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Friday, May 11, 1951.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Lee C. Good of Monticello.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, May 14th, 1951, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon E. S. T." (S. P. 583)

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Penobscot County." (S. P. 576) (L. D. 1377)

Which was read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Tabb from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Relating to Price of Milk to the State and Certain Institutions," (S. P. 389) (L. D. 936) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Wight of Penobscot, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Clarify the Plumbing Laws," (S. P. 166) (L. D. 341) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Which reports were severally read and adopted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Claims on the following Resolves:

SP 53 Resolve in Favor of Frank S. Naiman of Gardiner

SP 54 Resolve in Favor of Dr. Robert Hutton of Eliot

SP 212 Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Gertrude Lister of Caribou

SP 213 Resolve in Favor of Hollis Leeman of Woolwich

SP 226 Resolve in Favor of Sylvester A. Newell of Portland

SP 429 Resolve in Favor of Christine H. Southard of Hampden Highlands

SP 484 Resolve to Reimburse Togue Pond Camps in the Town of Millinocket

SP 372 Resolve in Favor of Edwin M. Hutchinson, Jr., of Portland

SP 474 Resolve in Favor of Rocco Gedaro of Portland

H. P. 13 Resolve in Favor of Ralph Cooper, of Buckfield.

H. P. 111 Resolve in Favor of Clyde E. Gould, of East Livermore.

H. P. 182 Resolve in Favor of Lyle T. Fernald, of Troy.

H. P. 220 Resolve in Favor of Clinton J. Abbott, of Kingfield.

H. P. 258 Resolve in Favor of Cecil Packard, of Unity.

H. P. 259 Resolve in Favor of Kendall Hodgdon, of Blue Hill.

H. P. 260 Resolve in Favor of Elwood N. Grant, of Brewer.

H. P. 261 Resolve in Favor of Don C. Herrick, of Harmony.

H. P. 266 Resolve in Favor of Roy Stanley, of Salisbury Cove.

H. P. 267 Resolve in Favor of Benjamin H. Gowen, of South Portland.

H. P. 375 Resolve in Favor of Waldo F. Weston of Dexter.

H. P. 452 Resolve in Favor of Albion E. Rowe, of Brewer.

H. P. 454 Resolve in Favor of Oscar Hadley, of Bristol.

H. P. 680 Resolve in Favor of Eugene Dumont, of Berwick.

H. P. 681 Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Gertrude Durgin, of Skowhegan.

H. P. 682 Resolve in Favor of Fern P. Corson, of Skowhegan.

H. P. 877 Resolve in Favor of Peter P. Testa, of Waterville.

H. P. 1075 Resolve in Favor of Raymond Jackson, of Waldoboro.

H. P. 1196 Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Henry Peterson, of Norridgewock.

H. P. 1301 Resolve in Favor of Charles (Lucien) Levesque, of Auburn.

H. P. 1302 Resolve in Favor of Elwood N. (James) Grant, of Brewer.

H. P. 1362 Resolve in Favor of Dr. Arnold W. Moore, of Augusta.

H. P. 1468 Resolve in Favor of Lyle E. Smith, of Salisbury Cove.

H. P. 1516 Resolve in Favor of Claude Boyington, of Prentiss Plt.

H. P. 1566 Resolve in Favor of Verne Kimball of Berwick.

H. P. 1600 Resolve in Favor of Harlan Witham, of Lewiston.

reports the same in a Consolidated Resolve (S. P. 580) under title of "Resolve Providing for the Payment of Certain Damages Caused by Protected Wild Animals," and that that same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Claims on the following Resolves:

"Resolve to Reimburse the City of Portland for the Support of Roger Williams, Gordon Williams, Robert Williams, and Glen Williams." (S. P. 227)

"Resolve to Reimburse the City of Portland for Cost of Burial of Old Age Assistance Recipients." (S. P. 228)

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Blaine for Assistance to Non-Settled or General Relief Cases." (S. P. 250)

"Resolve to Reimburse L. W. Jordan & Sons, Incorporated for Funeral Services." (S. P. 297)

