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OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

SENATE.

Tuesday, February 23, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. John Gibson of Augusta.

Message from the House.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, conveyed by its clerk:

The House of Representatives respectfully requests the honorable Senate to ask his Excellency, the Governor, to return to the Senate Resolve in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries, and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in this State, and for the protection of fish, game and birds, which was finally passed in the House, Wednesday, Feb. 17, and finally passed in concurrence in the Senate, Thursday, Feb. 18. And the Senate is further requested upon return of said Resolve to reconsider its action whereby the same was finally passed, and to return said Resolve to the House for its further consideration.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate has received the message.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The following message was received from the Governor, conveyed by his Secretary:

The Governor wishes to return certain Senate Documents not signed, and requests the privilege of addressing the Senate regarding his objections.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate has received the message and will return its answer.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate has received the following message from the House:

The House of Representatives respectfully requests the honorable Senate to ask his Excellency, the Governor, to return to the Senate, Resolve in favor of preserving the

life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries, and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in this State, and for the protection of fish, game and birds, which was finally passed in the House, Wednesday, Feb. 17, and finally passed in concurrence in the Senate, Thursday, Feb. 18. And the Senate is further requested upon return of said Resolve to reconsider its action whereby the same was finally passed, and to return said Resolve to the House for its further consideration.

The Chair understands from the Speaker of the House, that this Resolve, finally passed in the Senate, Feb. 18, and finally passed in the House, Feb. 17, was by error passed in the House without the emergency clause being voted upon, and the House wishes to correct its error, and asks us to request the Governor by message to return the Resolve here.

Mr. COLE of York: Mr. President, I move that the Senate send to the House the following message:

That the Senate has received the message of the House and will forthwith make formal request of his Excellency, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of Maine, for the return of the Resolve as requested.

The motion was agreed to, and the Secretary conveyed the message to the House and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Mr. COLE of York: Mr. President, I move that the Senate send to his Excellency, the Governor, the following message:

Message from the Senate to the Governor.

To His Excellency, Oakley C. Curtis, Governor of Maine:

We respectfully request your Excellency to return to the Senate, Resolve in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries, and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in this State, and for the protection of fish, game and birds, transmitted to you Feb. 18th.

The motion was agreed to, and the

Secretary conveyed the message to his Excellency. Subsequently the Secretary reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged and that the Governor had returned the Resolve as requested.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair now lays before the Senate this Resolve in favor of preserving the life of fish in the several fish hatcheries, etc.

On motion by Mr. Cole of York, the vote whereby this Resolve was finally passed, was reconsidered, under suspension of the rules.

The Resolve was then transmitted to the House by the Secretary, who subsequently reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

The PRESIDENT: The Governor wishes to return to the Senate certain Senate Documents, unsigned, and requests the privilege of addressing the Senate regarding his objections. Is it the pleasure of the Senate that a message be sent to His Excellency informing him that the Senate is in session and awaits his pleasure.

There being no objection the Secretary conveyed the message to his Excellency, and subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged, and that the Governor would come in forthwith.

Thereupon the Governor came in attended by his Secretary.

The PRESIDENT: His Excellency desires to return certain Senate Documents and wishes at this time to communicate with the Senate.

His Excellency, the Governor.

The Governor's Address.

To the Honorable Senate:

Senate Resolve No. 41, in favor of Bridges in the Town of Dresden presented to me for approval on the 18th, inst., is returned herewith unsigned.

In stating the objections, as required by the Constitution, your indulgence is requested, that sufficient latitude be permitted to explain the conditions prompting such action.

There is no opposition to the sum of

five hundred dollars, as proposed in the Resolve, no objection to the purpose of the expenditure, and no antagonism to the town of Dresden or any other town.

No doubt the proposition is worthy, and the assistance asked for is needed, or otherwise it would not have been recommended by your committee, and finally passed by both branches of the Legislature.

This Resolve chances to be the first presented to me to be included in a specific line of appropriation under the title of "Ways and Bridges."

The exact weight of a Resolve proposing an appropriation is not entirely clear to me. It may have the force of law, or it may be in the nature of recommendation to include a specific item in the final appropriation bill.

It may be a question whether a Resolve proposing an expenditure of money which is duly passed and approved and not included in the regular appropriation bill carries any force of Law.

If a Resolve has such a force, what is the need of an appropriation bill, and if both the Resolve and the appropriation act are Law, is it a double appropriation, if it is included in each?

