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**OF THE**

*Ninety-Sixth Legislature*

**OF THE**

**STATE OF MAINE**

**1953**

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## HOUSE

Tuesday, March 10, 1953

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Warren E. Mesler of Wayne.

The Members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

At this point a message was received from the Senate, borne by Secretary Winslow of that body, proposing a Solemn Joint Convention of both branches of the Legislature to be held in the Hall of the House forthwith for the purpose of considering such resolutions as may seem fitting in relation to the untimely death of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, Justice Harold H. Murchie.

The SPEAKER: The Chair hears the message and thanks the messenger.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that the House concur with the Senate in the proposal for a Solemn Joint Convention, and that a message be sent to the Senate announcing the concurrence of the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves that the House concur with the Senate in the proposal for a Solemn Joint Convention, and that a message be sent to the Senate announcing the concurrence of the House. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will charge the Clerk with conveying the message to the Senate.

Thereupon, the Clerk was charged with and conveyed a message to the Senate, informing that body that the House concurred in the proposal for a Solemn Joint Convention.

The Clerk subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

The SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair notes the presence in the bal-

cony of the Hall of the House of a group of seventy students from the Skowhegan Junior High School, in charge of Mr. Wallace Cunningham and Mrs. Wood.

In behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a very cordial and hearty welcome. (Applause)

At this point, the Senate entered the Hall amid the applause of the House, the Members rising, and a Joint Convention was formed.

### In Convention

The President of the Senate, Honorable Nathaniel M. Haskell, in the Chair.

CHAIRMAN HASKELL: The Convention will be in order.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell.

Senator HASKELL: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Joint Convention: As one of the many members of this 96th Legislature who has been privileged to enjoy the friendship and association of the late Chief Justice Harold Hall Murchie, I humbly ask the indulgence of this Convention.

Justice Murchie was my friend and I shall speak of him as such and not to his talents or to his accomplishments as a jurist. To his fellow-members of the Bar I leave in good hands the task of recording that phase of his life.

He was born in Calais, on March 8th, 1888, the son of George A. Murchie and Cora Harmon Murchie. His sudden death occurred last Saturday afternoon, March 7, at Calais, one day short of his sixty-fifth birthday. Those years have been filled with achievements. He was educated in the schools of Calais, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1909, from Harvard Law School in 1912. He first practiced law in Augusta, and was an Assistant Attorney General in 1913-1914, returning to his home city to practice law in 1914. As early as this in his career he served the International Joint Commission appointed to adjudicate drainage area disputes that then existed between the United States and Canada.

In 1919, he served his first legislative term here in this House of Representatives and he returned to serve his second term at the following session. The records of the

Seventy-ninth and Eightieth Legislatures give prophetic evidence of his destiny in the Legislative and Judicial branches of our Government. Although serving both terms as a member of the Judiciary Committee, his broad concept of major state issues led him into dignified and objective debates on issues far removed from those that concerned his interest as a Judiciary Committee member. As an example, his broad understanding of the banking problems of that troubled post-war period that followed World War I earned for him a place on a Recess Committee created to study the particular problems that then confronted Maine Banks.

In 1925 and again in 1927 he served his County of Washington as County Attorney.

Justice Murchie returned to the Legislature in 1931, this time as a member of the Senate and again as a member of the Judiciary Committee. In 1933 he became President of the Senate and presided over that body during the regular session and during each of the three special sessions occasioned by the trying times of those depression years.

I would like to read to you from the legislative record of the Eighty-Sixth Legislature, a brief section of his remarks that served to open the first legislative day following the pronouncement of the Bank Holiday.

"We who are here in this small body represent the whole State of Maine. We come from every part of it. One of our most solemn duties must be to allay fear. We must willingly receive, notwithstanding our closing orders, emergency legislation to relieve the crisis. We must enact that legislation without being too meticulous about its form or the validity of any particular provision, but we must first of all see to it that nameless fear, unreasoning dread and unjustified terror do not rule within the confines of the State of Maine. Let us believe with President Roosevelt, and let us convince our own people, that our State and our Nation will endure—that they will revive—and that they will prosper. It is for us to hold high for all the people of the State of Maine the torch of courage."

His sound judgment and constructive leadership earned for him the respect of his Republican associates and the gratitude of the Democratic Governor.

From 1933 to 1940 Justice Murchie was general counsel for the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and the Eastern Corporation and it was during those years, in particular, that I gained my lasting impressions of the flawless character that he possessed and not a small part of the sadness that is mine today comes from the reflections of his guiding influence during those years of close association with him.

On August 8th in 1940, he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and on March 3, 1949 he became the 19th Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine.

It is not for me to design, nor is it for me to erect, the monument that he deserves in the 133 year history of the judicial branch of Maine government. That, in all humility, I leave to his brothers, confident that it will be well and ably done. But I do, Mr. Chairman, bow my head in reverence in the simple and humble acknowledgment that in the death of Harold Murchie, distinguished legislator and great jurist, I have lost a friend.

The CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin.

Mr. McGLAUFFIN: Mr. Chairman, I offer a Joint Resolution and move its adoption.

The CHAIRMAN: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. McGlauffin, presents a Joint Resolution and moves its adoption. The Secretary will read the Resolution.

The SECRETARY:

#### STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three

In Memory of Former President of the Maine Senate

HAROLD H. MURCHIE

The State of Maine today pauses in its multiple activities to record its appreciation of the life, ability and character of Chief Justice Har-

old H. Murchie who passed away on March 7, 1953. Chief Justice Murchie was a distinguished jurist, a statesman and a friendly, genteel, lovable citizen of determined spirit in whom principle was a duty to be met and discharged; who never allowed prejudice, malice or partisanship to enter into his social or judicial relationships or decisions. The passing of Chief Justice Murchie brings grief not only to his family but to his associates, his friends, and to the entire citizenship of the State. As an outstanding jurist, he served his State with all his great ability and established for himself a prominent position among Chief Justices of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. His services as an attorney and a citizen were of the highest order and included service as President of the Senate of Maine.

Now Therefore **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 96th LEGISLATURE** in solemn convention assembled that in the death of Chief Justice Murchie the State of Maine has lost an exemplary citizen, a distinguished jurist and a true gentleman.

**RESOLVED:** that engrossed copies of this memorial signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be sent to the members of Chief Justice Murchie's immediate family.

**RESOLVED:** that these resolutions be spread in full upon the journals of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The **CHAIRMAN:** Unless there be objection, the Joint Resolution will stand unanimously approved. It is so ordered.

The purpose for which the Convention was assembled having been accomplished, the Chairman declared the same dissolved.

The Senate then retired to their Chamber amid the applause of the House, the Members rising.

#### **In the House**

The House was called to order by Speaker Bates.

The **SPEAKER:** A paper from the Senate, not printed on the Advance Journal.

From the Senate the following Order:

**ORDERED,** the House concurring, that a Joint Select Committee consisting of the President and three members of the Senate and the Speaker and five members of the House of Representatives be charged with the solemn duty of representing the Ninety-sixth Legislature at the funeral services of the late Chief Justice Harold H. Murchie. (S. P. 477)

Came from the Senate, read and passed, and the members on the part of the Senate appointed by the President are:

Senators:

HASKELL of Penobscot  
REID of Kennebec  
BOUCHER of Androscoggin

In the House, the Joint Order received passage in concurrence.

The **SPEAKER:** The Chair, at this time, will appoint those members on the part of the House in connection with this Order. The Clerk will read the names.

The **CLERK:**

Messrs. FULLER of South Portland  
FITANIDES of Saco  
McGLAUFILIN of Portland  
GILMAN of Portland  
WALKER of Calais

#### **Papers from the Senate**

From the Senate the following Order:

**ORDERED,** the House concurring, that in order that the Record of the offer of a Gift by Honorable Percival Proctor Baxter to the State of Maine of six hundred twenty-five thousand (\$625,000.00) dollars, the same to be used toward the construction of a State institution on Mackworth Island and for a Bridge thereto in the Town of Falmouth be complete and in enduring form the communication dated March 4, 1953 addressed by said Baxter to Honorable Burton M. Cross, Governor, and to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth Legislature, together with the message of Governor Cross transmitting the said communication to this Legislature be printed in the Laws of Maine for 1953 (S. P. 474)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance for State Employees" (S. P. 446) (L. D. 1260)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act providing a Uniform Deposit Law for Insurance Companies" (S. P. 447) (L. D. 1261)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Business Legislation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Education in Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 448) (L. D. 1262)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Town's Share for State Aid Reconstruction" (S. P. 449) (L. D. 1263)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of a Retirement Allowance for Gertrude E. Durost of Mars Hill (S. P. 450) (L. D. 1268)

