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HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 6, 1917.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Townsend of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, the rules were suspended, and that gentleman presented out of order the following resolution:

Resolved that the House of Representatives of the 78th legislature of Maine, now in session, endorse the recent action of the President of the United States in insisting upon and upholding the rights of the American people; that this House, acting in behalf of the people of the State of Maine, pledges its support to, and places the resources of this State at the disposal of the national government; and the clerk of the House is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: In offering this resolution, Mr. Speaker, I desire to make a few remarks. It seems to me that it is appropriate for this House of Representatives at this time to in some manner endorse the recent action of President Wilson, I suppose none of us when we became candidates for the House of Representatives realized for a moment that we would be called upon to sit here at a time of a great national crisis. I suppose none of us ever dreamed that this country would be on the verge of war with a great foreign nation, and on this account I think we should look the situation fairly and squarely in the face, and make up our minds to stand resolutely behind the President of our country. (Applause). Situated as we are, at the northeastern corner of the United States, we, ourselves, in case of

the actual outbreak of hostilities, may be the first to suffer; and I think no more appropriate action could be taken than to let the State of Maine send word across the continent that, regardless of what may happen, we stand ready to do our duty. As I look around here all party lines have vanished; we are no longer Democrats and Republicans; we must put aside all partisan principles and strifes; we must put aside all selfish interests and unite in upholding the liberties, the independence and the self-respect of the American people. Mr. Speaker, I move the passage of this resolution.

Mr. MURPHY of Calais: Mr. Speaker, I second the motion of Mr. Baxter.

Mr. SNOW of Mars Hill: Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen of the House: I am heartily in favor of the resolution as introduced. The central government is in deep concern over the international questions that have arisen, and some of our people are looking to the United States—their country, their own native land—perhaps now for help, stretching out their arms over an ocean boiling with submarines, with possibly no chance of reaching our shores. Maine has never been wanting in patriotism and perhaps the country is in the deepest concern it has been in since the days of the Rebellion when Maine answered the call with more than 70,000 men for the preservation of the Union. In this crisis it is fitting that this legislature pass the resolution that has been introduced. I second the adoption of that resolution.

Mr. REED of Bangor: I move that when the vote is taken it be taken by a rising vote of the members of the House.

Mr. SISSON of Island Falls: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if there is any provision there for concurrent action on that resolution.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would inform the gentleman that it is a House resolution, it being the understanding of the Chair that a similar resolution is being passed by the Senate.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on judiciary reporting "ought to pass" on bill, An act to amend Chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Bath Trust Company."

This report came from the Senate re-committed in that branch to the committee on judiciary.

The House voted to concur with the Senate in recommitting the report to the committee on judiciary.

From the Senate: Joint resolution in favor of supporting the President of the United States.

Resolved, that the State of Maine, by its legislature, send to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, an expression of its sincere and hearty approval of his recent act in severing diplomatic relations with Germany; and in this crisis and all the difficulties which may follow in consequence thereof, it pledges its unswerving allegiance to the administration at Washington, and, as a token thereof, it offers the support of its moral and material resources in whatever way they may be deemed best calculated to serve.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States by the Governor of the State of Maine by telegram.

Mr. BAXTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, when I presented my resolution it was understood at that time that the Senate was to pass a Senate resolution and the House a House resolution; but evidently they changed that and they made a joint resolution. I see no harm in passing both resolutions. It only makes the matter a little more binding and gives it added force. Consequently I move that we concur with the Senate in passing this resolution.

The resolution then received a passage 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 to provide for conducting scientific investigations bearing upon the agriculture of Aroostook county. (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Hart of Houlton: An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1909, as amended by Section 11 in Chapter 40 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to damage done to domestic animals by wild animals or dogs. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Bowman of Detroit: Resolve making appropriation for the bureau of inspection for the years 1917 and 1918.

Education.

By Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass: Resolve in favor of the Madawaska Training school at Fort Kent for the finishing and furnishing of the boys' dormitory known as Dickey hall.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Resolve in favor of Ricker Classical Institute for the repair and improvement of buildings.

By Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass: Resolve in favor of the Madawaska Training school at Fort Kent for the construction of an addition to the school building known as Cyr hall.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Madawaska Training school at Fort Kent for permanent repairs and improvements.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. McNally of Ashland: An act to amend Sections 13 and 14 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes (1916), relating to the registration of guides. (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same gentleman: An act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to fishing through the ice.

By Mr. Hill of Littleton: An act relating to ice fishing in Cary lake and Ross lake, in Littleton, in Aroostook county.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Resolve in favor of screening the outlet of Decker pond in Somerset county.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of screening the outlet of Moxie pond in Somerset county.

By Mr. Stanley of Dixfield: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening and maintaining a screen at the outlet of Garland pond in the county of Oxford.

By Mr. Jennings of Wayne: Petition of N. K. Lincoln and 41 others, relating to prohibition of fishing through the ice in Androscoggin lake.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Petition of A. F. Donigan of Bingham and 43 others in support of a resolve in favor of screening Decker pond outlet in Somerset county.

By Mr. Jordan of Baileyville: Petition of C. F. Keef and 10 others, residents of Washington county, in favor of an appropriation for screening Lambert lake in said county.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Petition of R. C. Jackson of Mosquito and 57 others in support of a resolve in favor of screening Moxie pond outlet in Somerset county.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Hutchins of Mexico: An act to amend Section 65 of Chapter 126, of the Revised Statutes of Maine, in relation to appointment of cruelty officers. (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the May term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Oxford. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: An act to amend Paragraph 5, Section 64 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, relating to exemption from attachment. (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Murphy of Calais: An act to prevent injuries to persons and property at grade crossings. (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Sawyer of Madison: Petition of Hattie Clement and 21 others favoring the passage of a resolution relating to women's suffrage.