If a Resolve has no force of Law, then of course an Appropriation bill is necessary. If it does have such weight then it would appear, that it must be paid whether it is included in the appropriation bill or not, but Article 5, of the Constitution provides, that no money shall be drawn from the Treasury but by the Warrant of the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, and in consequence of appropriations made by Law.

The appropriation Act is the only Law which authorizes the Governor to draw his Warrant on the State Treasurer. The Resolve does not carry this authority.

At any rate it is not my intention to sign a number of Resolves of this nature, and then, later on, possibly be forced by lack of revenue to send back others of greater importance.

We have three classes of appropriations to care for, one is the necessary, another the mandatory whether it is

necessary or not, and the other is optional.

The fixed charges are necessary and the mandatory might be termed the same, as the law commands it, but many expenditures under this title should be optional.

Under the optional there are such items as "Ways and Bridges," "Charitable and Benevolent," "New Buildings," etc., and of course some of the fixed charges may be optional by decreasing or increasing the efficiency of the service.

There appears to be no question, that "Ways and Bridges" and "Charitable and Benevolent" items are purely optional and peculiar to themselves.

Apparently we are practically forced to consider them after the fixed charges have been provided for, and then if there is any available revenue remaining, it can be used for such purpose.

No doubt, there are people who will argue, that the taxes should be increased for this purpose, but that does not seem advisable to me under the present conditions.

Each year appropriations are made for "Ways and Bridges" but the aggregate amount of the appropriations is dependent upon the "Ways and Means" to provide the funds.

Numerous requests have been made from all sections of the State, and all of more or less importance, and there appear to be calls for about \$700,000 for consideration.

A certain number of such resolves will undoubtedly be passed by this Legislature; but many more must be refused for want of revenue to meet the demand.

In view of the fact that it is impossible for you to allow all of the requests, it is difficult to see how you can give a correct analysis of the compound proposition until you arrive at some conclusion as to just what will be eliminated; and when this is accomplished the problem is easy and the total is in sight.

The opportunity has been afforded you to investigate the needs of all these requests; and your judgment on the actual merit of each resolve should be superior to mine, as no evidence may be submitted to me.

It is not anticipated that any occasion will arise which will cause me to object to any specific appropriation for this purpose; although, of course, it is possible.

All these resolves for this session are now before you, and doubtless you will consider them in proper order as their urgency may appeal to you.

Beyond question you have so concluded, on this particular item in favor of the town of Dresden, and although it was returned to you, it is to be expected that you will care for it in the regular appropriation bill at the proper time.

The question which interests me, at this time is the total amount of the resolves you will pass, for the purpose of "Ways and Bridges."

Now that you have all of these resolves before you, is it unreasonable for me to request this information? If so, it is hoped you will so inform me, and I shall patiently await your pleasure, but in the meantime will be under the painful necessity of returning to you, all such resolves unsigned.

Of course, it is patent to you as business men, that there must be a limit, over which the State cannot reasonably provide.

The State departments and institutions must be maintained beyond question, the general expenses of these are constantly increasing, and little, if any, curtailment can be reasonably made in their allotment.

A comparatively small amount is available for what may be termed outside purposes, such as these mentioned.

The probable income of the State has been carefully considered and with this in view, the sum of \$125,000 for the two years is deemed a reasonable figure as a total for "Ways and Bridges."

It is possible of course, that you may not agree with me on this estimate.

Unquestionably you have the power to pass resolves for appropriations to any extent you desire for one object or another, even if it reaches the millions, for "Ways and Bridges" alone, and the only check is the veto power of the Governor, over which you can go by a two-thirds vote, but of course, you must provide the revenue, and consequently the whole responsibility rests with you.

As stated in my inaugural address, it is not my intention to attempt to interfere with your rights, and trust this has not been the case. It will be my aim to exercise whatever power is vested in me toward the promotion of a fair and just appropriation bill, and feel sure you will cooperate with me to this end, after the whole problem is considered and understood.

A fair and just appropriation bill, to my mind, is one which can be comfortably cared for by reasonably dependable income without excessive taxation.

You will readily understand that my view point, is limited to the income regardless of the importunities of the many wishing accommodation. If you provide more income, my range of vision might change accordingly.

Right here it might be proper to state that the "Charitable and Benevolent" items will be considered by me in the same manner as "Ways and Bridges."

A limit has been estimated on that proposition also, and my interest will be the same; which means the total amount only.

It is to be hoped these remarks will not be considered a note of defiance, for you are assured that none is intended, but merely suggests the advisability of systematizing the problem by collecting together the most urgent measures and consummating a total within a reasonable limit, which can be passed on intelligently by anyone not acquainted with the details.

To explain a little further regarding the proposition of "Ways and Bridges," it is proper to say, that I conferred with the Chairman of your Committee, at his request, and being informed by him, since that time, that the Committee will recommend a larger amount than a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, there appears to be no alternative than to return these Resolves until such time as an exhibit can be made whereby the most urgent of them can be embodied within the said limit.

If this cannot be accomplished then surely some curtailment must be insisted upon elsewhere, or otherwise direct taxation on the people will be compulsory.

If you wish to support larger expenditures in this direction, in place of the "Charitable and Benevolent," and not exceed the estimate for both, it will meet no opposition from me.

If I may be so bold as to suggest it, possibly some curtailment could be made in the expense of Legislative printing, for if my information is correct, the expense of this work under Governor Fernald's Administration in 1909, was \$34,327.06; under Governor Plaisted's in 1911, it was \$20,809.40 and under Governor Haines' in 1913, the amount was \$34,471.95 and naturally there was a corresponding difference in the binding.

This of course is optional with you, as it can be made large or small as you may choose, and the Governor has no control over the amount which you may order, unless he has the right of veto on any order carrying the expenditure of money. I simply refer to this as an illustration, but no doubt other avenues could be controlled where more or less saving could be secured.

If it is possible for you, to save \$14,000.00 on the Legislative printing, it would go a long way towards providing assistance to some of the worthy Charitable institutions which are properly calling for aid, or perhaps repair a few bridges.

As already intimated, my only object is to secure a total appropriation for all matters which will come within the total income, and am perfectly willing to leave the distribution in detail to your good judgment, unless some special information comes to me, which might call for objections, in which case, it will be submitted to you.

No information in my possession indicates any increased revenue for the use of this administration but it is evident that in some departments there will be increased expenses.

The consequence is, that curtailment must necessarily be made wherever possible to off-set the inevitable increase in other directions.

I regret the seeming necessity which forces me, to voice the sentiments which control me in this matter, and more especially that the exemplification of the principle I wish to follow should fall upon this particular Resolve carrying

a small appropriation of five hundred dollars and the merit of which is not questioned, but in the interests of sound and conservative administration, some system appears to be required to accomplish the proper results commensurate with the resources.

It is certainly to be hoped that these remarks, will not be construed as an attempt to arrogate my judgment, over that of the unquestionable intelligence of your august body, but that it will be received as a suggestion only that the cold facts of the revenue resource must not be overlooked.

Although the system of arriving at an appropriation bill is crude, confusing and unbusiness like, it is through no fault of yours or mine. It is difficult in the limited time and busy activity of a Legislative session to depart from oldtime custom, but it is hoped that we may cooperate in such a manner, that the people whom we represent will feel that we have done our best, under the circumstances.

Let me repeat: I do not anticipate any occasion which will call for a veto of any Resolve on its merits alone.

I have the greatest faith in your integrity and ability to allot these appropriations, fairly and justly without interference from me. I have no personal interest in any of them, except the general welfare. If I feel obliged to return such Resolves, it will probably be in the interest of the total appropriation, and not in opposition to the merit of the bills which have had your careful consideration.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

February 23, 1915.

The PRESIDENT: Governor, the Senate has received your communication, and will give it due consideration.

Another message from the Governor.

The Governor's Address.

To the Honorable Senate.

Senate Document No. 33 in favor of the town of Whitefield, is returned herewith unsigned.

There is no objection to the amount of the resolve or the purpose of the expenditure, but the objection is on account of the uncertainty of the total amount

you will appropriate for "Ways and Bridges," as explained in my previous remarks regarding the Resolve in favor of the town of Dresden.

I trust this bill will be properly cared for at the proper time in the regular appropriation bill for this purpose.

OAKLEY C. CURTIS,
Governor.

Feb. 23, 1915.

The GOVERNOR: Mr. President, I thank you and the members of the Senate for the opportunity you have afforded me, and I trust I have not abused it.

Thereupon the Governor and his secretary retired.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate at this time a matter of the highest privilege, the veto message of His Excellency on: First, the Resolve in favor of the repair of bridges in the town of Dresden, and the question is, will the Senate on re-consideration agree to pass the resolve, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding.

On motion by Mr. Conant of Waldo, it was voted that the resolve and message lie on the table until Wednesday morning, February 24, at 10 o'clock.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the veto message of His Excellency, the Governor, on resolve appropriating money to assist the town of Whitefield in building a bridge across the Sheepscot river, and the question is, will the Senate on re-consideration agree to pass the resolve, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding.

