Fish in Certain Dead River Waters in Franklin County," (H. P. 1584) (L. D. 1156) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Creating the Youth Service Commission," (H. P. 1367) (L. D. 958) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Liquor Control on Bill "An Act Relating to Clarification of Manufacturers' Liquor Licenses," (H. P. 1432) (L. D. 1038) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Re-establishing Prohibition for the Duration of the Emergency," (H. P. 1653) (L. D. 1223) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Highways on "Resolve in Favor of Certain Towns in York and Oxford Counties for Snow Removal," (H. P. 821) (L. D. 481) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Fish from Moosehead Lake," (H. P. 1649) (L. D. 1219) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Trappers' Licenses," (H. P. 1343) (L. D. 918) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Open Season on Otter," (H. P. 729) (L. D. 419) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Extending Appropriation of Money

to Improve the Approach to the Fish Way at Aroostook Falls," (H. P. 1634) (L. D. 1199) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Limiting Catch of Pickerel in Brann's Mill Pond, Piscataquis County," (H. P. 1636) (L. D. 1201) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Closing Brann's Mill Pond, Piscataquis County, to Ice Fishing," (H. P. 1637) (L. D. 1202) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Jay High School District," (H. P. 1670) (L. D. 1241) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act Relating to Transfers and Commitments to Pownal State School," (H. P. 436) (L. D. 256) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Deputy Clerk of Courts of Penobscot County," (H. P. 659) (L. D. 375) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge and Recorder of the York-shire Municipal Court," (H. P. 660) (L. D. 368) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Town of Fort Fairfield to Appropriate Money for the Community General Hospital," (H. P. 1136) (L. D. 668) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of the Eastport Municipal Court," (H. P. 1138) (L. D. 670) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of Probate for Somerset County," (H. P. 1216) (L. D. 773) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Probate of York County," (H. P. 1438) (L. D. 1049) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Register of

Probate in Penobscot County," (H. P. 940) (L. D. 545) reported that the same ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Ward of Penobscot the bill was tabled pending assignment for second reading.)

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Western Washington Municipal Court," (H. P. 1067) (L. D. 647) 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 Highways on Bill "An Act Relating to Display of Unauthorized Signs upon or in View of Highways," (H. P. 1079) (L. D. 682) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1691) (L. D. 1271) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve to Make Lawful the Fishing for Cusk in Long Lake and Sebago Lake, Cumberland County," (H. P. 632) (L. D. 354) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1689) (L. D. 1266) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Regulating Fishing in the Fish River Chain of Lakes," (H. P. 1480) (L. D. 1087) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1690) (L. D. 1267) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on "Resolve, Providing for a Pension for George M. D. Grant of Milbridge," (H. P. 765) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1693) (L. D. 1270) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Florence I. Cain, of Clinton," (H. P. 856) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1692) (L. D. 1269) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act Relating to the Board of Examiners and Funeral Directors and Embalmers," (H. P. 1591) (L. D. 1163) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Appropriations for Aid of Public and Private Hospitals," (H. P. 1592) (L. D. 1164) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Sheriffs and Their Deputies," (H. P. 1435) (L. D. 1046) 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 so amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

Bill "An Act Relating to Acquisition of National Forests to Oxford County." (S. P. 537) (L. D. 1274)

Which was read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Smart from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Octave Dauphin, of Arrowsic," (S. P. 88) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Parkman for Support of Llewellyn Woodward and Family," (S. P. 249) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Relating to Reclassification of Highways," (S. P. 355) (L. D. 870) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Repealing Advisory Committee on State Budget," (S. P. 363) (L. D. 877) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

(On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the committee report.)

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Relating to Right of Way at Rotary Circles," (S. P. 51) (L. D. 61) reported that the same ought not to pass, as it is covered by other legislation.

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Welfare on "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Minnie McKinney of Sebasco," (S. P. 314) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Leslie McGee of Randolph," (S. P. 462) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Olive Lovejoy of Rockland," (S. P. 464) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Albert B. Fuller of Searsmont," (S. P. 449) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Christensen from the Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act Relating to Location of Public Utility Structures," (S. P. 408) (L. D. 968) reported the same in a new draft, (S. P. 542) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill in new draft laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

Mr. Marshall from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Water District," (S. P. 276) (L. D. 615) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Collins from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of Sheriff of Kennebec County," (S. P. 175) (L. D. 349) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge and Recorder of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court," (S. P. 282) (L. D. 621) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Complainant and Witness Fees and Costs of Police Officers and Constables," (S. P. 522) (L. D. 1250) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Collins from the Committee on Towns and Counties on bill, "An Act Relating to the salaries of the Judge and the Recorder of the Old Town Municipal Court" (S. P. 284) (L. D. 623) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

Committee Amendment A was read: "Amend said bill by striking out in the 5th line thereof the underlined figures \$2100 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures \$2,000. Further amend said bill by striking out in the 6th line thereof the underlined figures \$1,500 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures \$1,200."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill, "An Act Relating to Salary of Register of Deeds of Kennebec County" (S. P. 385) (L. D. 911) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

