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of the resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, be accepted? Those in favor of accepting the report will vote yea, and those opposed no.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President, I suggest if the senator would permit, that the acceptance of the report be without a roll call, and subsequently have the roll call.

The PRESIDENT: It is only necessary for a majority vote to accept the report of the committee.

The motion of the senator from Somerset was withdrawn, and the report of the committee was then accepted.

The PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the Senate that the rules be suspended and this bill receive its first reading?

Mr. OSBORN: Mr. President I now move that the rules be suspended and that this bill receive its first reading at this time, and upon that question I ask that the roll be called.

Mr. STEARNS: Mr. President, I was in company with Senators Blanchard and Moulton, and understood that they were paired. Mr. Blanchard would have voted no and Mr. Moulton would have voted yes.

The roll was called and those voting yea were: Allen, Boynton, Clifford, Dodge, Donigan, Farrington, Foss of Androscoggin, Fulton, Hanson, Hill, Kellogg, Leach, Mayo, Mullen, Noyes, Osborn, Reynolds, Sanborn, Staples, Winslow—20.

Those voting nay were: Chandler, Clark, Gowell, Irving, Milliken, Smith, Stearns—7.

The resolve was then declared carried and was given its first reading. Upon further suspension of the rules the resolve was given its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President it has been suggested to me as to whether on the final vote the necessary two-thirds must be of the members elected or those present and voting. I wish the Chair would rule upon that question.

The PRESIDENT: It will be two-thirds of those present and voting providing a quorum is present and votes; not two-thirds of the entire body, but two-thirds of those present and voting.

The report of the superintendent of public schools for the year 1911 was received from the office of the secretary of State and ordered placed on file.

The report of the department of vital statistics of the State of Maine for the year 1911 was received from the office of the secretary of State and ordered placed on file.

The twenty-first annual report of the State assessors was received and ordered placed on file.

Papers from the House: Resolve amending Section 15 of Article 9 of the Constitution relating to a bond issue for State roads. In the House this bill was reported from the committee of the whole, the report of the committee was accepted, the bill received its several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DONIGAN of Somerset: Mr. President I have an amendment I wish to offer and I want to say that it has the sanction of the Governor, and I think it will have the sanction of all the members of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: In the House the original resolve was amended as follows: "Section 14 of said Article 9 is amended by adding after the word 'except' in the fifth line thereof, the following words: 'for the purpose of building and maintaining State Highways,' so that said Section 14 as amended shall read as follows: 'Section 14. The credit of the State shall not be directly or indirectly loaned in any case. The Legislature shall not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on behalf of the State, which shall singly or in the aggregate with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred, at any one time exceed three hundred thousand dollars, except for the purpose of building and maintaining State highways, to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for the purposes of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to refer to any money that has been or may be

deposited with this State by the government of the United States, or to any fund which the State shall hold in trust for any Indian tribe.' ”

The Senator from Somerset presents the following additional amendment: “Senate Amendment A to House Document No. 1. Amend by adding to Section 17 the following words: ‘The expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the State.’ ”

The amendment presented by the Senator from Somerset was adopted, and the bill as amended sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. MAYO of Hancock: Mr. President, I notice in the eighth and ninth lines “at any one time.” Does that mean that any Legislature can borrow two million dollars?

Mr. DONIGAN: Mr. President, I think that is taken care of in the House amendment, that there cannot be a bond issue for roads for over two million dollars in the aggregate.

(Senator Stearns inquired in relation to the status of the road bill and was informed that it had been sent back to the House.)

Mr. STEARNS: Mr. President, I lost track of it for a moment, and inasmuch as I know very little about the amendments and the bill as it stands, and inasmuch as it appropriates a large sum of money for roads, and inasmuch as, if the State is about to countenance this proposition, being myself something of a crank on alien paupers and the bills growing out of that, and for other reasons, I would like to reserve the right when the bill is on its final passage to say something at that point.

The PRESIDENT: Your right shall be reserved.

Mr. SANBORN of Piscataquis: Mr. President, When the temperance bill comes up to be voted again, I wish to express my views upon the matter.

The PRESIDENT: Your right shall be reserved.

(Recess taken subject to the call of the President.)

After Recess.

From the HOUSE: House Docu-

ment No. 8. An Act to provide for the use of uniform Ballot Boxes and for the Preservation of Ballots cast at elections. This bill came from the House, reported ought to pass, to that body by the Committee of the Whole.

The report of the committee was accepted, in concurrence. Under suspension of the rules the bill was then given its two readings and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to apportion Representatives to Congress. This bill came from the House, reported ought to pass to that body from the Committee of the Whole.

The report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President, I do not think there is any change I wish to make, but I wish to reserve the same privilege that the senator from Oxford reserved.

The PRESIDENT: There will be no objection.

Under suspension of the rules the bill was then given its two readings and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln it was

Ordered, That the messengers, folders, postmasters and door keeper of the Senate shall receive the same compensation as members of this special session.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President, may I ask what that compensation is, and whether it runs on next week when we leave here?

The PRESIDENT: I believe it does.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Kennebec a recess was taken until 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Evening Session.

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, it was

Ordered, That the clerk and stenographer to the judiciary committee shall receive the same compensation in proportion as that received at the last regular session.

On motion by Mr. Gowell of York, it was