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### HOUSE

Saturday, April 11, 1925.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McAllister of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

#### Passed to be Enacted

An Act to provide for policemen's pensions.

An Act relating to driving motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs and the penalty therefor.

An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditures of the government and for other purposes for the year from July 1, 1925, to June 30, 1926.

An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditures of the government and for other purposes for the year from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927.

An Act relating to a tax upon gasoline.

An Act relating to the enforcement of liens on watches, clocks and jewelry for labor and materials furnished in making and repairing same.

#### Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of the President and Trustees of Bates College for the purpose of forestry work and demonstrations in forestry, for the benefit of the students of the University of Maine and the several colleges.

Resolve in favor of armory rentals.

Resolve in favor of a bridge over the St. Croix River between Vanceboro, Maine, and St. Croix, New Brunswick.

Resolve in favor of clerks, stenographers, and messengers of the several committees, and other expenses of the Eighty-second Legislature.

#### Emergency Measures

Resolve amending Section 17 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Maine relating to bonds.

Mr. BRAGDON of Perham: May I inquire if this is the amendment in regard to the six million dollar bond issue?

The SPEAKER: It is Senate Document 314 and it amends Section 17

by changing it to sixteen million dollars.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, I ask that when the vote is taken on this it be by the yeas and nays. Of the time that we have wasted here this winter, a very small time of it has been wasted on roll calls; and I want to say that I am one of the members of this House who came down here for a pay-as-you-go policy, I feel as if I am the only one left standing on that platform, and as a favor to me I hope that enough members of the House will rise in favor of the yeas and nays to give me the opportunity to record my vote.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, calls for the yeas and nays. Those who join with him in the demand will rise and stand until counted and the members will return the count.

A sufficient number having arisen, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. INGRAHAM of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, this sixteen million dollars is merely an additional six million, ten million dollars of bonds already outstanding?

The SPEAKER: Correct. This is the resolve providing for a bond issue of six million dollars and the question before the House is whether this resolve shall be finally passed. As many as are in favor of the passage of this resolve amending the Constitution providing for a bond issue will say yes when their names are called; those opposed will say no when their names are called. Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. NICHOLS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if this has anything to do with the bond issue for the Bath bridge and the three million dollars for highways? It does not as I understand it.

The SPEAKER: It has nothing to do with the Bath bridge. The rest of the gentleman's question was—

Mr. NICHOLS: There was three million dollars beside that appropriated for a highway bond issue. Is that included in this?

The SPEAKER: This six million dollars is divided, as the Chair understands it, into three and three. Perhaps the gentleman from Bath (Mr. Drake) can explain it.

Mr. DRAKE of Bath: Mr. Speaker, the State of Maine has already issued ten million dollars of bonds

for highway purposes, and this is the resolve which is to be referred to the people requesting an issue of six million more, three million for highways and three million for bridges. Without this issue the road program as made up by the Committee on Ways and Bridges it would be impossible to carry out. We sincerely hope that you will authorize this referendum to the people.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The Clerk will call the roll.

Yeas—Allen of Yarmouth, Allen of Harpswell, Allen of Hampden, Atwood, Ayer, Bartlett of Hanover, Bartlett of Bangor, Beckett, Benoit, Bisbee, Bishop, Boody, Boman, Boynton, Brown of Bethel, Brown of Waterford, Buker, Bump, Burnham, Burns, Campbell, Cole, Comins, Crockett, Cummings, Curtis, Cyr, Daigle, Davis of Dexter, Davis of Portland, Davitt, Dexter, Deering of Saco, Drake, Dudley, Dunning, Dvinal, Ellis, Eustis, Farley, Flint, Forhan, Foster, Frost of Belfast, Frost of Berwick, Frost of Eastport, Fuller, Gagne, Garnsey, Gilchrist, Gilmour, Gordon, Greenleaf, Haggett, Hale, Hall, Hallett, Ham, Hamilton, Hammond, Harriman, Harrington, Hayford, Hight, Holman, Houghton, Ingraham, Ireland, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilburn, Kinsman, Kitchen, Lait, Jamson, Larrabee, Lausier, Leighton, Leland, Lessard, Lewis, Littlefield, Lowell, Lunt, Mansfield, Marden, Martin, Mathews, McDonald, Melcher, Metcalf, Mills, Mitchell of Houlton, Mitchell of Newfield, Moore, Morse, Nichols, Norwood, Oakes, Page, Palmer, Peaslee, Pendleton, Pierce, Pike, Pillsbury, Piper, Pullen, Roberts, Robie, Robinson, Roy, Sargent, Seidel, Smith, Snow, Spear, Spruce, Stitham, Stone, Thissell, Thompson, Towle, Tupper, Warren, Waterman, Wheeler, White, Wing of Kingfield, Young.—Total, 131.

Nays—Audibert, Bragdon, Briggs, Deering of Denmark, Gallagher, Goodrich, Holmes, Mears, Sturgis, Vail, Whitcomb, Wing of Auburn, Winn.—Total, 13.

Absent—Clarke, Dunbar, Friend, Gauvin, Ludwig, Nevins.—Total, 6.

The SPEAKER: One hundred and thirty-one having voted in the affirmative and 13 in the negative, the resolve is finally passed.

An Act to authorize the recording

of marketing agreements of co-operative agricultural associations, and requiring that liens hereby attached to crops before delivery to the association, and to the member's interest in the association, after such delivery be collected through the association. (H. P. 1256) (H. D. 491.)

Mr. PALMER of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider our action whereby we passed this bill to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The House hears the question.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Palmer) state his reason?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Palmer) will kindly do so.

Mr. PALMER: Mr. Speaker, my reasons are that Senate Amendment A was put on in the Senate night before last, and the amendment was telephoned to the officers of the exchange, and like all long documents it was hard to get the meaning, and they did not understand it; and the word came back yesterday morning that they had rather have the amendment than not have anything, but when the amendment reached them in the mail so they could read it, they immediately telephoned that they would rather have the bill defeated than to have the amendment attached to it; and that is why the people who are in favor of the co-operative marketing agreement ask for this. I will say, further, that we do not want to delay the session and we do not want to debate this. We have considerable that we could throw against it, but we would rather not do it; we would rather have it go through on the vote in the Senate, and unless the opposition debates it, the ones in favor of it will not say anything. Does that satisfy the gentleman?

Mr. NICHOLS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Palmer) a question through the Chair?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland (Mr. Nichols) may state his question.

Mr. NICHOLS: Does the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Palmer) intend to offer an amendment to cut off this other amendment?

Mr. PALMER of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, all the amendment we are going to offer is to cut off the emergency clause; that is all.