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no way of offering it again, unless by reconsideration. Is the House ready for the question?

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion was agreed to, and the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Smith of Patten then moved that the Amendments "A", "B" as amended and "C" be adopted.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion was agreed to, and the amendments were adopted.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Patten, the rules were suspended and the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed, as amended.

Mr. PLUMMER of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby, yesterday, we voted to indefinitely postpone resolve in favor of the publication of the early York deeds, and I wish in this connection to make a brief statement. The gentleman from Canton (Mr. Richardson) is not here, today, but in conversation he told me that he had no objection to the publication of the deeds but that he did object to the form of the resolve, and for that reason he moved its indefinite postponement and spoke in favor of that motion. I do not wish to make any argument in favor of it because I am not particularly familiar with the situation except in a general way. I therefore make the motion that we reconsider the vote.

Mr. Newbert of Augusta moved that the motion of the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer, be laid upon the table and specially assigned for consideration on Wednesday of next week.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. IRVING of Caribou: For the purpose of later offering an amendment, I move that the vote be reconsidered whereby the resolve for an amendment to the Constitution providing for classification of property for the purposes of taxation, was assigned for hearing on March 25.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Irving then offered House Amendment A, by striking out after the word "proposed" in the third line

thereof lines four to 11, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following: "Section 8 of Article IX of the Constitution is hereby amended by adding to said Section the following words: 'but the Legislature shall have the power to levy a tax upon intangible personal property at such rate as it may deem wise and equitable without regard to the rate applied to other classes of property.'"

Mr. Irving then moved that the resolve and amendment be tabled for the amendment and be specially assigned for consideration on March 25.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Lincoln, resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Thombs the report of the committee was accepted.

Mr. Thombs then offered House Amendment A.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I can explain in a few words the purpose of the amendment, and in that way save a reading of the entire amendment. I think it is fair for me to state to the House the purpose of this amendment, because it does change the report of the committee.

The original resolve as introduced by me asked for an appropriation of \$1500 for each of the next two years for maintenance for this academy, being the same sum that had been granted to this academy for the last two years. They also ask an additional sum for repairs to their dormitory building. The committee took this matter under consideration, and I think largely through my lack of experience in matters of this kind and on account of a lack of evidence which I presented before them, they reported the resolve in a new draft carrying \$1000 for each of the next two years, and cutting out completely the matter of an appropriation for repairs. I then proceeded to get some more evidence which I thought was germane to the issue and have presented it to the committee informally; so that I hope at this time that the committee is not of the same mind as it was at the time they re-