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Thereupon, the bill was given its third reading, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

The Chair lays before the House the second matter tabled and this afternoon assigned, bill an act to define the powers of the State Liquor Commission, H. P. 1820, L. D. 872, which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 2 and which came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments A and C in non-concurrence. This was tabled this morning by Mr. Fogg of Rockland, pending further consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Fogg, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby on April 2nd this bill was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same gentleman Senate Amendments A and C were adopted in concurrence. On further motion by the same gentleman the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, as amended.

The Chair lays before the House the third matter tabled and specially assigned for this afternoon, House report ought to pass in new draft of the committee on Claims on resolve in favor of Charles H. Cutter Coal Company, of Boston, H. P. 1869, tabled this morning by Mr. Tupper of Calais, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Tupper, the House accepted the ought to pass report, and the resolve was ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

The Chair lays before the House the fourth matter tabled and specially assigned for this afternoon, House report ought to pass in new draft of the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act relating to caucus law of Biddeford, H. P. 1870, tabled this morning by Mr. Burnham of Kittery, pending acceptance; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Burnham, the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The Chair lays before the House the fifth matter tabled and assigned for this afternoon, bill an act relating to highways, S. P. 699, L. D.

864, which was read and accepted in the House on April 4, and tabled this morning by Mr. Hobbs of Hope, pending third reading.

On motion by Mr. Hobbs, the bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Chair lays before the House the sixth matter tabled and assigned for this afternoon, House Amendment A to bill an act relating to licenses for retail stores, H. P. 609, L. D. 180, tabled this morning by Mr. Austin of Exeter, pending adoption of the amendment; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. AUSTIN: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel.

On motion by Mr. Lebel, retabled until tomorrow morning at the request of the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

The Chair now lays before the House matters tabled and specially assigned for this evening, bill an act to provide for the issuance of State of Maine improvement bonds and the allocation of the proceeds from sale, H. P. 1826, L. D. 885, which was passed to be engrossed in the House on April 3, and which came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence. This was tabled this afternoon by Mr. Scates of Westbrook, pending further consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Scates, the rules were suspended and the House voted to reconsider its action of April 3rd whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed. On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, as amended.

The Chair lays before the House, House Amendment A to bill an act relative to resident hunting and fishing licenses, S. P. 132, L. D. 79, tabled this afternoon by Mr. Scates of Westbrook, and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. SCATES: Mr. Speaker, to bring the matter before the House

I would move the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. WILLEY of Falmouth: Mr. Speaker, this House Amendment A was offered by the gentleman from Weston, Mr. Crowell, and provides for a referendum on the increase in fishing and hunting licenses which we passed here this morning. We have considered nearly 1,000 measures during this session, and with the exception only of those measures which have carried Constitutional amendments, we have not as yet considered passing one back to our people for decision. We have assumed the responsibility here as we properly should. I am not in favor of this amendment for that reason. I therefore move the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

Mr. FORTIN of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: The member from Falmouth, Mr. Willey, has almost taken the words from my mouth. We were sent here by our people to thresh these things out amongst ourselves, and not pass the buck back to them in the form of a referendum.

We voted, this morning, in a very fair way, and really, to me, it seems very unfair that the gentleman from Weston (Mr. Crowell), should present, immediately after the vote was taken, an amendment to retard and obstruct the quick passage of this matter. Therefore, all I will add is this: That I hope we will vote for the indefinite postponement of the amendment as offered.

Mr. THOMPSON of Chelsea: Mr. Speaker, as a member of that committee who signed the minority report, and who voted against the measure, I want to say that we took our licking, and let us take it on the chin in the good old Yankee fashion. (Applause.)

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? The question is on the indefinite postponement of the bill. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Weston, Mr. Crowell.

Mr. CROWELL: Mr. Speaker, is the motion before the House made by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Scates, or by the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Willey?

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is the motion made by the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Willey, to indefinitely postpone the amendment.

Mr. CROWELL: Mr. Speaker and

members of the House: We had a very frank discussion earlier today of this matter. This is a matter of importance to every section of the State, and I cannot see why every member of this House should not be perfectly willing, in a matter of so much importance as this, affecting every hamlet in the State of Maine, should not be referred back to the people. Therefore, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Falmouth (Mr. Willey) will not prevail, and that we will play fair with the people of Maine and give them a chance to vote on this measure. Already a number of people representing thousands of votes have come to me during the evening and told me that if this referendum was not passed tonight that they would immediately sign one, and that if we should attend to it here it would save them much trouble. Therefore, I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Falmouth (Mr. Willey) does not prevail.

The SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? The motion of the gentleman from Falmouth, Mr. Willey, is that the amendment be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of the motion will say aye, contrary-minded no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Mr. DRISKO of Jonesboro: Mr. Speaker, I will only take a moment of your time. I have here House Amendment B to S. P. 132, L. D. 79, an act relative to resident fishing and hunting licenses. This amendment merely sets the age limit ahead from sixteen to eighteen. This is done with the consent of the Fish and Game committee and also the Department.

Thereupon House Amendment B was offered by Mr. Drisko, who moved its adoption, as follows:

House Amendment B to S. P. 132, L. D. 79, entitled: an act relative to resident fishing and hunting licenses.

Amend said bill by adding thereto immediately after the enacting clause the following words:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38, sec. 19, amended. Section 19 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes is hereby amended so that the 1st paragraph thereof shall read as follows:

No resident of the state over 18 years of age and no non-resident over the age of 10 years shall fish in

any inland waters of the state except in accordance with the following provisions:”

Further amend said bill by striking out in the first line thereof the words “Sec. 1” and inserting in place thereof the words ‘Sec. 2.’

Mr. DAVIS of Newfield: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: Our committee are very much in favor of this amendment and we hope it will pass. (Applause.)

The amendment was adopted by a viva voce vote. Thereupon the rules were suspended, and the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended, in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hill of South Portland,

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.