

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, March 3, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Alice T. Hart of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Order**

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 8, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 424)

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.

**House Papers**

Bill "An Act relating to Service Offices Established by Division of Veterans Affairs." (H. P. 955) (L. D. 1082)

"Resolve Directing Review of General Statutes of Towns." (H. P. 956) (L. D. 1083)

"Resolve in Favor of Town of Old Orchard." (H. P. 957) (L. D. 1084)

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve Authorizing a Reclassification of Highways." (H. P. 959) (L. D. 1085)

"Resolve Authorizing Study of Proposed Maine-Quebec Highway." (H. P. 960) (L. D. 1086)

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Raccoons in Waldo County." (H. P. 961) (L. D. 1087)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Skunks and Raccoons in Somerset County." (H. P. 962) (L. D. 1088)

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Additional Contributions by Employers Under Employment Security Law." (H. P. 963) (L. D. 1089)

Bill "An Act relating to the Payment of Benefits for Total Unemployment Security Law." (H. P. 964) (L. D. 1090)

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Creating the Baileyville School District." (H. P. 965) (L. D. 1091)

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

"Resolve for a Recess Committee to Study All Phases of Stream and Water Pollution with a View toward Determining a Practical Solution and the Cost Thereof." (H. P. 966) (L. D. 1092)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ruth A. Henderson of Madison." (H. P. 1008)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Marie L. Lachance of Lewiston." (H. P. 1009)

"Resolve in Favor of Nettie Johnson of Brownfield." (H. P. 1010)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Joseph William True of Garland." (H. P. 1011)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Maggie Caird of Dexter." (H. P. 1012)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Geneva Morton of Garland." (H. P. 1013)

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

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Dragging for Lotsters." (H. P. 967) (L. D. 1093)

Bill "An Act relating to Digging Clams in Kennebunkport, York County." (H. P. 968) (L. D. 1094)

Which were referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Class B." (H. P. 969) (L. D. 1095)

Bill "An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes on Class A." (H. P. 970) (L. D. 1096)

Which were referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Tuition Charges at the Maine School for the Deaf." (H. P. 971) (L. D. 1097)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Displaying Names of Owners and Lessees on Truck Tractors." (H. P. 972) (L. D. 1098)

Bill "An Act relating to Permits for Towing Unregistered Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 973) (L. D. 1099)

Which were referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair notes the presence in the Senate Chamber of a distinguished Senator from the great State of Connecticut, Senator Lockhart of New Haven. The Chair would ask the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Boucher, to escort the distinguished Senator to the rostrum. (Applause)

"Resolve to Apportion One Hundred and Fifty-one Representatives among the Several Counties, Cities, Towns, Plantations and Classes in the State of Maine." (H. P. 22) (L. D. 37)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A (Filing 9); House Amendment B (Filing 18) as amended by House Amendment A thereto (Filing 55); House Amendment C (Filing 19); House Amendment E (Filing 21); House Amendment G (Filing 32); and House Amendment I (Filing 34); without reference to a Joint Standing Committee.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, under suspension of the rules and without reference to a Joint Standing Committee, the resolve was given its first reading, the House Amendments were read and adopted in concurrence and the resolve as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

### Conference asked

Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing Licenses to Residents 75 Years of Age." (H. P. 101) (L. D. 109)

In Senate on March 1, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Comes from the House, that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A, now asks for a Committee of Conference.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hillman of Penobscot, the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration.

### House Committee Reports

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Milo." (H.P. 32) (L. D. 49) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

### Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Highways on Bill "An Act relating to Membership and Administration of State Highway Commission." (H. P. 352) (L. D. 390) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

The Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Speed of Commercial Vehicles." (H. P. 132) (L. D. 133) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

### Majority - ONTP Minority - OTP

The Majority of the Committees on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election" (H. P. 362) (L. D. 400) reported that the same "Ought not to pass."