Reported the same in a Consolidated Resolve (S. P. 581) under title of "Resolve Providing for the Payment of Certain Pauper Claims," and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. McKusick from the Committee on Welfare on the following Resolves:

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Floyd Poland, of Bristol." (S. P. 73)

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lillian L. Adams, of Bath." (S. P. 74)

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for James Caton, of Phippsburg." (S. P. 75)

"Resolve, Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mellon Hannigan, of Houlton." (S. P. 112)

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Gilbert Ouellette, of Caribou." (S. P. 176)

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Marie Ange Lessard, of Lewiston." (S. P. 366)

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Vivian Dill, of Mount Vernon." (S. P. 402) (L. D. 952)

"Resolve, Providing for State Pension for Ernest Hardison, of Franklin." (S. P. 404) (L. D. 950)

"Resolve, Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Milton Conners, of Winterport." (S. P. 447)

"Resolve, Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Flossie Mae Shaw, of Lewiston." (S. P. 448)

"Resolve, Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mary Alice Grant, of Greenville." (S. P. 463)

H. P. 70 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Oakland for Support of George Bush.

H. P. 110 Resolve in Favor of Donald Currie of South Portland.

H. P. 113 Resolve in Favor of Harold E. Cash of Scarboro.

H. P. 114 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Westport for hospitalization of Maryon Boothby.

H. P. 181 Resolve in Favor of the Town of Whiting.

H. P. 263 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of North Yarmouth for support of Marion Edna Polk.

H. P. 264 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Columbia for hospitalization and support of Albert B. Reynolds.

H. P. 265 Resolve in Favor of Edith J. Patten, of Augusta.

H. P. 268 Resolve in Favor of Knowlton & Hewins, of Hallowell.

H. P. 451 Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sherman Mills.

H. P. 455 Resolve in Favor of the Town of West Gardiner.

H. P. 575 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Harpswell.

H. P. 576 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittston for Support and Medical Aid Extended to Certain Families.

H. P. 578 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Roxbury for Support and Medical Care of Certain Families.

H. P. 809 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of South Berwick for Transportation of School Children.

H. P. 812 Resolve in Favor of Dr. J. H. Smyth, of Edmundston, N. B.

H. P. 813 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of St. Agatha for Support of Francis Cyr, of St. Agatha.

H. P. 878 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittston for Support and Care of Robert Calnam, otherwise known as Robert Callman.

H. P. 879 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Dexter for Support Furnished to Henry Edward Hamilton.

H. P. 960 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Caribou for Burial Expenses of Old Age Recipients.

H. P. 961 Resolve to Reimburse the Cary Memorial Hospital for Hospitalization of State Paupers.

H. P. 962 Resolve in Favor of Sister's Hospital.

H. P. 964 Resolve to Reimburse Wallagrass Plantation for Burial Expenses of Patrick Lamare.

H. P. 1195 Resolve in Favor of Saco Hospital Inc., for Hospitalization, Support and Care of Miss Anne Lesso.

H. P. 1404 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Camden for Burial Expenses for Harriet May Fish.

H. P. 1467 Resolve Reimbursing City of Ellsworth for Pauper Supplies.

H. P. 1469 Resolve Reimbursing the City of Bangor for Burial Expenses for Certain Old Age Recipients.

H. P. 1518 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Solon for Certain Hospital Expenses.

H. P. 1520 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Clinton for Support of the family of Frank S. Smith.

H. P. 1522 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Litchfield for Burial Expenses of Herbert Thurston.

H. P. 1561 Resolve Reimbursing Dean E. Wheeler & Son, Undertakers, of Oakland, for Burial Expenses for Elmer E. Ellis.

H. P. 1562 Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Crystal for Pauper Supplies.

H. P. 1568 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Madrid for Burial Expenses for Dave Bussiel.

H. P. 1605 Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Albion for Burial Ex-

penses for Charles B. Denanco, of Unity.