Resolve in favor of a Retirement Allowance for Harriet McClaskey of South Portland (S. P. 451) (L. D. 1266)

Resolve in favor of a Retirement Allowance for Donald Mathieson of Freedom (S. P. 452) (L. D. 1267)

Resolve in favor of a Retirement Allowance for Annie Pierce of Weeks Mills (S. P. 453) (L. D. 1265)

Resolve for a Recess Committee to Study All Phases of the Maine State Retirement System and Related Titles of the Social Security Act (S. P. 454) (L. D. 1264)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion of Mrs. Downing of Kennebunkport, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Electricians" (S. P. 455) (L. D. 1269)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Apprenticeship Barbers" (S. P. 456) (L. D. 1270)

Came from the Senate referred to Committee on Public Health.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Exempt Automobiles Used in Driver Education Program from the Sales and Use Tax" (S. P. 457) (L. D. 1271)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker College" (S. P. 458) (L. D. 1273)

Bill "An Act relating to Collection of Excise Taxes in Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 459) (L. D. 1272)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

### Senate Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Number of Signatures on Certain Nomination Papers" (S. P. 129) (L. D. 338) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. REID of Kennebec  
WARD of Penobscot  
HARDING of Knox  
—of the Senate

Messrs. FULLER of Bangor  
MARTIN of Augusta  
TRAFTON of Auburn  
LOW of South Portland  
CIANCHETTE of Pittsfield  
—of the House

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. McGLAUFILIN of Portland  
FITANIDES of Saco  
—of the House

Came from the Senate with the Majority Report accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, the Majority "Ought to pass" Report of the Committee on Judiciary was accepted in concurrence and the Bill was read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to S. P. 129, L. D. 338; Bill "An Act relating to Number of Signatures on Certain Nomination Papers."

Amend said bill by striking out in the next to the last line thereof the underlined figure "5" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '1'

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

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Corporate Powers of Railroad Corporations" (S. P. 171) (L. D. 418)

Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Probate of Kennebec County" (S. P. 193) (L. D. 441)

Came from the Senate with the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence and the Bills read twice, and tomorrow assigned.

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Amending the Sales and Use Tax Law as Respects Registration and Other Matters" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 319) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to S. P. 116, L. D. 319, Bill "An Act Amending the Sales and Use Tax Law as Respects Registration and Other Matters."

Amend said Bill by inserting therein a new section, to be numbered 'Sec. 5-A', to read as follows:

**"Sec. 5-A. R. S., c. 14-A, § 14, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 14 of chapter 14-A of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 250 of the public laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"The taxes and , interest and penalties imposed by this chapter, from the time the same shall be due, shall be a personal debt of the retailer or user to the state of Maine, recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction in an action at law in the name of the state of Maine, and shall have preference in any distribution of the assets of the taxpayer, whether in bankruptcy, insolvency or otherwise."**

Further amend said Bill by striking out, in the 4th line from the end of section 6 thereof, the underlined figure and word "1 year" and

inserting in place thereof the underlined figure and word '2 years'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first subsections I, II, and III in section 11 and inserting in place thereof the following underlined subsections:

**I. Has omitted to register within 15 days after the assessor shall have made demand as provided by section 25, or**

**II. Has omitted to file with the assessor any overdue report within 15 days after the assessor shall have made demand therefor as provided by section 25, or shall have knowingly filed a false report, or**

**III. Has omitted to pay any tax required of him by this chapter when the same shall be shown to be due on a report filed by the taxpayer, or admitted to be due by the taxpayer, or shall have been determined to be due and such determination shall have become final under the provisions of this chapter.'**

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 6th line of section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following line: 'applicable statute, shall chapter of the revised statutes may be punished by a fine'

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

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Create the Caribou Hospital District" (S. P. 180) (L. D. 421) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill given its several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill was read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to S. P. 180, L. D. 421, Bill "An Act to Create the Caribou Hospital District." (Emergency)

Amend said Bill by striking out the period after the word "meeting" in the 3rd line from the bottom of page 9, and inserting in place thereof the following:

**‘; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.’**

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Currier.