(Signed)

Senators:

REID of Kennebec  
SILSBY of Hancock  
WEEKS of Cumberland

Representatives:

McGLAUFILIN of Portland  
NEEDHAM of Orono

EARLES of South Portland  
BROWNE of Bangor  
DAVIS of Calais  
HANCOCK of York

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same "Ought to pass."

(Signed)  
Representative

MacDONALD of Rumford

Comes from the House, the Majority Report "Ought not to pass" accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending acceptance of either report and was especially assigned for Wednesday, March 9.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Exempting Sales of Mixed Fertilizer to Federal Government from Fertilizer Tax. (H. P. 174) (L. D. 181) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Commercial Fertilizers." (H. P. 246) (L. D. 234) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Clarifying Laws on Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Plants" (H. P. 327) (L. D. 368) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Tuberculosis Tests for Cattle." (H. P. 511) (L. D. 575)

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Archery Licenses." (H. P. 416) (L. D. 463) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Keeping of Skunks and Raccoons in Captivity." (H. P. 417) (L. D. 464) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Gray Squirrels." (H. P. 423) (L. D. 469) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Natural Resources on "Resolve Authorizing the State Board of Education to Convey Certain Land in Fort Kent to the Town of Fort Kent." (H. P. 548) (L.

D. 605) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Education to Convey a Portion of the Edmunds Township School Lot in Washington County." (H. P. 601) (L. D. 657) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Education to Convey a Portion of the Edmunds Township School Lot in Washington County." (H. P. 601) (L. D. 657) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Alewives in St. George River in the Town of Warren." (H. P. 401) (L. D. 417) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve relating to Smelt Fishing in East Machias River." (H. P. 561) (L. D. 610) 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.

#### Ought to Pass—as Amended

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Gardiner." (H. P. 110) (L. D. 118) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A. (Filing No. 50)

(On motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec, tabled pending acceptance of the report.)

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide a Selectman-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Madawaska, in the County of Aroostook." (H. P. 490) (L. D. 552) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A. (Filing No. 51)

The Committee on Public Health on Bill "An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture." (H. P. 496) (L. D. 540) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A. (Filing No. 45)

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence and the

bills read once. Committee Amendment A was severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair notes the presence in the Senate Chamber of a group of young students from the Garland St. Junior High School and Fifth St. Junior High School in Bangor.

The Senate would remind you that you come from one of the finest cities in the State of Maine, and we hope you will enjoy your visit with us.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Commercial Digging of Clams in Brooklin and Sedgwick, Hancock County." (H. P. 402) (L. D. 418) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A. (Filing No. 44)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A, as amended by House Amendment A thereto.

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill read once; House Amendment A to Committee Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

At this point, a Communication was received from His Excellency, Governor Edmund S. Muskie, complete text of which appears in House Report for March 3.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, the Communication was read and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair notes in the Senate gallery a group of students in Social Studies and Problems of Democracy classes from the Winterport High School, accompanied by Mr. Nelson. We welcome you and hope you enjoy your visit and hope that from some of the impressions you take back with you that you will aspire to have a part in these deliberations not too many years from now. (Applause)

### Senate Papers Referred to Committees

The following Bills and Resolves were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, Pursuant to Joint Order (S. P. 25)

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of the Insurance Commissioner." (S. P. 425)

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Adjutant General." (S. P. 426)

Which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Claims

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of Leroy Foster of Amherst." (S. P. 427)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Highways

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of Town of Mariaville, Hancock County." (S. P. 428)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways and ordered printed.

