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Thereupon the House adopted House Amendment A and the resolve was tabled for printing under the Joint Rules.

The Chair lays before the House the eleventh unassigned matter, House report ought not to pass of the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act relating to the charter of the city of Portland, H. P. 1063, L. D. 403, tabled March 14 by Mr. Desmond of Portland, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Desmond, the bill and report were retabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 26th.

The Chair lays before the House the twelfth unassigned matter, House report ought to pass in new draft of the committee on Judiciary on bill an act to provide for jury commissioners, H. P. 1729, L. D. 754, tabled March 14 by Mr. Mace of Augusta, pending acceptance of the report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MACE: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth Mr. Philbrick.

On motion by Mr. Philbrick, the report of the committee was accepted; and on further motion by the same gentleman, under suspension of the rules, the bill had its two several readings and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair lays before the House the thirteenth unassigned matter resolve in favor of the estate of Ella M. Bagley, H. P. 975, L. D. 750, tabled March 14 by Mr. Eveleth of Portland, pending second reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Eveleth, the resolve had its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

The Chair lays before the House the fourteenth unassigned matter, joint order creating State Insurance Fund Commission, H. P. 1711, L. D. 747, which was referred to the committee on Judiciary in the House on March 12th, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence, tabled on March 15th by the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, pending further consideration; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Lebel, the

House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Findlen of Fort Fairfield, it was voted to take from the table the fifteenth unassigned matter, bill an act relating to local option provisions, H. P. 1364, L. D. 593, which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 14th, came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence, and tabled on March 19th by that gentleman pending further consideration.

Mr. FINDLEN: Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Cape Elizabeth, Mr. Philbrick.

Mr. PHILBRICK: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House insist on its previous action. Senate Amendment A was made to the printed bill, and the actual original bill is all right without the amendment.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Burnham of Kittery, it was voted to reconsider the special assignment and take from the table bill an act to incorporate the town of Bucksport School District, H. P. 304, L. D. 74, tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's session, pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. BURNHAM: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment A and move its adoption:

House Amendment A to H. P. 304, L. D. 74, bill an act to incorporate the Bucksport School District.

Amend said bill by inserting after the word "the" in the second line thereof the words 'inhabitants of the.'

Thereupon House Amendment A was adopted, and on motion by Mr. Burnham, the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Lebel of Brunswick, it was voted to take from the table the sixteenth unassigned matter, majority report ought not to pass and minority report ought to pass of the Committee on Judiciary on resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution, changing the Legislature to a one-body system, H. P. 1327, L. D. 580, tabled on March 19th by that gentleman, pending acceptance of either report.

Mr. LEBEL of Brunswick: Mr. Speaker, I move the acceptance of the ought to pass minority report of the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman

from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, moves to accept the minority report of the committee, ought to pass.

Mr. LEBEL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer an explanation. I would like to offer an amendment to this bill, and if the report is not accepted, I will not be in a position to offer an amendment.

Mr. HILL of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared at this time to speak upon this bill. I did not understand that the bill was to be pressed by the gentleman from Brunswick (Mr. Lebel). The bill proposes a very drastic and radical change in our Constitution, the elimination of our two-chamber Legislature, and the substitution in its place of a one-chamber Legislature. The gentleman from Brunswick (Mr. Lebel), has not thus far advanced any arguments as to why that change should be made. He advanced no arguments before the committee. He has not as yet advanced any arguments before the House. I do not believe that it is necessary to talk at any length in opposition to this measure. I believe that the members of this House and the people of the State of Maine are not yet ready to abolish our system and to change it into a one-chamber Legislature.

May I inquire, Mr. Speaker, what is the pending motion now before the House?

The SPEAKER: The pending motion now before the House is on the adoption of the minority report ought to pass.

Mr. HILL: I move, Mr. Speaker, that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman

from South Portland (Mr. Hill) moves that the bill and reports be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question? The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel.

Mr. LEBEL: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire which motion comes first.

The SPEAKER: The motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. LEBEL: I move that the bill be retabled and be specially assigned until next Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Brunswick, Mr. Lebel, moves that the bill be retabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday. All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion did not prevail.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from South Portland. Mr. Hill, on the indefinite postponement of the bill and two reports. Is the House ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will say aye; those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

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On motion by Mr. Flanders of Auburn permission was granted that gentleman to withdraw the last item on the calendar, bill an act to incorporate the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial Foundation, H. P. 1136, L. D. 361.

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On motion of Mr. Hill of South Portland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.