

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

Friday, February 16, 1917.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Wm. H. Broken-shire of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to provide a police board for the city of Water-ville.

In the Senate referred to the com-mittee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Water-ville, tabled pending concurrence and 500 additional copies ordered printed.

From the Senate: Ordered, the Sen-ate concurring, that bill, An Act for the enforcement of liens on jewelry, clocks and watches repaired by jewel-ers, Senate Bill, No. 7, to be taken from the files for further consideration by this Legislature.

This order was read and passed in the House yesterday, and sent to the Senate.

In the Senate, it was read and in-definitely postponed in non-concur-rence.

On motion by Mr. Dearth of Dexter, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite post-ponement of the order.

From the Senate: Senate Doc. No. 151. An Act to repeal Chapter 271, Private and Special Laws of 1911, re-lating to ways and bridges in Planta-tion No. 14, Washington county.

In the Senate recommitted to the committee on ways and bridges.

In the House, recommitted in con-currence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

Senate 156. An Act to amend Sec-tions 4 and 5 of Chapter 78 of the Re-vised Statutes of 1916, relating to the sale of real estate subject to contin-gent remainders.

Senate 152. An Act to provide whole family protection of members of fra-ternal benefit societies.

Senate 153. An Act to amend Sec-tion 1, Chapter 85, Revised Statutes, relating to the bonds of sheriffs.

From the Senate: Senate 158. An Act to provide a penalty for evading taxicab and public automobile fares.

In the Senate recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

In the House, recommitted in con-currence.

From the Senate: Senate 19. Re-port of committee on mercantile af-fairs and insurance, on bill, An Act to license non-resident brokers, reporting "ought not to pass."

In the Senate, the report was ac-cepted.

In the House, accepted in concur-rence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Sen-ate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 20, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The order received a passage in con-currence.

The following bills and petitions were presented, and, on recommenda-tion of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Education.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: An Act to provide for the distribution of State school funds available for the support of common schools. (2000 copies or-dered printed.)

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Remon-strance of Fred W. Barton and 59 oth-ers, residents of Houlton, against the passage of An Act to repeal Section 73 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relative to Sunday being a closed sea-son for game or birds; also remon-strance of T. P. Williams and 71 oth-ers, residents of Houlton against same.

By Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro: Remonstrance of William H. Emery and 31 others, of Eden, Maine, against same; also remonstrance of N. E. Franklin and 46 others of Eden against same.

By Mr. Libby of Litchfield: Remonstrance of E. S. Longley and 40 others of Winthrop against repeal of Sunday law against hunting.

By Mr. Stubbs of Strong: Remonstrance of Rev. C. Woodworth and 15 others against same.

By Mr. Leavitt of Livermore: Remonstrance of S. D. Brown and 25 others against same.

By Mr. Snow of Bluehill: Remonstrance of E. S. Gahan and 46 others against same.

By Mr. Sawyer of Madison: Remonstrance of Rev. William Clements and 13 others against same.

By Mr. Chaplin of Bridgton: Remonstrance of Perley Freeman and 23 others of Harrison against same.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of C. N. Davie and 15 others against amending Revised Statutes as to Sunday being a closed time to game or birds.

By Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro: Remonstrance of Horace F. Wescott and 140 others of Ellsworth against same; also remonstrance of H. A. Bickford and 22 others of Southwest Harbor against same; also remonstrance of Charles E. Alexander and 60 others of Ellsworth, Maine, against same; also remonstrance of E. S. Thurston and 22 others of Southwest Harbor against same; also remonstrance of E. S. Thurston and 27 others of Mt. Desert against same.

By Mr. Jennings of Wayne: Remonstrance of J. O. Newton and 31 others against same.

By Mr. Drisko of Addison: Remonstrance of Luther G. Sawyer and others of Columbia against repealing Section 46 of Chapter 33, of Revised Statutes, relating to the digging out of fox dens.

By Mr. Chaplin of Bridgton: Remonstrance of Perley Freeman and 22 others of Harrison against licensing resident hunters.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: An Act to amend Section 21, Chapter 49, Revised Statutes, relating to regulations for employment of minors between 14 and 16 years of age. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Gurney of Portland: An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, relative to leases. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Placed on File.

