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The PRESIDENT: The Chair is informed that another former Senator is in the Senate Chamber, Senator Malcolm Noyes of Hancock, and the Chair will request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Senator to the rostrum. (Applause, members rising)

Mr. COLE: Mr. President, I do not think my question was very clear, and I think that now we have had a conference we understand each other. My purpose was to ask the question through the Chair of the Senator from Lincoln, Senator Dow, whether or not the purpose of the pending bill is to validate a district already operative rather than to create some new district.

Mr. DOW of Lincoln: Mr. President, in my opinion we are validating the original district, we are reconstituting the district that existed. We cannot constitute a new district without going through all the procedure of forming the district all over again and having the town vote all over again, therefore we are reconstituting the same district that has been existing up to this time. That is about the only way I can answer the question.

On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the ought to pass report was accepted and under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Public Laws." (S. P. 528) (L. D. 1435) tabled by that Senator on January 26 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted and the bill read once; on further motion by the same Senator, Committee Amendment A was read and adopted.

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A and moved its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment A.

Which amendment was adopted and under suspension of the rules

the bill was given its second reading.

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I wonder if this Senate realizes what action they have just taken. They have now opened up the minimum wage question again and have added another exemption. Perhaps there should be more.

The Chair declared a short recess.

#### After Recess

Mr. ROSS of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I move that the Senate reconsider its action just taken whereby it adopted Senate Amendment A to L. D. 1435.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may state his point of order.

Mr. ROSS: Mr. President, my question is whether or not this amendment is germane to the bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will rule that the amendment is not germane.

Mrs. LORD of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to appeal from the ruling of the Chair. I think it is germane. It is just a correction.

The PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is: Shall the decision of the Chair stand, in the judgment of the Senate.

A division of the Senate was had. Twenty-four having voted in the affirmative and eight opposed, the ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Thereupon, the rules were suspended and the bill as amended by Committee Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WOODCOCK of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the whole.

This was done.

On motion by Mr. Bates of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table Joint Order Relative to Amending Joint Rules to add Rule 19A (H. P. 1024) (tabled by that Senator on January 26 pending passage; and on further motion by the same Senator, the