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Public Laws of 1915, relating to the amount to be paid for clerk hire in Knox County. In the House the bill was substituted for the report of the committee "ought not to pass" and given its three several readings as amended by House Amendment A and passed to be engrossed. The Senate accepts the report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees "ought not to pass" in non-concurrence with the House.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Portland, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in accepting the report of the committee.

From the Senate: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution in regard to the apportionment of representatives in accordance with population. In the House this resolve was indefinitely postponed. In the Senate the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed, and the Senate now insists on its former action and appoints a committee of conference. The committee of conference on the part of the Senate is as follows: Senators Holt of Cumberland, Butler of Franklin and Bartlett of Kennebec.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, in this matter of the apportionment of representatives several members have suggested since the debate the other day that the amendment was so drafted that it would be impossible for there to be any other construction by the legislature or by any citizen that Portland's representation could ever be increased except in the event of South Portland annexing Portland, in which event they would simply have the representation of the two cities; that they had no doubt that would meet with favorable action. It was to answer that question that this committee of conference was suggested to see whether that could be done, and I would move you that we concur with the Senate and join in the committee of conference.

The SPEAKER pro tem: It will be necessary for the House to recede before it can do that.

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland, the House voted to recede from its former action.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, do I understand from the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Brewster) that he wishes a conference committee appointed?

Mr. BREWSTER: Yes, sir.

Mr. FARRINGTON: The proper motion would be, would it not, to insist and join in the committee of conference?

The SPEAKER pro tem: I think that is correct.

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland, the House voted to insist and that a committee of conference be appointed.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will appoint that committee later.

From the Senate: An Act to incorporate the St. Croix Water Company. In the House this bill was passed to be engrossed. In the Senate the bill was given its two several readings and Senate Amendment A adopted. The bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Chair to read Senate Amendment A. I do not think it has anything to do with the power question, and, if it has not, it might help along business to concur with the Senate.

The SPEAKER: Senate Amendment A to House Document No. 172.

Amend said bill by adding thereto the following section:

"Section 8. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal, or shall be construed as repealing, the whole or any part of any existing statute; and all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes."

Mr. BAXTER: I think, Mr. Speaker, that it does relate to the power situation, and consequently, I move that it