Committee Amendment A was read: "Amend said bill by striking out in the last line thereof the underlined figures \$3,500 and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures \$2,950."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Boyker from the Committee on Transportation on bill, "An Act Relating to penalties for Violation of Truck Weight Laws" (S. P. 460) (L. D. 1074) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

Committee Amendment A was read: "Amend said bill by striking out the last underlined sentence of that part designated Section 100-A and inserting in place thereof the following underlined sentence: 'Neither the arresting officer, the State of Maine, nor any political subdivision or agency thereof shall be responsible for loss or damage to such vehicle, its contents or any part thereof as a result of such unloading.' Further amend said bill by striking out the sixth, seventh and eighth lines of that part designated Section 100-B."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Christensen from the same Committee on bill, "An Act to Provide Special Number Plates for Certain Vehicles" (S. P. 504) (L. D. 1215) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted and the bill read once.

Committee Amendment A was read: "Amend said bill by striking out in the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd lines the following underlined words, "except that the Secretary may waive payment of such fee in the case of members of the executive council, president of the senate, speaker of the house, secretary of the senate and clerk of the house."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Repealing Industrial Homework." (S. P. 241) (L. D. 511)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Alumni Trustee of the University of Maine." (S. P. 536) (L. D. 1268)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Support of Paupers by Kindred." (S. P. 412) (L. D. 972)

Bill "An Act Relating to Legitimacy of Children." (S. P. 413) (L. D. 973)

Bill "An Act to Control and Eradicate Bang's Disease." (S. P. 467) (L. D. 1100)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act Relating to Over-taking and Passing School Buses." (H. P. 94) (L. D. 39)

Bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicles Parking in Dangerous Places." (H. P. 95) (L. D. 40)

Bill "An Act Adding Korean Veterans to Laws Relating to Veterans." (H. P. 98) (L. D. 45)

Bill "An Act Relating to Employed Persons in Paper Mills." (H. P. 328) (L. D. 188)

Bill "An Act Relating to Request for Tax Exemption." (H. P. 333) (L. D. 192)

Bill "An Act to Change the Law Relating to Apothecaries." (H. P. 545) (L. D. 310)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Judge of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court." (H. P. 559) (L. D. 317)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Western Hancock Municipal Court." (H. P. 560) (L. D. 318)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Breeding and Raising of Mink." (H. P. 628) (L. D. 351)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Military Law." (H. P. 661) (L. D. 376)

(On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Definition of 'Compact' in the Highway Laws." (H. P. 1112) (L. D. 692)

Bill "An Act to Designate certain Waters of the Dead River as Flag-staff Lake." (H. P. 1124) (L. D. 696)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of the Bar Harbor Municipal Court." (H. P. 1139) (L. D. 671)

Bill "An Act to Create the Veazie Sewer District." (H. P. 1208) (L. D. 766)

Bill "An Act Relating to Police Docket in re Juveniles." (H. P. 1232) (L. D. 785)

Bill "An Act Relating to Fluoride in Public Water Supplies." (H. P. 1280) (L. D. 819)

Bill "An Act Relating to Smelt Fishing." (H. P. 1309) (L. D. 862)

Bill "An Act Permitting Incorporation of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Under General Law." (H. P. 1428) (L. D. 1034)

Bill "An Act Relating to Assessments for Road Repairs in Unorganized Territory." (H. P. 1442) (L. D. 1053)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Dragging for Scallops in Harrington River and Pleasant River, Washington County." (H. P. 1446) (L. D. 1042)

Bill "An Act Providing for Merger and Dissolution of Domestic Mutual Insurance Companies." (H. P. 1512) (L. D. 1118)

Bill "An Act Relating to Mill Privileges, Dam Sites, Flowage Rights, Pole Lines and Roads." (H. P. 1680) (L. D. 1248)

Bill "An Act Relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions." (H. P. 1681) (L. D. 1251)

(On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Resolve Relating to the Use of Purse or Drag Seines in Certain Waters. (H. P. 656) (L. D. 374)

Resolve Permitting the Building of a Fish Pond in Chapman. (H. P. 1369) (L. D. 960)

Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Compilation of Certain Decisions of Supreme Judicial Court. (H. P. 1510) (L. D. 1104)

(On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, tabled pending final passage)

Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bethel. (H. P. 1677) (L. D. 1245)

Bill "An Act Relating to Inheritance Tax." (S. P. 218) (L. D. 468)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalties for Violations of Liquor Laws by Unlicensed Persons." (S. P. 381) (L. D. 907)

Bill "An Act Relating to Deposit of Potatoes into Waters of the State." (S. P. 417) (L. D. 977)

Bill "An Act Relating to Distri-

bution of Antitoxins in Emergencies." (S. P. 418) (L. D. 978)

Bill "An Act Exempting Navy Clubs from Taxation." (S. P. 419) (L. D. 979)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Transmission of Television Signal by Wire." (S. P. 489) (L. D. 1169)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Trustees of the University of Maine." (S. P. 515) (L. D. 1234)