By Mr. Jennings of Wayne: Petition of C. W. Small and 18 others relating to an amendment to the Constitution granting suffrage to women.

By Mr. Andrews of Warren: Petition of White Oak Grange of Warren favoring passage of bill granting suffrage to women.

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: An act providing for court jurisdiction in criminal cases originating in Hibberts Gore.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: An act to establish the police court in the city of Belfast. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Bussabarger of Lubec: An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to board of distribution being notified of dead human bodies. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Clason of Lisbon: An act to extend the provisions of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, authorizing the town of Lisbon to supply gas and electricity.

By Mr. Chaplin of Bridgton: An act to extend the charter of the North Bridgton Village Corporation.

By Mr. Ellis of York: An act to amend Chapter 455 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, amended by Chapter 305 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, entitled "An act to incorporate the York Beach Village Corporation."

Library.

By Mr. Hutchins of Mexico: An act to provide for a county law library at Rumford in the county of Oxford.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: An act relating to casualty assessment insurance companies. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Resolve in favor of the town of Houlton for money expended for the support of dependent members of families of enlisted men of the National Guard, State of Maine.

By Mr. Andrews of Norway: Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the town of Norway for money paid to aid dependent families of members of Company D, 2d Maine Regiment, while on service on the Mexican border.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Resolve for the payment of expenses of last sickness

and burial of Allan Shenneck, formerly a private, Company L, Maine Infantry, N. G. S. M.

By Mr. Longley of Sidney: Resolve in favor of the town of Oakland, Maine, in Kennebec county, for money paid out for support of the family of Chester Knight while he was serving on the medical corps of the 2d Maine Infantry on the Mexican border.

Pensions.

By Mr. McNally of Ashland: Resolve in favor of Inez Sutherland for State pension.

By Mr. Murphy of Calais: Resolve granting pension to Abigail Munson.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve providing a State pension for Annie Howe.

By the same gentleman: Resolve providing a State pension for Salathiel D. Seeley.

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: Resolve providing for an increase of State pension for Bertha A. Gleason.

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public vehicles and free transportation on same. (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Cole of Eliot: An act to amend Section 57, Chapter 55, of the Revised Statutes, to authorize revision of the decrees of the railroad commissioners.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Murphy of Calais: An act to prevent injuries to persons and property at grade crossings. (1000 copies ordered printed).

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An act to specify the times when county commissioners shall receive their salaries. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Hart of Holden: An act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to salary of the commissioner of agriculture. (Tabled by Mr. Hart of Holden pending reference to a committee).

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: An act to prevent the shipping of flounders out of the State between October 1 and December 15 of each year. (500 copies ordered printed).

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Daigle of Wallagrass: Resolve in aid of the construction of a highway bridge over the St. John river between Fort Kent, Maine, and St. Francis, New Brunswick. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: An act to regulate the operation of jitney busses, or any other steam or motor driven vehicle. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Redman of Ellsworth: Resolve appropriating certain sums of money for building a road around Chick Hill in the towns of Amherst and Clifton.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating a sum of money for the repair and permanent improvement of the highway leading from Jones bridge to Plantation No. 21 in the town of Maria-ville.

By Mr. Ryder of Brownville: Resolve in favor of the town of Brownville, and covering one-half the expense of a concrete bridge erected by said town across Pleasant river, in the years 1915-16. (Tabled for printing and 500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Watts of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Jonesboro.

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: Resolve in favor of the covered bridge at Mattawamkeag.

By Mr. Clement of Montville: Resolve in favor of the town of Unity.

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: Resolve in favor of Webster plantation.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Resolve to enable the town of Millinocket to raise money for the maintenance and support of Sourdahunk road, so called, between the town of Millinocket and Millinocket lake.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Sourdahunk road.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Remon-
strance of W. E. Corey and 33 others

against the passage of a resolve relating to repairing the road at Kidders Hill, so called, in the town of Holden, also remonstrance of Edward R. Hart and 30 others against the same.

By Mr. Brackett of Limington: Remonstrance of W. H. Sawyer and 215 others against resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair and construction of a State highway from Westbrook to the New Hampshire state line, through the counties of Cumberland, York and Oxford, and providing for future maintenance thereof.

By Mr. Longley of Sidney: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Sidney in repairing its highway.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the labor committee for its hearing Wednesday afternoon, February 7, 1917.

On motion by Mr. Besse of Clinton, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be given to the committee on ways and bridges Wednesday afternoon, February 14, 1917, for a public hearing.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Chaplin from the committee on pensions, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Rachel Stanley of Paris.

The report was accepted and the resolve ordered printed under the joint rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 88. An act to enable Forest Hill Cemetery Association to convey its real estate and personal property to the inhabitants of Bridgton as a body corporate and to dissolve said association.

House 89. Resolve reimbursing the State legislative printer for over-time work.

House 90. Resolve in favor of 12th Company, C. A. C., N. G. S. M., on account of presidential inauguration.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

House 70. An act relating to compensation of trustees of savings banks.

House 69. An act providing for a State paper.

On motion by Mr. Harris of Boothbay Harbor,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.