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OF THE

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that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion was lost.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The next matter for consideration is bill, An Act to create a Public Utilities Commission, prescribe its powers and duties and provide for the regulation and control of public utilities. The pending question is the first reading of the bill.

Mr. WHEELER of Paris: Mr. Speaker, I rise at the present moment for the purpose of making a motion that this matter, Senate Document No. 453, be specially assigned for consideration, tomorrow; and I hope there will be time for the reception of amendments, if any are to be presented, at the present time so that they may be printed and also assigned for consideration with the bill at the session, tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: Before the motion is put the Chair will state that under the order passed by the House the time for the introduction of amendments is limited to this session.

Mr. SANBORN of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, if in order I wish at this time to offer three several amendments which have been handed to me, and in this action to reserve the right to oppose any or all of them if upon examination such a course seems proper.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it is proper, and the Chair will receive the amendments.

Mr. Sanborn of South Portland then offered House Amendment A, as follows:

"Amend Section 28 in line 3 of the printed document by inserting after the word "utility" in the third line, the words "of the kind named in Section 27."

Mr. Sanborn of South Portland then offered House Amendment B, as follows:

"Amend Sec. 19 of Senate Bill No. 453 by adding at the end of said section the words "except schedules of utilities under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which last named schedules of rates, tolls and

charges shall be those in force, September 1, 1913."

Mr. Sanborn of South Portland then offered House Amendment C, as follows:

Amend Section 9 of Senate Bill No. 453 by inserting after the word "power" in the 87th and 91st lines the words "public use."

Mr. Kehoe of Portland then offered House Amendment D, as follows:

"Amend Section 2 of said bill by striking out the words 'seven years' in the ninth line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'until the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1919, or until his successor shall have been chosen and qualified;' also by striking out the words 'five years and three years' in the tenth line of said section and substituting therefor the words 'until the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1917, or until his successor shall have been chosen and qualified and until the first Wednesday of January, A. D. 1915, or until his successor shall have been chosen and qualified.' Also by striking out the words in the 12th, 13th and 14th lines of said section 'Each member thereafter appointed shall hold office for seven years,' and inserting the following: 'After the appointment by the Governor of the first commission, its members shall be elected by popular vote in the following manner. at each regular State election one member of the commission shall be chosen by plurality vote. The nomination and election of such commissioner shall be governed by the same laws which govern the nomination and election of the Governor and State auditor. The term of office of each commissioner so elected shall be six years, beginning on the first Wednesday of January, immediately following the date of such State election.'

Mr. Kehoe of Portland then offered House Amendment E, as follows:

"Amend Section 9 of said bill by adding after the word "state" in line 137 of said section, the words "but the provisions of this act shall not apply to any water company owned or operated by any municipality, village corporation or water district."

Mr. Kehoe of Portland then offered House Amendment F, as follows: