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Bill "An Act Revising the Laws Relating to Outdoor Advertising Signs." (S. P. 326) (L. D. 728)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officers of Androscoggin County." (S. P. 422) (L. D. 982)

(On motion by Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement of Firemen Under Maine State Retirement Law." (S. P. 526) (L. D. 1253)

(On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Judge of the Northern Aroostook Municipal Court." (S. P. 545) (L. D. 1286)

Bill "An Act Relating to Prospecting for Minerals and Metals." (S. P. 548) (L. D. 1312)

"Resolve, in Favor of Robert George Llewellyn, of South Portland." (S. P. 143) (L. D. 1349)

"Resolve, in Favor of Merle Libby of Caribou." (S. P. 211) (L. D. 1350)

"Resolve, Appropriating Moneys to Reimburse Town of Phippsburg for Snow Removal." (S. P. 296) (L. D. 1354)

"Resolve, in Favor of Peter Spanos, of Portland." (S. P. 485) (L. D. 1351)

"Resolve, in Favor of George Panages, of Portland." (S. P. 486) (L. D. 1352)

"Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Nobleboro." (S. P. 525) (L. D. 1353)

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

Emergency Measure

"Resolve, Providing Funds to Augment Institutional Appropriations." (S. P. 292) (L. D. 651)

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

Constitutional Amendment

"Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Remove the Provision That the Treasurer Shall Not Be Eligible More Than Six Years Successively." (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 686)

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, with great reluctance, I stand to oppose this Constitutional Amendment. The reason for my reluctance is to speak on the matter is because of the fact that there is a great deal of personality in this particular amendment. I have a great deal of respect for the present Treasurer of State and I don't want to say anything against him. Nevertheless I will have to make one or two remarks which will perhaps seem to be unkind. This bill came out of Appropriations Committee "Ought Not to Pass." Since that time this bill has been lobbied until they have had most everybody on the Appropriations Committee personally change their minds, at least in the House. Two of us here are still convinced that this is poor legislation.

When a man gets into an office such as this he has a lever. What this man has been able to do about this bill, any treasurer can do in the future. What we are really doing is saying that instead of allowing the treasurer to hold office for two years, we are saying he can hold it for life, if he is able to lobby himself into the position. I believe six years is long enough, and I think this is a bad amendment to the Constitution. I think the original thought of the Appropriations Committee when they reported this "Ought Not to Pass" was a well considered vote. I hope that we will not adopt this amendment.

This being a Constitutional Amendment,

A division of the Senate was had.

Twenty-two having voted in the affirmative and six opposed, the Resolve was finally passed.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it passed to be engrossed, Resolve in Favor of Timothy J. Murphy of Hallowell (S. P. 298) (L. D. 1368).

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A.

Committee Amendment A to L. D. 1368: "Amend said resolve by strik-