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directed to take up a collection from the members of the House, to be taken forthwith, to be equally divided between the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, the two Pages, the telephone operator and the telephone messenger.

On motion by Mr. Fogg of Rockland, it was

Ordered, that the offices occupied by the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House, and the equipment therein, remain under their respective control until released by them.

Finally Passed

(Out of order and under suspension of the rules.)

H. P. 1877: Resolve in favor of the Chaplains of the House of the Eighty-seventh Legislature.

H. P. 1879: Resolve on the pay roll of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-seventh Legislature.

Recess

Papers from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the State Librarian mail to each member and officer of the House and Senate a copy of the Public Laws of this session when completed. (S. P. 724)

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that resolve relating to the Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge District, L. D. 935, be recalled from the Engrossing Department to the Senate.

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: There are very important papers which will be returned to the House from the Senate shortly which will require probably the two-thirds vote of the House for their enactment. With this notice you may be at ease until the sound of the gong or gavel.

Recess

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the town of Vassalboro. (S. P. 731)

Resolve in favor of the town of Oakland. (S. P. 732)

Come from the Senate received by unanimous consent under suspension of the rules, given their several readings and passed to be engrossed without reference to a Committee.

In the House:

Mr. ELLIS of Rangeley: Mr. Speaker, these two resolves are introduced merely to correct a clerical error in the blanket resolve that came in a while ago. In the Senate the error was discovered.

Thereupon the two resolves were received by unanimous consent, under suspension of the rules, given their several readings, and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee, in concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: I am requested to announce that the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, the pages, the telephone operator and her assistant wish to extend thanks to the members of the House for their generosity. (Applause)

Recess

The following paper from the Senate was taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution providing funds necessary for maintenance, interest and retirement Deer Isle-Sedgwick Bridge District bonds (S. P. 720) (L. D. 935) which was passed to be engrossed in the House yesterday and recalled to the Senate by Joint Order.

Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the House:

(Senate Amendment A read by the Clerk.)

Mr. SCATES of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of the bill and amendment. I do it for this reason, that that bill has got to be re-engrossed, and as there are other bills in the

Senate which have amendments, we cannot pass those bills unless we stay here until six o'clock this morning.

Now I do not belong to any church particularly, but I do have some respect for the Sabbath, and, in passing these matters over, as we are now, early in the Sabbath, we shall probably have to be here until six o'clock, and we must either postpone them or come over here next week and enact these laws with due consideration. Every bill that comes in with an amendment, I shall move its indefinite postponement, for those reasons.

Mr. HIGGINS of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I too have the same respect for the Sabbath that the gentleman who last spoke has, but I do not think that a bill of this importance can be thrown out as idly as that.

This is a bill that means that probably 4,000 people the year round will be given the possibility of getting to the mainland easily and conveniently. It means that in the height of the summer season 10,000 people will be given that opportunity. It means even more than that: it means a hope that has been in the minds of my constituents for several decades will be passed up, and will be passed up at this time when our Federal Government is very generous. If you pass it up now, it means that bridge may never be built.

I am glad to say this too, especially in view of the thought presented by the gentleman from Westbrook,—that the Governor of this State is keenly interested in this legislation, and I, as a Republican, am willing to go further and say that this bridge could never have been obtained had it not been for the interest of His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Maine, and I certainly dislike, in the closing hours of this session, to see this gentleman from Westbrook, (Mr. Scates) for whom I have a great deal of respect, standing in the way of the leader of his own party in the State of Maine.

I could go on further, perhaps, and explain the meaning of this bill, but I will say this: It probably will not entail a cent of expenditure on the part of the State of Maine.

Just to show the sentiment in my little district down there, they have said that if the bridge did not pay

for itself, they would help out under certain circumstances. Even now, basing it on the present revenue of the old antiquated apparatus down there, it is sufficient to take care of all expenses in the retirement of the bonds. I certainly hope, and I plead with you members of the House that we do not at this time indefinitely postpone, as the gentleman from Westbrook would have you. This is a vital piece of legislation, the most vital legislation that could possibly be enacted, at least for the individuals of one county of the State and of the whole eastern section. I would sum it up by saying: I plead with you that the motion for indefinite postponement will not prevail.

Mr. GRAY of Brookville: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: I heartily concur with the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Higgins. I could go on and explain a lot about the circumstances of this particular bill and of its importance to that community, but I will not impose upon you in this late hour to do anything of the sort. I certainly hope the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook (Mr. Scates) will not prevail.

Mr. DEVEREUX of Penobscot: Mr. Speaker, probably very few people here tonight realize how serious this question is. At the present time, after this is passed, the money can be obtained from the Federal Government to build this bridge. If this should go over two years more, we probably never would be able to obtain the money, and all we have to do now is to have the bill passed to be enacted. This emergency clause is all that needs to be passed at the present time for the towns in the district to go ahead and make the necessary arrangements with the Federal Government to obtain money to build this bridge.

Now a careful check on the income from the old ferry in the last two years shows that the income from the old ferry, as the gentleman from Ellsworth (Mr. Higgins) has stated, would be far in excess of the amount that is needed to run the bridge, and the entire cost. I certainly hope that the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook (Mr. Scates) does not prevail. It would be a very serious blow to the people.

Mr. NOYES of Franklin: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that I

heartily endorse all that has been said by the other members of the Hancock county delegation. We have voted for bills that have helped other parts of the State, and now the opportunity has come to help this part of the State. Let us not turn it down.

Mrs. LATNO of Old Town; Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The member from Old Town, Mrs. Latno, has moved the previous question. Before the Chair can entertain that motion the consent of one-third of the members of the House must be obtained. All those in favor of the Chair entertaining the previous question will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will make and return the count.

A division was had.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Obviously more than one-third of the members having arisen, the previous question is ordered. The question now before the House is shall the main question be now put? As many as are in favor of the Chair putting the main question now will say aye; contrary minded no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the main question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Scates, that the resolve be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion failed of passage.

Thereupon, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the resolve as amended by Senate Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

Paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on resolve appropriating funds for the purchase of land from the city of Augusta to be added to the State Aviation Field at Augusta (S. P. No. 352) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. No. 726) under title of resolve for the acquisition of additional land for the use of an airport and appropriating money therefor and that it ought to pass

Comes from the Senate report

read and accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

In the House:

Mr. SCATES of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of this bill for the reason that it has got to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Scates, that the bill be indefinitely postponed will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will make and return the count.

A division was had.

Twenty having voted in the affirmative and 71 in the negative, the motion failed of passage.

Thereupon, the report of the committee was accepted and the resolve was given its first reading.

Senate Amendment A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. TUPPER of Calais: Mr. Speaker, just a word of explanation of the amendment. The total price of this land is \$30,000, and as this Legislature only has authority to vote money for the next two years, the amendment was put on to show the total price.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Mr. CONNOLLY: Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendment be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Connolly, moves that Senate Amendment A be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion will manifest it by saying aye; contrary minded no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion failed of passage.

Thereupon, Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence; and the resolve as amended by Senate Amendment A was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate:
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
FROM THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Augusta, Maine

April 6, 1935

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Legislature has enacted and submitted to me for signature—H. P. 1794, L. D. 816—an act to provide for old age pensions.