

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

Friday, January 26, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. W. F. Livingston of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Franklin, the rules were suspended and that senator introduced the following order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 30, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

On further motion by the same senator, the order was passed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc, the rules were suspended and that senator introduced the following order:

Ordered, the House concurring that bill, An Act concerning industrial banks, defining same and providing for their incorporation, powers, supervision and control, Senate Document 5, now in the hands of the joint standing committee on legal affairs, be recalled and referred to the joint standing committee on banks and banking.

On further motion by the same senator, the order was passed and sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: The Senate order inviting Hon. Lyman H. Nelson to address the legislature, came from the House amended by House Amendment A, as follows: "Amend by striking out all of the substance of said Senate order and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

'Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the use of the Representatives Hall be tendered to the committee on ways and bridges for a public meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 31, or some date to be fixed by it.

Ordered, further, that as it is the sense and wish of the two houses that

at this meeting the general subject of good roads be discussed, the legislature extends an invitation to the Hon. Lyman H. Nelson of Portland, formally chairman of the State highway commission, and to Prof. George T. Files of Brunswick and to others interested whether members of the legislature or not, to be present and address the legislative houses on this subject of vital and State wide importance.'"

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, the Senate receded from its former action, and on further motion by the same senator, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, Portland, Maine.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: An act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes (1916), relating to the taking of smelts, minnows, white fish and cusk. (Ordered printed).

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin: An act to provide for a commission to be known as the People's Rights and Water Power Commission of the State of Maine. (1000 copies ordered printed).

Judiciary.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, relative to the tenure of the office of sheriff. (2000 copies ordered printed).

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An act to legalize and make valid the doings of the municipal officers of Vinalhaven in laying out a way over the tide waters across Indian Creek in said Vinalhaven, and authorizing the construction of a suitable bridge across the same. (Ordered printed).

By Mr. Butler of Franklin: An act to annex the Surburban Water District in the town of Farmington, to Farmington Village Corporation. (Ordered printed).

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the city of Augusta for money expended to aid dependent families of members of National Guard of the State of Maine.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin: An act to fix the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Androscoggin.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salary of the clerk of the board of assessors.

Taxation.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: An act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber from the wild land townships.

Mr. HASTINGS of Androscoggin: Mr. President, in the announcement of the reference of the bill relating to water powers, An act to provide for a commission to be known as the People's Rights and Water Power Commission of the State of Maine, the intention was, I think, by request of Representative Baxter of Portland, to have this bill referred to the judiciary, because previously he had introduced a bill in the House that had to do with the same question, and thought perhaps it would be better to have them considered by the same committee. I thought that the reference was changed, but I see by your announcement that it is still to go to the committee on interior waters. I would move that the reference be changed, if in order, and that it go before the judiciary committee.

Mr. HIGGINS of Penobscot: Mr. President, in behalf of the committee on reference of bills, I will state that the reference to the committee on interior waters was made on account of the fact that it was thought with one bill of the same

nature now in the hands of the judiciary committee, and this being in the hands of the committee on interior waters, would give a broader view of the entire matter, and probably other bills would be introduced, and these with the other bills would give a broader scope of the entire matter, and the two committees would get together and agree upon a general bill. That is why this reference was made.

Mr. HASTINGS: Mr. President, I withdraw my motion.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, it seems to me that this might develop to be a matter of some importance and perhaps if the senator is willing, this bill might lie on the table until next Tuesday. Would there be any objection to that?

Mr. HASTINGS: Mr. President, I have no objection.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, if the Chair will receive a motion, I move the matter of the reference of this bill be laid over until Tuesday of next week.

The motion was agreed to.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Marshall from the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred, An act to incorporate the Old Folks Home in Bath, reported the same in a new draft, under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Higgins from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, to which was referred, Resolve in behalf of the Childrens' Hospital of Portland, reported same back and that 500 copies be printed, and that the same be recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland,

Adjourned until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock