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HOUSE.

Wednesday, January 31, 1917.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Pinkham of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

Agriculture.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An Act for better protection against adulterated, misbranded or inferior commercial fertilizers. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bussabarger of Lubec: An Act to provide a bounty on crows in the county of Washington, State of Maine, (500 copies ordered printed.) Also petition of E. A. Morrison and 15 others of the towns of Trescott and Lubec for same.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Allan of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Children's Heart Work Society of Maine, for maintenance and the carrying out of its work.

Claims.

By Mr. Purington of Mechanic Falls: Resolve in favor of Ernest E. Graffam of Poland, Maine, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Ryder of Brownville: Resolve reimbursing the town of Orneville for expenses incurred in the care and nursing of a State pauper; with statement of facts.

Commerce.

By Mr. Fletcher of Kennebunkport: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to Old Home Week.

Education.

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: Resolve in favor of St. Joseph's Academy of Portland.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Resolve in favor of the Nasson Institute for the maintenance and extension of its work and for additional equipment.

Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: An Act to provide electric lights on Indian Island, Old Town, Maine.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Charles of Lovell: An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fishing through the ice in Upper Stone Pond, now known as Virginia Lake, in the town of Stoneham, in the county of Oxford.

By Mr. Lawrence of Fairfield: Resolve in aid of screening Oak Pond in Skowhegan, in the county of Somerset.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: Petition of A. G. Pinkham and 93 others for amendment of law relative to catching of perch in Lake Cobbosseecontee.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Petition of W. H. Farnham and 15 others favoring a closed time on brooks flowing into Hot Hole Pond in the town of Orland.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: An Act to incorporate the Brassau Stream Dam and Improvement Company. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Daigle of New Canada: Resolve in favor of improvement of the navigation of the Fish River Lakes in the county of Aroostook. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the appointment of clerks of the judicial courts. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An Act to enable the county of Aroostook to raise by temporary loan not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in one year.

By Mr. Cushman of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 39 of Chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes relating to the sale or loaning of firearms to children. (Tabled for printing and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Dearth of Dexter: An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal court of Dexter.

By Mr. Cushman of Auburn: An Act to prohibit the selling or giving away of air rifles to children under sixteen years of age. (Tabled for printing and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Jenkins of Kingfield: An Act to amend Section 31 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to paupers in plantations. (Tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield: An Act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Fort Fairfield to assume all the rights, privileges, duties, contracts and obligations of the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation in said Fort Fairfield. (Tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Cushman of Auburn: An Act concerning the use of firearms and air rifles by children under the age of sixteen years. (Tabled for printing and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Resolution of New Century Grange of the town of Dedham in favor of Women's Suffrage.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Stearns of Hiram: An Act to ratify and confirm the incorporation of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association of Brownfield.

By Mr. Murray of Bangor: An Act confirming and ratifying the organization of the Penobscot Law Library Association.

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: An Act in relation to the licensing of dogs on the Indian Reservations.

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act to amend Chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the practice of professional public accounting. (Tabled by Mr. Brewster of Portland and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Goldthwait of Biddeford: An Act authorizing the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to increase its capital stock and to hold securities in other corporations.

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: An Act to amend Chapter 132 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to the ferry between Indian Island, so-called, and the city of Old Town.

By Mr. Stearns of Hiram: An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, entitled "Soldiers and Sailors not to be considered paupers."

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: An Act in addition to Section 13 of Chapter 14, Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to adoptions in the Penobscot Tribe.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Remonstrance of R. E. Gray and others of the town of Verona, against the granting of a charter authorizing any portion of the town of Verona to form a separate corporation.

Pensions.

By Mr. Cates of Vassalboro: Resolve providing a state pension for John Lamson, of Vassalboro.

By Mr. Stearns of Hiram: Resolve in favor of James D. Wilder of Hiram, Maine, for state pension.

By Mr. Cole of Etna: Resolve providing an increased state pension for Emma A. Gannett.

By Mr. Emerson of Lewiston: Resolve providing a state pension for Dorcas M. Watkins, of Lewiston.

By Mr. Williams of Auburn: Resolve in favor of Patrick A. Galvin.

By Mr. Emerson of Lewiston: Resolve providing a state pension for Flora Stevens of Lewiston.

By Mr. Clarke of Randolph: Resolve in favor of Amanda H. Loud of Randolph.

Portland and South Portland Delegations

By Mr. Anderson of Portland: An Act relating to the appointment, time of service, and removal of janitors and engineers of public school buildings of

the city of Portland. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Gurney of Portland: An Act to incorporate the Portland Traffic District. (1500 copies ordered printed.)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Light and Power District. (1000 copies ordered printed.) Tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Emily Michaud and 11 others of Van Buren in favor of an Act to incorporate the Van Buren Light and Power District; also petition of W. W. Thomas and 13 others in favor of same; also petition of J. H. Michaud and 25 others of Van Buren in favor of same; also petition of John Lawson and 50 others of Van Buren in favor of same; also petition of Joseph Bernier and 66 others of Van Buren in favor of same; also petition of Willie F. Paradis and 170 others of Van Buren in favor of same; also petition of F. A. Higgins, Jr., and 96 others of Van Buren in favor of same.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Remonstrance of G. A. Avery and 67 others against granting the charter authorizing a ferry between Stockton Springs, Waldo County, and Verona, Hancock County.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Dearth of Dexter: An Act to increase the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Dexter.

By Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass: An Act relating to the compensation of register of deeds in Aroostook County.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to the salary of the register of deeds for Kennebec County.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro: An Act relating to marking of lobsters in transit. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: An Act to amend Section 67 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes relating to scallops.

Telephones and Telegraphs

By Mr. Russell of Farmington: An Act to increase the capital stock of the Franklin Farmers Co-operative Telephone Company. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Daigle of New Canada: Resolve in favor of building a bridge across the Allagash River in the plantation of Allagash. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: Resolve in favor of Gardiner and Randolph bridge for maintenance and repairs. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Daigle of New Canada: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of a road in the plantation of New Canada, and providing for the future maintenance thereof. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Resolve in favor of a road way in Townships Nos. 5 and 6, Ninth Range, N. W. P., in county of Piscataquis, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Stanley of Dixfield: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Dixfield in the improvement of a section of road between Dixfield and Wilton.

Orders

Mr. Wilson of Portland presented the following order:

Ordered: that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives is hereby tendered the joint standing committee on ways and bridges for the evening of Thursday, February 1, 1917, for the purpose of holding a public meeting on good roads, the same having been postponed from Wednesday evening, January 31st.

The order received a passage.

On motion of Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven, it was

Ordered: that the clerk be authorized to have one thousand copies of House Bill No. 12 printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the committee on state prison consider the advisability, or feasibility, or allowing time convicts in the State Prison a small compensation for their work and labor performed while in prison, to be paid to them when discharged; and in the event any such convict has a wife, minor child, or minor children residing within the State, whether such compensation should not be paid from time to time to such wife or minor child or children, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. BOMAN: Mr. Speaker, I trust that your committee will take this matter under consideration. In making this request, I am reminded of the fact that four years ago, either through lack of sympathy or otherwise, the committee did not report on a similar order offered at that time. Now, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen, I am of the opinion, now as then, that something ought to be done for these unfortunate convicts in prison, and I hope the committee will give this order due consideration. I move that the order receive passage.

The order then received a passage.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, it was

Ordered, that the clerk of the House secure the printing of one thousand copies of Senate Doc. No. 43, entitled "An Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters."

Orders of the Day.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, although I am proud to be a resident of the State of Maine, I discovered this morning that I am from Missouri, I have got to be shown. This morning a card was placed on my desk as well as on the desks of all members of the House, stating that in order to facilitate and expedite business, and to have a uniform rule in regard to amendments, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House will entertain no amendments to any bill or resolve until the same has been read twice in the Senate and three times in the House. Now, Mr. Speaker, if anything would expedite the busi-

ness of the House, I would certainly be for that with all my powers. I would like to provide a shovel to help through the passage of some of these bills, but I would like to rise at this time for information. Under what authority do the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House make such a ruling as this, if it is a ruling?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Island Falls (Mr. Sisson) that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are of the opinion that the cards as printed are not readily understood by the two houses, and the matter will be presented at a later session.

On motion by Mr. Harman of Stonington, the order that the State Highway Commission file with the Legislature forthwith an itemized statement of expenditures incurred by it during the past two years, was taken from the table.

Mr. Harman then offered the following amendment:

House Amendment A to order relating to expenditures incurred by State Highway Commission.

Amend said order by inserting the words "the Senate concurring" after the word "Ordered", in the first line of the order, so that the same shall read as follows:

"Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the State Highway Commission file with the Legislature forthwith an itemized statement of all expenditures incurred by it during the past two years, which statement shall include particularly and in detail the amount expended in actual road construction exclusive of surveys, inspection, salaries, etc., as well as a detailed statement of all other expenditures.

The question being on the adoption of House Amendment A,

The amendment was adopted,

The order then received a passage as amended.

Mr. DUTTON of Bingham: Mr. Speaker, I wish at this time to take from the table Senate Doc. No. 25, Act relative to horseshoeing, tabled by me Friday. I desire to state that I feel perhaps that it would be courteous to

refer this measure to the committee as it may be possible for the proponents of the measure to offer some evidence in justification of a portion of it. I am also requested by Senator Gillin of Bangor to state that he is not the parent of this bill. He wishes to state that the bill was handed by a constituent to the President of the Senate, and the President of the Senate requested Senator Gillin to introduce it. Senator Gillin wishes this statement made because he does not wish to be criticised for any future stand he may make in regard to the measure; and I move that we concur with the Senate in the reference of the bill to the committee on legal affairs.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the reference of the bill to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, House Doc. No 44, An Act to repeal Section 73 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Sunday being a closed season for game or birds, was taken from the table and on further motion by the same gentleman, was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Turner of Veazie, Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.