Which bills were severally passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed, and having been signed by the President were by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

Constitutional Amendment

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Additional Signers for Direct Initiative of Legislation." (H. P. 1114) (L. D. 694)

(On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, tabled pending final passage.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the Town of Boothbay." (H. P. 30) (L. D. 7)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the Town of Westport." (H. P. 330) (L. D. 166)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Military Law." (H. P. 344) (L. D. 203)

(On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Non-Resident Commercial Fishing Licenses." (H. P. 439) (L. D. 262)

Bill "An Act Relating to Special Dog Training and Field Trial Areas." (H. P. 630) (L. D. 352)

Bill "An Act Relating to Composite Certificates of Organization of Corporations." (H. P. 1108) (L. D. 688)

Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire of the Lewiston Municipal Court." (H. P. 1135) (L. D. 667)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Taking of Alewives in Winnegance Lake in the City of Bath and the Towns of Phippsburg and West Bath." (H. P. 1186) (L. D. 744)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Digging of Shellfish and Marine Worms in the Town of Yarmouth." (H. P. 1395) (L. D. 987)

Bill "An Act Creating Beauchamp Point Game Preserve." (H. P. 1412) (L. D. 1020)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Towns to Own Scales." (H. P. 1443) (L. D. 1054)

Bill "An Act Relating to Time of Registration of Voters in Towns." (H. P. 1554) (L. D. 1115)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Purposes for Which Cities and Towns May Raise Money." (H. P. 1645) (L. D. 1208)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Scallop Fishing Licenses." (H. P. 1682) (L. D. 1256)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Employment of Women During War and Other Emergencies." (H. P. 1683) (L. D. 1257)

Resolve Authorizing Expenditures of Certain Moneys in Possession of Bangor State Hospital. (S. P. 336) (L. D. 752)

Resolve Authorizing the Trustees of the Town of Houlton School District to Convey Certain Land to the Inhabitants of the Town of Houlton. (S. P. 480) (L. D. 1143)

Resolve to Repeal Certain Special Resolve Pensions. (S. P. 482) (L. D. 1145)

Bill "An Act Relating to Sale of Liquor Near Togus Hospital." (H. P. 1485) (L. D. 1092)

Bill "An Act Relating to Membership in State Board of Education." (H. P. 816) (L. D. 479)

Mr. Allen of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. ALLEN of Cumberland: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, through the centuries, Friday the 13th has been an ominous day, a day in which gloom hangs over the heads of all of us. The sun, as you will note, is not shining, as usual, and we obviously will be very careful during today of what we do, how we act and what we say.

There is one among us who is more unfortunate than the rest of us. Not only does he have to put up with Friday the 13th but he sits in seat thirteen and on his automobile there is a plate which says, "Number 13."

Mr. President, I would present, if I may at this time, to the Senator from York, Senator Marshall, a four-leaf clover. No one needs it any more than Senator Marshall needs it today.

Mr. Marshall of York was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. MARSHALL of York: Mr. President, I certainly appreciate the kind words from the Senator from Portland and Cumberland County where they have everything.

I don't see how he was able to buy a four-leaf clover as large as that. I can hardly see it. Before I take that home, I am going to have that magnified. If I don't, my wife will think I haven't been cheating. I fully appreciate the kindness he has shown me.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table report from the Committee on Judiciary "Ought Not to Pass" on bill, An Act Relating to Redemption of Personal Property After Breach of Condition of Mortgage thereof (S. P. 376) (L. D. 902) tabled by that Senator on April 4 pending acceptance of the committee report.

Mr. WEEKS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I guess this is a bad day for the weak, the poor and the oppressed because I can't fight for this bill any more. So, I move the acceptance of the Committee Report.

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President and Members of the Senate, there is an elderly woman named Susie Moody who lives in Waterville and up to last November, she was receiving Old Age Assistance. She had a small piece of property in Falmouth and without realizing the consequence of her action, she sold it for \$1,600.00 and took a mortgage, and note for twelve hundred and received four hundred in cash.

This automatically disqualified her from receiving Old Age Assist-

ance. She has now used the four hundred dollars and she was advised by the Health and Welfare Department that she would have to sell the mortgage before she could be reinstated on the rolls of Old Age Assistance.

The most she can get for the mortgage due to the small value of the property is five hundred dollars and she was advised by the Health and Welfare Department that if she sells it for five hundred dollars because the face value of the note is twelve hundred, it will be considered a sale for inadequate consideration and she will still not be able to get Old Age Assistance. The only way she can do it is by assigning the note and mortgage over to the State of Maine.

I, therefore, ask at this time unanimous consent to introduce a resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to accept from Susie Moody

the note and mortgage on this property.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid, asks unanimous consent to the introduction of a resolve. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the resolve may be presented.

Thereupon Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Resolve Authorizing the Treasurer of State to Accept Assignment of Mortgage from Susie E. Moody of Waterville (S. P. 543) which was received by unanimous consent, and on further motion by the same Senator was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin

Adjourned until Monday, April 16th, 1951, at four o'clock in the afternoon.