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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

SENATE.

Wednesday, January 8, 1913.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. John Evans of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following order came from the House, passed in that Branch:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Friday, January 31, 1913, and that all such petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next Legislature, and that the clerk of the House cause notice of this order to be published in all daily and weekly papers in this State, until January 25, 1913.

Mr. STEARNS of Oxford: Mr. President: I move that this order lie upon the table. I wish to say in explanation that I suppose it is the ambition of every Legislature to have an early adjournment, and that undoubtedly the order as read will have a considerable bearing upon that question. It fixes the date for the reception of private bills and petitions at January 31. I think perhaps that date is a wise one, but if the date is to be set at January 31, we should be sure that that is the date we mean. My limited experience has taught me that oftentimes this rule has not been lived up to, that there have been extensions of the time set, and I think we should be sure that is the date we mean, and if we decide upon that date we should live up to it. I make this motion for the purpose of ascertaining whether we can actually live up to this rule.

The motion was adopted and the order tabled.

Bill, "An Act to amend a charter of the Portland Gas Light Company," came from the House, by that Branch referred to the Committee on Judiciary. (Tabled for printing on motion by Mr. Flaherty of Cumberland.)

Bill, "An Act to amend Section 2

of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to divorce," came from the House, by that Branch referred to the Committee on Judiciary. (Tabled for printing on motion by Mr. Hersey of Aroostook.)

"Report of commission to consider a revision of the laws governing investments in savings banks and savings institutions with draft of bill annexed," came from the House, by that Branch referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. (Tabled for printing by Mr. Morey of Androscoggin.)

The following bills, petitions, etc. were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: An Act to amend Chapter 146 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to State auditor.

By Mr. Patten of Hancock: Bill, An Act to regulate and provide for the use of automobiles in the town of Eden, Hancock county.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve relating to changing the date of State elections from September to November.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Stearns of Oxford: Resolve to provide steel cases for regimental rolls.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of Fort William Henry in the town of Bristol.

By the same Senator: Bill, An Act to appropriate money to defray the expenses of the Governor and his staff in attending the ceremonies of the inauguration of the President of the United States.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of the town of Dresden in aid of the repair and maintenance of bridges.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Resolve to aid in building bridge in Allegash Plantation.

By the same Senator: Petition of R. W. Shane and 101 others for same.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Oxford, it was

Ordered: That all bills, resolves, orders and petitions, which are to be introduced in the Senate shall be placed in the hands of the secretary of the Senate, not later than four o'clock of the day preceding the introduction.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Oxford, it was

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on library be directed to receive proposals from the publishers of the Maine State Year Book, for furnishing the State with a sufficient number of copies for the years 1913 and 1914.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The President announced the following Senate Committees:

Bills in the Second Reading.

Clark of York.
Murphy of Cumberland.
Bailey of Penobscot.
Maxwell of Sagadahoc.
Allan of Washington.
Hastings of Androscoggin.
Hagerthy of Hancock.
Wing of Franklin.
Walker of Somerset.
Reynolds of Kennebec.
Conant of Waldo.
Packard of Knox.

On Engrossed Bills.

Chase of Piscataquis.
Mansfield of Washington.
Cole of York.
Jillson of Cumberland.

Colby of Somerset.
Burleigh of Aroostook.
Flaherty of Cumberland.
Patten of Hancock.
Allen of Kennebec.
Smith of Penobscot.
Morey of Androscoggin.
Moulton of Cumberland.

On motion by Mr. Morey of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that a joint select committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House be appointed to investigate the causes of the high price of coal at the present time and during the last year in this State, and report fully thereon to this Legislature. Said committee shall have the power to summons witnesses, examine books, papers and documents, and shall be attended by the attorney-general as counsel in conducting the hearings.

Mr. STEARNS of Oxford: Mr. President: I move that the order lie upon the table.

Mr. MOREY of Androscoggin: Mr. President: Will the Senator from Oxford assign a time when the order may be taken from the table.

Mr. STEARNS: Mr. President, I will assign tomorrow morning.

The order was tabled until tomorrow morning.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.