#### Judiciary

Mr. Chapman of Cumberland presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Extending Pardon Powers of Governor and Council to Offenses of Juvenile Delinquency." (S. P. 429)

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented Bill "An Act relating to Registers of Probate Pro Tempore." (S. P. 430)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to Extension of Tax Lien Foreclosure." (S. P. 431)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to Moving Motor Vehicles Seized on Attachment." (S. P. 432)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented Bill "An Act relating to the Taking

of Marine Worms in Hancock County." (S. P. 433)

Which was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Taxation

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to Liens on Property for Inheritance Taxes." (S. P. 43)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Towns and Counties

Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the County Attorney of Sagadahoc County." (S. P. 435)

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Deputy Clerk of Courts in Hancock County." (S. P. 436)

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to introduce Bill "An Act relating to transfer of Prisoners at Maine State Prison to Federal Penal Institutions."

It was learned after the expiration of the cloture rule that it was possible to transport to federal institutions exceedingly dangerous criminals we are now harboring at our State institution.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the bill by title only.

The SECRETARY: "An Act relating to transfer of Prisoners at Maine State Prison to Federal Penal Institutions."

The PRESIDENT: Is there objection to the reception of the bill? The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

On motion by Senator Reid, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, ordered printed and sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Boyker of Oxford

ORDERED, that the Reverend Charles Pendleton of Bethel be invited to serve as Chaplain in the Senate on Wednesday, March 9.

#### Senate Committee Reports Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Hillman from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Complimentary Fishing and Hunting Licenses." (S. P. 187) (L. D. 439) reported that the same be granted Leave To Withdraw.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act relating to Commissioner of Education, Deputy Commissioner and Directors." (S. P. 179) (L. D. 430) reported that the same "Ought to pass."

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

Mr. Reid from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Coordinate Development and Regulatory Activities relating to the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy." (S. P. 266) (L. D. 697) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Weeks from the same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles." (S. P. 268) (L. D. 699) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

#### Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading Reported the following Bills:

#### House

Bill "An Act relating to Exists from and Means of Extinguishing Fire in School Buildings." (H. P. 342) (L. D. 381)

Bill "An Act relating to Children Attending School in Adjoining Town." (H. P. 344) (L. D. 382)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Residence of Parents of Children of School Age." (H. P. 345) (L. D. 383)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Meeting of Joint Superintending School Committees." (H. P. 347) (L. D. 384)

Bill "An Act relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 388)

Bill "An Act Ratifying a Proposed Compact Between the State of Maine and Certain Other States Providing for the Establishment of the New England Board of Higher Education." (H. P. 409) (L. D. 456)

Bill "An Act relating to Filling Vacancies in Membership of Council in Fort Kent." (H. P. 433) (L. D. 479)

Bill "An Act relating to Willful Concealment of Merchandise in Stores." (H. P. 861) (L. D. 881)

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

#### House—as Amended

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements in Construction of School Buildings." (H. P. 348) (L. D. 386)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Southport Cemetery District." (H. P. 365) (L. D. 402)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Parkman School District." (H. P. 370) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Committee on Educational Television." (H. P. 467) (L. D. 512)

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

#### Senate

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Aroostook Mutual Fire Insurance Company." (S. P. 56) (L. D. 84)

Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Property in Public Assistance." (S. P. 140) (L. D. 332)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Group Life Insurance." (S. P. 150) (L. D. 343)

Bill "An Act relating to Group Life Insurance Standard Provisions." (S. P. 149) (L. D. 344)

Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles to Endanger Persons and Property." (S. P. 190) (L. D. 442)

Bill "An Act relating to Persons Found Intoxicated in Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 191) (L. D. 443)

Bill "An Act relating to Blood Tests in Drunken Driving as Evidence." (S. P. 192) (L. D. 444)

Bill "An Act Providing for Contents of Certain Volumes of Cumberland County Record of Deeds to be Copied." (S. P. 204) (L. D. 498)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Phillips Electric Light and Power Company." (S. P. 288) (L. D. 799)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Senate—as Amended

Bill "An Act relating to Motor Vehicles Used for Driver Education in Secondary Schools." (S. P. 87) (L. D. 168)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**THE PRESIDENT:** At this time the Chair takes great pleasure in presenting formally to you Senator Lockhart of New Haven. I am sure you will be interested in the message he will give us and that you will be particularly interested in the reasons that bring him to our Senate Chamber. (Applause)

**MR. LOCKHART:** Mr. President, honored Members of the Senate and guests here today: I am exceedingly happy to have been given this opportunity to appear briefly in the Maine Senate. I am a Senator in Connecticut and I have been struggling with a series of problems which I find are repeated here. I find that you do have some problems about taxes, that you do have some problems about appropriations, and even perhaps on the fringes a little bit of conflict between things called political parties, which are quite familiar to us down the line.

I have been engaged in the course of the last few years and am fairly



active at it now in research on the politics and especially the role of the various legislatures of all of New England, and I have been fascinated with the work I have done on Maine. I know I have only touched the very periphery of what Maine is and what Maine means, but the more I have been here the more I have come to love it, and I appreciate very, very much the hospitality I have been shown. I also appreciate the sanity and the wisdom with which Maine approaches her problems. I have enjoyed every minute of my visit here and I hope I may be back again frequently. Thank you very much. (Applause)

Additional Paper from the House:

#### Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that a joint select committee be appointed to consist of a Senate member of the Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Correctional Institutions, Public Health and Education, designated by the President of the Senate, and a House member of each of the above named committees, designated by the Speaker of the House. This committee shall be charged with the duty of cooperating with the Executive or a committee or panel appointed by the Executive, in investigating the utilization by the state of the Marine Hospital at Portland. The Committee shall, as soon as may be, report its recommendations to the 97th legislature, and may submit bills and resolves to carry out such recommendations notwithstanding the provisions of any joint rule or order relating to the time of introduction of bills and resolves.

Comes from the House read and passed.

In the Senate, read and passed in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair will appoint the following members of the Senate as members of this committee:

Senators:

COLLINS of Aroostook  
LORD of Cumberland  
CUMMINGS of Sagadahoc  
DOW of Lincoln

#### Enactors

An Act relating to Embezzling by Certain Public Officers (S. P. 36) (L. D. 26)

An Act relating to Fair Views at Railroad Crossings (S. P. 47) (L. D. 48)

An Act relating to Financial Responsibility in Motor Vehicle Accidents Resulting in Death (S. P. 58) (L. D. 86)

An Act relating to Roadside Picnic Areas (S. P. 62) (L. D. 89)

An Act relating to Permits for Outdoor Advertising (S. P. 80) (L. D. 169)

An Act relating to Leases by State Park Commission (S. P. 131) (L. D. 325)

An Act relating to Surveys by State Park Commission (S. P. 133) (L. D. 326)

An Act relating to Payments to Piscataquis County Law Library (H. P. 29) (L. D. 39)

An Act relating to Appropriations by Municipalities for Advertising (H. P. 50) (L. D. 57)

An Act relating to Forgery of Motor Vehicles Operator's License or Registration Certificate (H. P. 60) (L. D. 65)

An Act Transferring Bath Academy to the City of Bath (H. P. 113) (L. D. 121)

An Act relating to Delinquent Election Returns (H. P. 152) (L. D. 152)

An Act relating to Filing of Nomination Papers in Towns (H. P. 153) (L. D. 153)

An Act relating to Property Held by Trustees of Fryeburg Academy (H. P. 197) (L. D. 202)

An Act relating to Use of Life Rafts by Certain Boats (H. P. 204) (L. D. 209)

An Act relating to Temporary Public Utility Certificate for Buses (H. P. 206) (L. D. 211)

An Act relating to Open Season for Black Bass (H. P. 256) (L. D. 241)

An Act relating to Service of Foreign Corporations (H. P. 272) (L. D. 256)

An Act Amending the Law relating to Factors' Liens (H. P. 273) (L. D. 257)

An Act to Extend the Charter of the Elliot Water District (H. P. 311) (L. D. 288)

An Act relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Belfast (H. P. 364) (L. D. 401)

An Act relating to Salary and Bond of Treasurer of Community School District (H. P. 368) (L. D. 404)

An Act relating to Retirement Pensions for Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland (H. P. 369) (L. D. 405)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands in the Unorganized Territory (S. P. 132) (L. D. 335)

Resolve Opening Brooks and Rivers in Hancock County to Taking of Salt Water Smelts (H. P. 49) (L. D. 56)

Resolve Regulating Fishing for Smallmouth Black Bass, Pickerel and White Perch on Mount Desert Island (H. P. 146) (L. D. 146)

Resolve Regulating Taking of Smelts in Outlet of Nubble Pond, Cumberland County (H. P. 147) (L. D. 147)

Resolve Designating Part of State Highway Three as "The Acadia Highway" (H. P. 185) (L. D. 190)

Resolve Permitting the United States Government to Install a UHF Remote Transmitter on State Owned Property at South Portland, Cumberland County (H. P. 203) (L. D. 208)

Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey to Portland Water District a Right of Way for a Pipeline over Land of the Reformatory for Men in South Windham (H. P. 375) (L. D. 410)

Which bills were passed to be enacted and resolves were finally passed.

#### Emergency

Bill "An Act to Validate Actions at Certain Town Meetings." (H. P. 150) (L. D. 150)

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

#### Emergency

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Orrington School District to Increase its Borrowing Capacity." (H. P. 196) (L. D. 201)

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.

#### Emergency

Bill "An Act relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker College." (H. P. 314) (L. D. 291)

On motion by Mr. Chapman of Cumberland, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

#### Emergency

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sawyer's Pond in Southport." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 516)

Which resolve, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate and none opposed was finally passed.

Additional House Paper:

Emergency Measure, bill, "An Act Increasing Amount of Bonds of Town of Litchfield School District." (H. P. 621) (L. D. 664)

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

On motion by Senator Hillman of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing Licenses to Residents 75 years of Age" (H. P. 101) (L. D. 109) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session; and on further motion by the same Senator the Senate voted to insist on its former action and join in a Committee of Conference.

The Chair thereupon appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate:

Senators:

HILLMAN of Penobscot

HALL of York

CHAPMAN of Cumberland

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Report "Ought to pass" from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Repealing County Laws relating to Meridian Lines and Standards of Length" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 350) tabled by that Senator on February 22 pending consideration of the report.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President, although I see I did not table this bill I do see it is my bill. I wanted to take it from the table to get it off the calendar and for the purpose of offering an amendment. The fact is it is a bill which would delete from the statutes several sections relating to county markers which have been established for the purpose of correcting magnetic variations from time to time. In Kennebec County it requires two markers and one of them has already been removed and one of them is not only useless but it interferes with the mowing of the lawn in front of the Court House. When the bill was originally introduced the committee was informed that such markers were useless throughout the State, so the bill actually abolished the law completely. Since then it has been discovered that there are some counties in which these markers continue to be useful to engineers. If the Senate will go along with the adoption of the committee report I will offer an amendment which will make the law applicable only to Kennebec County. I therefore move acceptance of the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Kennebec, Senator Reid, moves

that the Senate accept the "Ought to pass" report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed and the "Ought to pass" report of the committee was accepted and the bill given its first reading.

Senator Reid then presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

Senate Amendment "A" was read by the Secretary as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 156, L. D. 350, Bill "An Act Repealing County Laws relating to Meridian Lines and Standards of Length."

Amend said Bill by striking out the Title and inserting in place thereof the following Title:

'An Act relating to Meridian Lines and Standards of Length in Kennebec County.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"R. S., c. 89, Sec. 94-A, additional. Chapter 89 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 94-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 94-A. Exception. The provisions of sections 89 to 94, inclusive, shall not apply to the county of Kennebec.'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was assigned for second reading at the time of convening of the next legislative day.

On motion by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Martin,

Adjourned until 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 8th.