On motion by Mr. Conant of Waldo, it was voted that the resolve and message lie on the table until Wednesday morning, February 24, at 10 o'clock.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 297 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Fort Kent Village Corporation."

This act was received by the House by

unanimous consent, under suspension of the rules, it being a private matter and by the time limit, and the question before the Senate is: Will you by a two-thirds vote suspend the rules and concur with the House in receiving this. The Chair awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Cole of York the rules were suspended, and the act was received, twenty-six voting in favor of receiving the act, and none against, and the act was then referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading.

House 194: An Act relating to trespass upon grounds of agricultural societies.

House 193: An Act to extend the time in which the Maine Title Guarantee Company is authorized to commence business.

House 192: An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Baker and Spencer Brook Dam and Improvement Company.

House 191: Resolve in favor of Salathiel D. Seeley of Perry in the county of Washington, for increase of pension.

House 190: Resolve in favor of Mary E. Ellwell of Chesterville, for a state pension.

House 189: Resolve in favor of Lester Patten of Hermon, for a state pension.

House 188: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Forest City in repairing a bridge across the arm of Grand Lake.

House 186: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair and maintenance of the Gardiner and Randolph bridge, between Gardiner and Randolph.

House 185: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair of the Machiasport and East Machias bridge.

Messages and Documents from Heads of Departments.

STATE OF MAINE.

Office of the Secretary of State.

Augusta, February 23, 1915

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the 22nd annual report of the births, marriages, divorces and deaths in the

State of Maine for the year ending Dec. 21, 1913.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

L. M. MCGOULDRIK,

Deputy Sec. of State.

Report accepted and referred to the committee on public health and sent down for concurrence.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented and on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Claims.

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: Petition of C. R. Hill and 7 others for passage of Resolve in favor of Gorham P. Grant to refund money paid in lieu of military service in the late War of the Rebellion.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Herrick of Franklin: An Act to amend section 51 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to non-resident hunting licenses. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Judiciary.

By Mr. Colby of Somerset: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 244 of the Acts of 1909, relating to transmitting by corporations of electric power beyond the confines of the State. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Price of Sagadahoc: An Act relating to deposits of Assessment Casualty Insurance companies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By the same Senator: An Act amendatory of Section 126 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment of Casualty Insurance companies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Revision of Statutes.

By Mr. Durgin of Piscataquis: An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of guardians.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: An Act relating to salaries of subordinate officers of the Senate.

Temperance.

By Mr. Fulton of Aroostook: Remonstrances of Judson M. Straight and 32 others and of the Christian churches of Blaine, and East Blaine against the passage of House Bill 37, An Act to provide for the sale of Intoxicating liquors for medicinal and Mechanical purposes and for the arts.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Walker of Somerset: Petition of Ansel Holway and 27 others of Norridgewock for the repeal of the Law for Highway Commissioners.

Bills in First Reading.

Senate 130: Resolved in favor of Madawaska Training school at Fort Kent for permanent improvement and repairs at said school.

Senate 131: An Act to regulate the practice of the system, method or science of healing known as Osteopathy, creating a Board of Examination and Registration for those desiring to practice the same and providing penalties for violation of this Act. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Moulton of Cumberland, pending second reading, and that Senator stated that tomorrow morning he would assign a time for its consideration.)

Senate 132: Resolve in favor of Michel B. Daly of Portland.

Senate 133. Resolve in favor of the Eastern State Normal School at Castine for construction of a suitable gymnasium building and for repairs and permanent improvements.

Senate 134. An Act to amend Section One of Chapter Thirty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, relative to the better protection of forests from fire.

Senate 140. Resolve in favor of the Washington State Normal School at Machias for the completion of the partially constructed dormitory at said school and furnishings for the same.

Senate 141. Resolve in favor of the Washington State Normal School at Machias for removing and remodeling the O'Brien house, so called at said school.

Senate 142. An Act to amend Section twenty-six of Chapter forty-eight of the Revised Statutes of nineteen

hundred and three, relating to the deposit by Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings of Collateral for Loans made without the State.

Senate 144. Resolve in favor of the Assistant Folder and Page of the Seventy-sixth Legislature for attendance at the organization of the seventy-seventh Legislature.

Senate 145. Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal School for repairs and permanent improvement.

Senate 146. An Act to equalize the salaries of the county commissioners. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Allen of Kennebec, pending second reading.)

Senate 147. An Act to amend Chapter 219 of the Laws of 1913, relating to the salary of the stenographer of the superior court, for Kennebec county.

Senate 148. An Act to equalize the salaries of sheriffs. (On motion by Mr. Swift of Kennebec, tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 149. An Act to equalize the salaries of registers of deeds. (On motion by Mr. Cole of York, tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 150. An Act to equalize the salaries of the registers of probate. (On motion by Mr. Scammon of Hancock, tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 151. An Act to equalize the salaries of the judges of probate. (On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec, tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 152. An Act to equalize the salaries of county attorneys. (On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln, tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 153. An Act to provide for the classification and compensation of clerical employees in State and county offices. (On motion by Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin, tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 154. An Act to equalize the salaries of county treasurers. (On motion by Mr. Murphy of Cumberland tabled pending second reading.)

Senate 155. An Act for the better protection of shell fish within the town of Eliot, in the county of York.

Message from the House.

The following message was re-

ceived from the House, transmitted by the Clerk:

The House instructs its Clerk to return to the honorable Senate, Resolve in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries, etc. The House has reconsidered its vote whereby this Resolve was passed as an ordinary measure, and has finally passed it as an emergency measure, 126 votes being in the affirmative and none in the negative.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate has received the message.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Boynton from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs to which was referred, Resolve in favor of State pensions, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the committee on salaries and fees to which was referred, An Act to equalize the salaries of the clerks of the judicial courts, reported same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Colby from the committee on ways and bridges to which was referred, Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair Mopang Bridge in Township 30 M. D., Washington county, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same committee to which was referred Resolve for an appropriation to repair bridges in Township 29 M. D., Washington county, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same committee to which was referred, Resolve in favor of an appropriation to reimburse in part the town of Deblois, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Conant from the same committee to which was referred An Act in relation to the improvement of certain highways, reported same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The several reports were accepted and the bills and resolves tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Hastings from the committee on inland fisheries and game, to

which was referred An Act to amend Sections 8 and 9 of Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fish and game laws, reported same be placed on file as the subject matter is covered by another bill reported by the same committee.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

House 90. Resolve in favor of the People's Ferry Company for maintenance.

House 121. An Act authorizing the town of Richmond to change its burying ground.

House 177. An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 359 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to paupers and minors.

House 179. An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fishing in Otter Pond.

Senate 120. An Act additional to Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings.

Senate 121. An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to deposits in savings banks and institutions for savings in the names of married women and minors.

Senate 122. Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Gorham for furnishings at the new dormitory at said school.

Senate 123. Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Gorham for the completion of the partially constructed dormitory at said school.

Senate 126. Resolve in favor of the Aroostook State Normal School at Presque Isle for repairs.

Senate 127. Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal School, for construction of a suitable building for the household arts department.

Senate 128. Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal School for completing the furnishings at the dormitory of said school.

Senate 124. Resolve in favor of the

Western State Normal School at Gorham for purchasing and installation of equipment for the industrial department at said school. (On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Senate 125. Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Gorham for permanent improvements and repairs. (On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Senate 129. Resolve in favor of the Madawaska Training School at Fort Kent, for the construction of a suitable dormitory building and for providing furnishings for the same. (On motion by Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin, tabled for statement of facts, pending passage to be engrossed.)

Finally Passed.

Resolve appropriating money to aid in construction of a road in the town of Moscow.

Resolve in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding station for fish in this State, and for the protection of fish, game and birds.

This resolve carrying an emergency clause required a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. A rising vote was had and 30 Senators voting in favor of final passage and none against, the resolve was finally passed.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Durgin of Piscataquis, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate

Chamber be given to the committee on towns for a public hearing, on Tuesday, February 23, 1915, at two o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, joint order for a special committee to investigate railroads, was taken from the table. On further motion by the same Senator the order was referred to the committee on judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, that the committee on judiciary, to which was referred the bill entitled, An Act to authorize the Norway and Paris Street Railway to purchase or lease the property and franchises of the Mechanic Falls Electric Light Company, return said bill to the Senate for printing.

On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, House 13, Report of the Committee on Ways and Bridges (ought not to pass) on an Act to amend chapter one hundred and thirty of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, to provide for a more equitable distribution of funds for state aid roads, was taken from the table. On further motion by the same Senator the report was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Murphy of Cumberland, House 107, Resolve in favor of Sibae S. Andrews, for increase of pension, was taken from the table. On further motion by the same gentlemen the resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Price of Sagadahoc.

Adjourned.