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Mr. LAWRENCE: It is the petition of Helen M. Merrill of Gardiner, Maine, and all the other patients in the sanatorium for tuberculosis at Fairfield, and is addressed to the Honorable Governor, the Senate and House of Representatives.

The petition was received, and on further motion by Mr. Lawrence the same was sent to the Senate.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House Report A and Report B from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill, an Act to repeal Chapter 221 of the Public Laws of the year 1913, "An Act to provide for the nomination of candidates of political parties by primary election," and amendments thereto. This was placed on the table by the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Pierce, pending the acceptance of either report, and Feb. 25 was specially assigned for its consideration.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Higgins, by agreement with him, I originally tabled this matter; and in view of the lateness of the hour, I would move that it be re-tabled and assigned for such day as the gentleman from Brewer would like.

And the motion prevailed.

On further motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton, March 4th was assigned for the consideration of these reports.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, resolve in favor of the town of Bridgton, tabled by the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Plummer, pending its second reading, and specially assigned for today. (Re-tabled by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon pending receipt of statement of facts in accordance with Rule 50 of the House Rules.)

Mr. SANBORN of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire the present status of House bill No. 328, which is the so-called 54-hour bill, as reported by the committee. I supposed it would be in order for its first reading this morning.

The SPEAKER: I am informed by the Clerk that it was left off the calendar inadvertently. It was tabled yesterday by Mr. Fay for printing of the new draft pending acceptance of the report of the committee. It is here printed.

Mr. SANBORN: Mr. Speaker, if I may call the attention of the Chair and the House to that document as it appears on our desks. It will be found that in section 8 the printer has made errors which render that section entirely unintelligible. This is a document for which there is a large call, and I believe that before we can give it consideration we should have the bill in such form that we can know what those provisions are. I am in some doubt as to the proper method of getting at the situation; but it occurs to me that it might be treated as though it had not yet been returned from the printer, it not having been returned in proper form; and it might be enough if the Clerk were instructed to return the document to the printer and have the printing properly done. I think this should be done before we consider the bill.

The SPEAKER: Without objection, the Chair will instruct the Clerk to return this to the printer for correction.

There being no objection, the Clerk was so instructed.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX of Biddeford: Mr. Speaker, I understood yesterday that this matter was to be taken up today; and I would like to know why it is not to be.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Descoteaux, that the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Sanborn, states to the House that there is an error in printing the bill; that the printed bill on the desks of the members is not correctly printed; and at the suggestion of the gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Sanborn), without objection on the part of the House, the Clerk has been instructed to return the bill to the printer for correction. In the ordinary course

the bill would be returned to the House again tomorrow morning, I assume. The bill was tabled by the gentleman from Dexter, Mr. Fay, and, under the usual courtesies of the House, it would be subject to his control. I think the understanding was that the bill was to be considered as soon as possible after it was returned.

Mr. DESCOTEAUX: I want it taken from the table and assigned as soon as possible, and I supposed it would be done today.

Mr. SANBORN: Mr. Speaker, I may say that I have had conversation with the gentleman from Dexter, and understand it was his purpose, if I got him correctly, to assign next Wednesday for its consideration, which can be done very readily when it comes back from the printer, which will probably be tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Brewer,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.