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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 22, 1972

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Elton Orewiler of Augusta.

The members stood at attention during the playing of the National Anthem by the Skowhegan Area High School Band.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Lewin of Augusta, it was

ORDERED, that Susan Rollins of Rumford be appointed to serve as Honorary Page for today.

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Elbert Brewster of Oakland be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, February 23, 1972.

On motion of Mr. Genest of Waterville, it was

ORDERED, that Fr. Richard Rice of Waterville be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 29, 1972.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

New Drafts Printed

Mr. Dyar from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services on Bill "An Act relating to Per Diem Allowances and Expenses of Members of Board of Hairdressers" (H. P. 1477) (L. D. 1920) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1580) (L. D. 2037) under title of "An Act relating to Per Diem Allowances and Expenses for Members of the State Board of Barbers and State Board of Hairdressers" and that it "Ought to pass"

Mrs. Lincoln from the Committee on Veterans and Retirement, acting in accordance with Joint Order (H. P. 1573), reported a Bill (H. P. 1579) (L. D. 2036) under title of "An Act relating to Restoration to State Service" and that it "Ought to pass"

Reports were read and accepted, the New Drafts read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Millett from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws" (H. P. 1468) (L. D. 1911) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice. Committee Amendment "A" (H-555) was read by the Clerk and adopted, and tomorrow assigned for third reading of the Bill.

Third Reader

Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act Establishing a Forest Lands Taxation Policy Using a Productivity Approach" (H. P. 1577) (L. D. 2034)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading and read the third time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You have in front of you a House Amendment "A" that none of us really had an opportunity to look at yet. I also have been informed that there is need for two other amendments in the bill and I am presently working on at least one of those. So I would ask that someone table this for one legislative day.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Susi of Pittsfield, tabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to the Board of Registration in Medicine" (S. P. 720) (L. D. 1993)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Provide for Administrative Enforcement of the Municipal Public Employees Labor

Relations Law (H. P. 1548) (L. D. 2007)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed, passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The Chair laid before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter:

Joint Resolution Memorializing Congress to Call a Convention for the Purpose of Amending the United States Constitution to Permit Voluntary Prayer in Public Schools (S. P. 757) Senate Amendment "A" (S-757) adopted.

Tabled — February 18, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Adoption in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Casco, Mr. Hancock.

Mr. HANCOCK: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: I am not going to make any motion regarding this resolution this morning. However, if I may, I would like to make a few very brief remarks. One, I am not as a general rule too much in favor of memorializing Congress; I am particularly not in favor of this one. However, I have talked with some members of leadership and over the weekend with two members of the clergy, and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that this resolution accompanied by the amendment from the other body, the amendment would make the resolution meaningless.

Therefore I am not going to stand up here alone and oppose the wishes of this House, if it is the wish of this House to send a resolution of this type to Congress. If someone cares to debate this I might perhaps join in the debate, but at this time I have no motion to offer.

Thereupon, the Joint Resolution was adopted as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Providing Funds to Town of Mattawamkeag to Construct Municipal Buildings Destroyed by Fire" (H. P. 1525) (L. D. 1968)

Tabled — February 18, by Mr. Bragdon of Perham.

Pending — Adoption of Committee Amendment "A" (H-552).

Thereupon, Committee Amendment "A" was adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

The Chair laid before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Reallocating Funds for Auburn-Lewiston Airport Provided by 1967 Bond Issue" (H. P. 1574) (L. D. 2031)

Tabled — February 18, by Mr. Henley of Norway.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Henley of Norway, retabled pending passage to be engrossed and tomorrow assigned.

The Chair laid before the House the fourth tabled and today assigned matter:

Bill "An Act Establishing a Tuition Equalization Fund for Maine Students Entering Maine Private Colleges" (H. P. 1575) (L. D. 2032)

Tabled — February 18, by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

Pending — Passage to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: This bill, as you are aware, was tabled by me Friday so that there might be, at least on my part, an attempt to take a look at the way that it was drawn up and see what we were possibly getting ourselves into in the long run.

I was opposed to the initial bill that was introduced by the gentleman from Houlton. I spent some time looking at this one and I think that I am satisfied to a point that

we are not getting ourselves involved in a long term commitment and that we are going to take a look at this at the next regular session of the Legislature, so that if there are problems in this and it isn't working with private colleges then there is a way to stop it and not merely to continue a problem that we might have been creating otherwise.

I am also aware that it is an attempt, perhaps, to help private colleges in Maine and I think that this has got to be done at some point. And, also, I am aware that we are probably going to appropriate, if this is allocated, \$150,000 and I don't really think that it is that far out of range to help a number of Maine students.

Mr. Speaker, I now move the pending question of passage to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the Bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters acted upon today in concurrence and all matters

requiring Senate concurrence were ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Mr. Henley of Norway was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. HENLEY: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: In spite of the fact that yesterday was officially George Washington's Birthday, we were not here yesterday so I feel that it is only a matter of pride in our country's governmental origin, the father of our country, George Washington, that it be a matter of record that we at least consider his birthday, and that if it had not been for him and the originators of the Constitution it would not be possible for us to be here in this type of democratic formation of laws. And, consequently, that is the reason I make this suggestion that we give it considerable thought.

On motion of Mr. Porter of Lincoln,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.