By Mr. Gannet of Augusta: Petition of Mabel Cushing and 14 others of Augusta in favor of Women's Suffrage.

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: Petition of Walter E. Swift and 16 others of Thomaston in favor of same; also petition of Winfield Scott and 19 others of Enfield in favor of same; also petition of Frank E. Briggs and 85 others of Damariscotta in favor of same.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Petition of W. T. Crawford and 20 others in favor of same; also petition of Edith B. Hunt and 46 others of Springvale in favor of same.

By Mr. Williams of Auburn: Petition of Tascus Atwood and 27 others of Auburn in favor of same.

By Mr. Newcomb of Scarborough: Petition of E. E. Fenderson and 19 others of Biddeford, Saco and Kennebunk, in favor of same; also petition of H. S. Jordan and 20 others of Cape Elizabeth in favor of same; also petition of Fred N. Newcomb and 35 others of Scarborough in favor of same.

Pensions.

By Mr. Wilson of Portland: An Act to benefit disabled Spanish War Veterans.

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: An Act in relation to supplying electric current at reduced rates for educational purposes. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Fletcher of Kennebunkport: Petition of G. G. Hutchins and 41 others of York in favor of the nine-inch lobster law; also petition of George H.

Bridges and 43 others of York in favor of same.

State Sanatoriums.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Petition of George W. Stevens and 35 others, residents of Penobscot county, in favor of the passage of the resolve for the establishment of the Northern Maine Sanatorium.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn, it was

Ordered, that 500 additional copies of House Document No. 107, be printed for the use of the House.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Stearns from the committee on commerce, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to Old Home Week.

Mr. Allan from the committee on public utilities, on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Lincoln County Street Railway, reported same in a new draft under title of "An Act to extend the charter of the Lincoln County Street Railway" and that the same "ought to pass."

Mr. Wilson from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act granting Charles H. Scott the right to maintain a ferry across Eggemoggin Reach in Hancock county.

Mr. Tate from same committee, on bill, An Act to create the Van Buren Sewerage District, reported same in a new draft, under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Rounds from committee on salaries and fees, on bill, An Act to establish the wages of clerks in the offices of Aroostook Registry of Deeds, Southern District, and clerk of courts of Aroostook county, and to secure to such clerk of courts reimbursement for necessary expenses in attendance at the terms of the supreme judicial court held at Caribou, reported the same in new draft under same title, and that it "ought to pass."

The reports were accepted and the several bills ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Descoteaux from the committee

on labor, on bill, An Act relative to the hours of labor of certain employees in and about the stations of railroad corporations, reported "no further legislation at this time deemed necessary."

Mr. Gannett from the committee on public utilities, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Ferry Company.

Mr. Merrill from the same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water District.

Mr. Howard from the committee on salaries and fees, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act amendatory of Chapter 173 of the Public Laws of 1905, to increase the salary of the register of deeds, Southern Registry, Aroostook County.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 264 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the equalization of the salaries of the registers of probate.

Mr. Jenkins from the same committee reported "ought not to pass," on bill, An Act to establish the salary of the register of deeds of the Southern Registry District of Aroostook county.

The reports were accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 309. Resolve in favor of the recording and other officers of the House of Representatives of the 77th Legislature for services at the organization of the 78th Legislature.

House 311. Resolve to provide for a survey by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of areas suitable for the propagation of clams.

House 310. An Act to provide compensation for town clerks for issuance and recording of burial permits.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Senate 137. An Act making it unlawful to give checks or drafts on banks where the maker has not sufficient funds or credit to pay same, and providing a penalty therefor.

Senate 138. An Act providing for incorporation of industrial banks.

Senate 140. An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company.

House 271. An Act to amend Chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "An Act to amend an act incorporating the city of Waterville."

House 272. An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to retiring of guaranty capital of a mutual fire insurance company.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of Rachel Stanley.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, on the 14th of February, there

was an order passed by the House, a strictly House order, providing for the appointment of a committee by the Speaker with reference to the seats of the House. I would move at this time, that, under a suspension of the rules, we reconsider the vote whereby that order was given a passage.

The rules being suspended, on motion by Mr. Farrington, the vote was reconsidered whereby the above order received a passage, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the order was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Hart of Holden,
Adjourned until ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, February 20.