H. P. 1606 Resolve Reimbursing Stanley Bros. of Kezar Falls for Burial Expenses for George Day of Porter.

H. P. 1607 Resolve Reimbursing Stanley Bros. of Kezar Falls for Burial Expenses for Herman J. Pike of Parsonsfield.

H. P. 1608 Resolve Reimbursing Town of Roxbury for Aid Granted to Certain Persons.

reported the same in a Consolidated Resolve (S. P. 582) under a new title, "Resolve, Providing Pensions for Soldiers and Sailors and Dependents and Other Needy Persons," and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

Mr. Reid from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to State Owned Cars," (S. P. 332) (L. D. 748) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Inspectors of Public Utilities Commission." (H. P. 1433) (L. D. 1039)

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

Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Revision of State Valuation." (H. P. 1066) (L. D. 646)

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

Resolve, in Favor of Folsom Brothers of Monticello," (H. P. 1074) (L. D. 1339)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Service Retirement Benefits Under State Employees' Retirement Law." (S. P. 237) (L. D. 508)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Disposal of Assets in the Hands of Liquidating Trustees." (S. P. 323) (L. D. 721)

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Connor to Paul Damboise." (S. P. 552) (L. D. 1309)

Bill "An Act to Allow City and Town Employees to Receive Federal Social Security Benefits." (S. P. 574) (L. D. 1376)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify Certain Procedures Under Maine State Retirement Law." (S. P. 217) (L. D. 470)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Members of Boards of Registration." (S. P. 262) (L. D. 560)

Bill "An Act Continuing Bounty on Bear." (S. P. 393) (L. D. 940)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

Bill "An Act Relating to Public Burying-Grounds in Townships of Medford and Orneville." (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 792)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Power of Private Vocational Schools to Hold Property." (H. P. 1257) (L. D. 831)

Bill "An Act Relative to Health Certificates in the Sale of Cattle." (H. P. 1464) (L. D. 1080)

Bill "An Act Relating to Uniforms for Members of Police Department of the City of Lewiston." (H. P. 1587) (L. D. 1159)

Bill "An Act Relating to Certain Structures Used by the Public as Spectators." (H. P. 1651) (L. D. 1221)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Claims of Damage to Motor Vehicles by Wild Animals and Birds." (H. P. 1759) (L. D. 1303)

Bill "An Act Relating to Rules and Regulations Issued by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries

and Game." (H. P. 1791) (L. D. 1360)

Bill "An Act Relating to Use and Possession of Gill Nets in the Fish River Chain of Lakes." (H. P. 1792) (L. D. 1359)

"Resolve, in Favor of Charles Norton Pratt, of Leeds." (H. P. 881) (L. D. 1338)

Bill "An Act Relating to Vital Statistics." (H. P. 401) (L. D. 949)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalties for Violation of Truck Weight Laws." (S. P. 460) (L. D. 1074)

Bill "An Act Clarifying Certain Highway Laws." (S. P. 478) (L. D. 1142)

Bill "An Act Relating to Private Carriers in Operating Motor Trucks for Hire." (S. P. 566) (L. D. 1356)

Which bills were severally passed to be enacted and resolve finally passed.

Emergency Measures

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

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate, and none opposed was passed to be enacted.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1952, and June 30, 1953." (H. P. 1694) (L. D. 1272)

Which bill being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 28 members of the Senate, and none opposed was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

Under Orders of the Day, the Chair laid before the Senate the first tabled and especially assigned matter being bill, An Act Relating to Running Horse Racing in the Daytime (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 580) tabled on May 10 by the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes pending motion by the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Kavanagh to reconsider former action whereby the bill was passed to be enacted.

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I notice that there are two Senators from York County

who are absent this morning and they are very interested in this bill. I feel that in deference to them this bill should be retabled until next Tuesday.

A viva voce vote being doubted by the Chair

A division of the Senate was had. Seventeen having voted in the affirmative and seven opposed, the motion prevailed and the bill was retabled pending motion by Senator Kavanagh that the Senate reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be enacted; and the bill was especially assigned for Tuesday next.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Public Burying Ground in Townships of Medford and Orneville (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 792) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill when originally introduced sought to amend Section 5 of Chapter 54 which is a very short section and I will read the section.

"The County Commissioners of any county in which there is an unincorporated place or places wherein or any ancient or public burying grounds shall cause the same to be suitable fences and thereafter maintained; they also shall cause the burying ground aforesaid to be kept in proper condition and any bushes therein to be cut."