Mr. CURRIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Out of order and under suspension of the rules, I move that this Bill be given its third reading and pass to be engrossed at this time. My reason for asking this is that we are nearly ready for our next town meeting, which is next month.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Caribou, Mr. Currier, moves that out of order and under suspension of the rules Bill "An Act to Create the Caribou Hospital District" (S. P. 180) (L. D. 421) as amended be given its third reading at this time and pass to be engrossed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was read the third time, out of order and under suspension of the rules, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of twelve members of the Future Farmers of America from Corinna in charge of Mr. Robert M. Butler.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you a cordial and hearty welcome. (Applause)

#### **Non-Concurrent Matter**

Bill "An Act relating to Lights on Boats" (S. P. 376) (L. D. 1039) which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in non-concurrence in the House on March 4.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, the House voted to recede and concur.

From the Senate: The following Communication:



STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE CHAMBER

March 4, 1953

Hon. Harvey R. Pease  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
96th Legislature  
Sir:

The President of the Senate today, March 4, 1953, appointed the following Conferees on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act relating to Sale of Malt Liquor in Non-Returnable Bottles," (H. P. 145) (L. D. 143)

Senators: TABB of Kennebec  
DENNETT of York  
BOUCHER  
of Androscoggin  
Respectfully,

(Signed) Chester T. Winslow,  
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

**Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order, S. P. 29) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act relating to Classifications and Percentage Allocations for General Purpose Educational Aid" (H. P. 1163) (Presented by Mr. Low of Rockland)  
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Providing for a Salary Increase for State Employees (H. P. 1164) (Presented by Mr. Cote of Lewiston)  
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Reimbursing Certain Taxpayers in Indian Township (H. P. 1165) (Presented by Mr. Murray of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Highways**

Resolve in favor of Road Between Rockwood and Long Pond, Somer-

set County (H. P. 1166) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Greenville)  
(Ordered Printed)  
Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to the Livermore Falls Municipal Court" (H. P. 1167) (Presented by Mr. Riley of Livermore Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Parole for Lifers After Thirty Years' Imprisonment" (H. P. 1168) (Presented by Mr. Robinson of St. George)  
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the 'Northeastern Finance Co.'" (H. P. 1169) (Presented by Mr. Walker of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution providing for Two State Senators from Each County (H. P. 1170) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Alfred Howard, Sr. and Ethel M. Howard of Bingham to Sue the State of Maine (H. P. 1171) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Liquor Control**

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Malt Beverages in Unincorporated Places" (H. P. 1172) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Hodgdon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act relating to Interstate Water Pollution Control" (H. P. 1173) (Presented by Mr. Moulton of Sweden)

(1500 copies Ordered Printed)

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking of Blood-Worms in Georgetown" (H. P. 1174) (Presented by Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Towns and Counties**

Bill "An Act relating to County Law Library of Washington County" (H. P. 1175) (Presented by Mr. Walker of Calais)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing a Loan to Hamlin Plantation (H. P. 1176) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

### Welfare

Resolve providing for State Pension for Francis Cormier of Cyr Plantation (H. P. 1177) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

Resolve in favor of Cora G. Byers of Danforth (H. P. 1178) (Presented by Mr. Dicker of Lakeville Pl.)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Gladys Guimond of Auburn (H. P. 1179) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Frank Nesbit of Chapman (H. P. 1180) (Presented by Mr. Lovely of Westfield)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair noted the presence at the rear of the Hall of the House of former Speaker of the House of Representatives, George B. Barnes of Houlton but, at this moment, he appears to have left the Hall.

In the meantime, the House will proceed with orders.

### Orders

On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, it was

ORDERED, that 1500 copies of the remarks of Senator Robert N. Haskell, and Resolution presented by Representative Clifford E. McGlaulin and adopted in the Joint Convention of the Senate and House of Representatives in solemn tribute to the late Chief Justice Harold H. Murchie, be printed and a copy thereof be mailed to each member of the Bar of the State of Maine.

### House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Items of Business in Millinocket Town Meetings" (H. P. 77) (L. D. 72)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. WEEKS of Cumberland  
BROGGI of York  
— of the Senate

Messrs. STANLEY of Hampden  
PETERSON of Bar Harbor  
EVANS of Cornish  
SCOTT of Wales  
HILTON of Bremen  
EDWARDS of Raymond  
CALL of Cumberland

— of the House

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. WARD of Penobscot

— of the Senate

The Majority "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee on Towns and Counties was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Clements from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act relating to Hospital Aid and Aid to the Disabled" (H. P. 18) (L. D. 12) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1181) (L. D. 1309) under title of "An Act relating to Aid to the Disabled" and that it "Ought to pass"

Report was read and accepted, the New Draft read twice and tomorrow assigned.

### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Henry from the Committee on Business Legislation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Danville Mutual Fire Insurance Company" (H. P. 794) (L. D. 848)

Mr. Rogerson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Permitting Savings Banks to Invest in Mortgage Bonds of Natural Gas Companies" (H. P. 792) (L. D. 846)

Miss Steeves from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Powers of Rangeley Trust Company" (H. P. 793) (L. D. 847)

Mr. Tondreau from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Procedure by Savings Banks when Original Book of

Deposit Lost" (H. P. 791) (L. D. 845)

Mr. Alden from the Committee on Claims reported same on Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ada A. Hiscock of Farmingdale (H. P. 490) (L. D. 509)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Angelo Cote of Augusta (H. P. 117) (L. D. 89)

Mr. Fogg from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of H. W. Flint of Baldwin (H. P. 580) (L. D. 622)

Mr. Walker from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Bert W. Paul of Skowhegan (H. P. 488) (L. D. 508)

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Penalty Provisions of the Narcotic Drug Act" (H. P. 416) (L. D. 464)

Mr. Low from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Return Day for Brunswick Municipal Court" (H. P. 523) (L. D. 561)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, the Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is very happy at this time to request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum a former Speaker and an outstanding citizen, the Honorable George B. Barnes of Houlton.

Thereupon, Hon. George B. Barnes was escorted to the rostrum by the Sergeant-at-Arms amid the applause of the House, the members rising, and he was seated to the right of the Speaker.

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills Continued

Mr. Winchenpaw from the Committee on Natural Resources reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Convey a Right of Way Over State Owned Land in Littleton (H. P. 842) (L. D. 881)

Report was read and accepted, the Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Call from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported

"Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Members of Boards of Registration" (H. P. 606) (L. D. 605)

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

(On motion of Mr. Totman of Bangor, the Bill with accompanying papers was tabled pending assignment for third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 17.)

Mr. Edwards from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported "Ought to Pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Judge and Recorder of Northern Cumberland County Municipal Court" (H. P. 875) (L. D. 946)

Mr. Peterson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of County Officers and Clerk Hire in Piscataquis County" (H. P. 611) (L. D. 610)

Miss Lawry from the Committee on Welfare reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Divesting Property in Qualifications for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (H. P. 199) (L. D. 209)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice, the Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, from the Committee on Welfare, to which was recommitted, after having been read three times in the House, House Paper 199, Legislative Document 209, Bill "An Act relating to Divesting Property in Qualifications for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" and the Committee Amendment previously reported by the Committee having been adopted, now reports that the bill "Ought to pass" without amendment. Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the report?

The motion prevailed, and the House then voted, under suspension of the rules, to reconsider its former action whereby Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Thereupon, the Bill, having had its three several readings, was passed to be engrossed without amendment and sent to the Senate.

### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Woodcock from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Charter of the Old Town High School District" (H. P. 977) (L. D. 1065) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to H. P. 977, L. D. 1065, Bill "An Act Relating to the Charter of the Old Town High School District." (Emergency)

Amend said Bill by striking out the last paragraph thereof and inserting the following:

'Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble hereof, this Act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within said district, at any regular or special election called and held for the purpose, by the municipal officers of the City of Old Town, to be held at the voting places in each ward in said city; the date of holding said election to be determined by said municipal officers. Such special election shall be held not later than 4 months after the effective date of this act, and shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration shall not be required to prepare nor the city clerk to post a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session 3 secular days next preceding such election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to the Charter of the Old Town High School District be Accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This Act shall take effect for all

the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in said district at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote in said district shall be determined by the city council of the City of Old Town and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.'

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

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County" (H. P. 78) (L. D. 73) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"**  
to H. P. 78, L. D. 73, Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Clerk of Courts of Lincoln County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$3,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$2,500'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, notes the presence in the balcony of the Hall of the House of a group of Senior girls from Mt. Merici in Waterville under the supervision of Mother Alfreda and Mother St. James.

On behalf of the House, the Chair bids you a cordial and hearty welcome. (Applause)

Mr. Stanley from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act relating to the County Law Library of Penobscot County" (H. P. 441) (L. D. 485) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 441, L. D. 485, Bill "An Act Relating to the County Law Library of Penobscot County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the underlined figures "\$2,000" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figures '\$1,750'

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller.

Mr. FULLER: Mr. Speaker, in order that the Committee appointed to attend the funeral of the late Chief Justice Harold H. Murchie, may attend to its duties, I now move that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Fuller, moves that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.