

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Mr. NEWBERT: I should say the gentleman from Augusta has no disposition to discuss this matter unless Brother Davies should get into the fight.

Mr. DAVIES: I doubt very much if there would be any danger of that. I have discussed it already so much that I should be almost willing to rest it upon the previous discussion without taking the time of the House.

Mr. NEWBERT: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we shall gain anything by sitting now. I think we can do it all after supper when we have rested; I do not think we can gain anything by sitting here now with a headache and going along with the matter.

Mr. AMES: I withdraw my motion.

Mr. Davies moved that the House adjourn or take a recess.

The SPEAKER: To what hour?

Mr. DAVIES: To 7.30 o'clock, and I make a motion that the House take a recess until 7.30, this evening.

A viva voce vote being doubted a division was had and the motion was agreed to by a vote of 84 to 26.

#### Evening Session.

The SPEAKER: The resolve which was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed, relating to an amendment to Article nine of the Constitution relative to bond issue for State highways, comes back from the Senate after its first reading with an amendment as follows: "Amend House Document No. 1 by adding to section 17 the following words: "The expenditure of said money to be divided equitably among the several counties of the State." Is it the pleasure of the House to reconsider the vote whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed in the House?"

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Scates of Westbrook the House concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the amendment, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Strickland of Bangor, Ordered, that the messengers, folders, postmaster, mail carrier, pages and door-keepers of the House receive the same

compensation as members at this special session.

On motion by Mr. Peters of Ellsworth, Ordered, That the compensation of the official reporter of the House for the present session be \$225.

On motion by Mr. Scates of Westbrook, Ordered, That the clerk and assistant clerk of the House and the stenographer to the presiding and recording officers of the House shall receive the same compensation in proportion as that received at the last regular session.

#### Amendment to Prohibitory Law.

The SPEAKER: The next matter under consideration for the House is, Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors. This bill was passed with an amendment in the Senate, and the clerk will please read the resolve and the amendment.

The clerk then read the resolve and the amendment.

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen, this matter is ready for discussion by this body, and what is the pleasure of the House with reference to going into committee of the whole?

Mr. NEWBERT of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House now go into committee of the whole for consideration of this resolve.

The motion was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed as chairman of the committee of the whole the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Scates.

#### In Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Scates of Westbrook in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: We have under consideration this proposed amendment to the Constitution. What is the pleasure of the House?

Mr. DAVIES of Yarmouth: Mr. Speaker, I move that it be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. QUIMBY of Turner: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Evidently no one wants to speak upon the matter. It is moved and seconded that the resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. NEWBERT of Augusta: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee: I certainly have no set speech to inflict upon you tonight, and I almost feel like apologizing for taking any time of