

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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same to be approved by the Clerk and the Speaker. (H. P. 1287)

The Joint Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lund of Augusta, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House mail to each member of the House of Representatives the balance of the proof of the record of the House not received before final adjournment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I would inquire whether the House is in possession of House Paper 21, L. D. 24, a Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Convening of the Legislature at Such Times as the Legislature Deems Necessary?

The SPEAKER: The answer is in the affirmative.

Whereupon, on motion of the same gentleman, the House reconsidered its action of yesterday whereby it receded and concurred.

On further motion of the same gentleman, the House receded from passage to be engrossed.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recede from the adoption of House Amendment "A" and would speak to this motion.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Bath, Mr. Ross moves that the House recede from the adoption of House Amendment "A", and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: We have before us a bill with two conflicting amendments. The first is House Amendment "A" adopted so long ago that I am sure you don't remember about it. It was under filing number three and this said that the Legislature could call itself into special session as it might provide by rule. Now the House went along with that up until the enactment stage and we did not have the two-thirds vote, and the other body adopted Senate Amendment "A" under filing Senate 299, which said that the House could call itself only with the consent of the majority of each political party after all members have been polled.

Thereupon, the House receded from the adoption of House Amendment "A".

On further motion of the same gentleman, House Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-299) was read by the Clerk and adopted in concurrence and the Bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bragdon of Perham, it was

ORDERED, that the Chaplains of the House be paid in accordance with a payroll list submitted by the Clerk of the House.

#### Enactor

#### Indefinitely Postponed

Bill "An Act relating to Assistance to Municipal Assessors" (S. P. 518) (L. D. 1605)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: This bill apparently proposes to give assistance to local assessors. It is a unique bill in that it assumes that there will be no cost to the State but a revenue to the State. It sets up eight new employees in the Department of Taxation. Apparently they assume that local assessors are going to call for the assistance of this group of eight and that the money mentioned in the bill, I haven't it before me but a fairly substantial amount, will revert to the State and in that way become an asset to the State.

Obviously if the local assessors didn't make any use of this bill the eight people would be without anything to do and the State would be without any revenue. Perhaps this is too much to assume. However, I see a lot of problems in this bill. This provides that 10 per cent of the people of a town can request this board to come in and value any piece of property that these ten would feel was undervalued or overvalued or there was something wrong with it. It