The original bill sought to amend that section by providing that another tax levy would be provided for on all property in all of those unincorporated places and that proposition the Senate turned down rather firmly. The bill that is now up for enactment does that same thing with respect to Medford and Orneville in Piscataquis County.

I haven't any hard feelings toward Medford and Orneville in Piscataquis County. But if the proposition of another tax to be added onto the county tax, the local tax, the forestry district and whatever taxes we have is wrong statewide, the principle is just as wrong with respect to these two communities and if we do enact this, I see no

reason why we are not going to have as many amendments to this thing as there are unincorporated places in the state.

I think the action of the Senate in denying the whole general proposition of another tax to do what clearly is provided for out of county funds is equally wrong with respect to these communities. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. MCKUSICK of Piscataquis: Mr. President, I have no special interest in this. The Towns of Medford and Orneville have been recently de-organized. They are towns of some population and some ability for taxation, rather than all wild land and I think probably the idea originated, I imagine, with our County Commissioners who realize their responsibility as provided in the section which the Senator from Penobscot has read to care for the public burying-grounds in de-organized places.

So, I think the whole proposition simmers down to the situation as to whether all of Piscataquis should be taxed to care for those burying-grounds in the Towns of Orneville and Medford or whether the property of the two towns should bear the expense. I think that is the whole proposition as far as we are concerned in Piscataquis County.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote being had, the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ela of Somerset was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. ELA: Mr. President, in the discussion on the porcupine bill yesterday, certain errors were made in certain statements by me and the Senator from Penobscot for which we both wish to apologize.

We stated and we thought we were correct, that the previous bounty was fifteen cents. We find we were in error. The previous bounty was twenty-five cents. I feel that the error made no difference in the final vote but if the

sponsors of the measure really feel that it did, and if the measure comes back to us as most measures seem to have a habit of returning to us—and I say if they think it made a difference in the final vote—I will personally see to it that the Senate has a chance, through a parliamentary move, to again vote on it if they so desire.

Mr. Noyes of Hancock was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. NOYES: Mr. President, I wish to thank the Senator for his correction of the statements made yesterday and I wish to congratulate the nine who voted for porcupine bounties on the loud vote that they did make because he asked for a division. A division indicated we were in the minority by about two to one but in speaking, the noise we made was certainly equal to the majority vote that prevailed. So, I consider that a moral victory and I don't think the fifteen cents had anything to do with the vote.

On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officers of Androscoggin County (S. P. 422) (L. D. 982) tabled by that Senator on May 9 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Increasing Salaries of Oxford County Officers and Clerk Hire (S. P. 445) (L. D. 1008) tabled by that Senator on May 2 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Brewer of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act to Increase the Salaries of Certain County Officers in Washington County (H. P. 941) (L. D. 537) tabled by that Senator on April 20 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Tabb of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to the Liquor Commission (H. P. 1786) (L. D. 1346) tabled by that Senator on May 9 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment:

Senate Amendment A to L. D. 1346. "Amend said bill by striking out Section One thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'R. S., C. 57, Sec. 6, Subsection IV-A Addition, Subsection 4-A of Section 6, R. S. C. 57 is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new sub-section to be numbered IV-A to read as follows: 'IV-A. The commission at all times and with respect to all policies shall neither discriminate against nor in favor of any person, firm or corporation because of its residence or non-residence in the state except as provided for in Subsection IV of this section.' Further amend said bill by striking out Section Two thereof."

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot the bill and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, for the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, that a message be sent the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both of the legislature to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to the Honorable Charles C. Ralls, of Seattle, Washington, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and his official party, an invitation to attend the convention and address to the same such remarks as he may be pleased to make.

The Secretary retired from the Senate Chamber to convey the message.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to County Commissioners of Androscoggin County (S. P. 190) (L. D. 407) tabled by that Senator on March 1st, pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BOUCHER: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill has now become void due to the fact that we have just enacted another bill concerning the Androscoggin County Commissioners which has the same purpose denoted as this bill, among other things, and I now move the indefinite postponement of the bill.

The motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to Funeral Expenses Under Old Age Assistance Law (H. P. 1285) (L. D. 823) tabled by that Senator on March 29th pending passage to be enacted.

Mr. BREWER of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I move the indefinite postponement of this bill. This involves the sum of \$30,000 for each of the two years and I would like to say to the Senate that for I don't know how many years there was no allowance made for funeral expenses of paupers. In the special session they were given a hundred dollars for each funeral with the understanding that they could collect from the relatives of the deceased. This would add fifty dollars more to that amount and I feel that with the money the undertakers pick up from the relatives they wouldn't be penalized if this bill didn't pass, and for that reason I make that motion.

Mr. WARD of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, in 1928, I believe it was, I happened to be one of the overseers in Millinocket and at that time the allowance for pauper funerals was \$100 and certainly since then the

price of everything has very considerably increased. I certainly think that this increase in this particular matter should be allowed and I oppose the motion for indefinite postponement.

Mr. McKUSICK of Piscataquis: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill was heard by the Welfare Committee and it came out with a Unanimous Report Ought to Pass. At the time, it seemed a worthy request. At that time, we did not have the financial picture of the State before us. But since, we have found it necessary to cut down the amount of money available—

At this point, the Secretary returned from the House of Representatives and announced that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mr. McKUSICK:—As I was saying, at that time we did not have the full financial picture of the State and since that time we have found it necessary to cut down the amounts for those living under the Old Age Assistance program.

And because it does not seem that there is the money available, I am obliged, perhaps somewhat regretfully, to go along with the motion of Senator Brewer.

Mr. BREWER of Aroostook: Mr. President, may I ask through the Chair a question from Senator McKusick?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may state his question and the Senator may answer if he sees fit.

Mr. BREWER: Senator McKusick, is it a fact that when they were paid in years previous \$100.00, that they were not allowed to collect from the relatives over and above that, do you know?

Mr. McKUSICK: Mr. President, I can not answer that definitely but I have always had the impression that they were not. I couldn't give him any definite impression but that has always been my impression.

Mr. BOYKER of Oxford: Mr. President and members of the Senate, as chairman of the Board of Selectmen, I have found that it is

impossible to collect from the relatives. We have had a hundred dollars and that has gone to the undertaker and that is all he has received in many cases which I have dealt with. It will be impossible to collect from relatives in very many cases.

At this point, a message was received from the House of Representatives by its Clerk Harvey Pease, that the House concurred in the proposal for a Joint Convention to be held forthwith in the Halls of the House.

Mr. WEEKS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I too have had a little experience with this situation. In the first place, I do not believe anyone will deny the fact that we should give at least minimum consideration to a pauper who has passed on. It is true that we make every effort in our town to collect from these people when there are those who have an obligation to pay and we get it. It is also true that burials have been made in the last few years that cost more than a hundred dollars and there have been a number of claims in that situation. Undertakers have come here and put in claims for the balance and they have made a very proper argument and the claims have been allowed. So whether you allow it by statute or by a bill presented to the legislature, you are doing exactly what this bill calls for. We do recognize changing conditions.

Mr. ELA of Somerset: Mr. President, I can answer one question. If the relatives wish to add to the hundred dollars, they may up to \$75 and the state will still pay them \$100. If the relatives want a better than \$175 funeral, they must pay the whole thing. Surgeons, dentists and other professions do a certain amount of charity work. I don't think a single soul will be left unburied if we leave it alone. We

have reduced the amount of money for Old Age Assistance and I feel in this case that I must go along with the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator McKusick; and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Brewer.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Brewer, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

A viva voce vote being had, The motion prevailed and the bill was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Relating to the Liquor Commission (H. P. 1786) (L. D. 1346) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending motion by Senator Barnes to adopt Senate Amendment A; and on further motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

At this point, the Senate retired to the Hall of the House where a Joint Convention was formed.

(For proceedings of Joint Convention see House Report.)

In the Senate:

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

Mr. SLEEPER of Knox: Mr. President, I move that the Senate recess until four o'clock this afternoon.

A viva voce vote being had, The motion did not prevail.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin

Adjourned until Monday, May 14 at two o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time.