

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

Thursday, February 1, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Walsh of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the committee on State prison consider the advisability, or feasibility, of 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 shall not be paid from time to time to such wife or minor child or children, and to report by bill or otherwise.

In the House this order was read and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would inquire if the order was referred to any committee? The order directs a report by bill or otherwise, and I was wondering how the report would be made by a bill under the general passage of the order.

The PRESIDENT: The order is not referred to any committee.

On motion by Mr. Davies, the order was referred to the committee on State prisons and sent down for concurrence.

From the House: Ordered, 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.

In the House this order was passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence after having been amended by the adoption of House Amendment A, as follows: "Amend said order by inserting the words, 'The Senate concurring' after the word 'Ordered,' in the first line of the order."

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, my view is that orders of that kind should not be passed without having reference to a committee. It seems to me that in an order of that kind the highway commission should have an opportunity to be heard. I move that the order and amendment as adopted by the House be referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

The motion was agreed to.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of the commission of pharmacy.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Deering of York: An Act to incorporate the Biddeford Trust Company. (Ordered printed).

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Chick of Kennebec: An act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes (1916), relating to the taking of fish, game and birds for scientific and park purposes, and to provide for game and fur farming. (Ordered printed).

Judiciary.

By Mr. Gillin of Penobscot: An act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 347 of the private and special laws of 1901, entitled "An act to authorize the Great Northern Paper Company to increase its capital stock."

By Mr. Marshall of Cumberland: An act to incorporate the Cumberland Bar Association. (Ordered printed).

By Mr. Deering of York: An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 61 of the

Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to eminent domain rights. (Ordered printed).

By the same Senator: An act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to gas and electric companies. (Ordered printed).

My Mr. Davis of Piscataquis: An act to make uniform the law of negotiable instruments. (1000 copies ordered printed).

Labor.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An act to repeal Section 12 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to intention to defraud in lumbering operations and commonly known as the peonage law. (Ordered printed).

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Stanley of Oxford: An act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Oxford to remodel, enlarge and repair the registry of deeds building of the western registry district of said county. (Ordered printed).

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An act to regulate public printing and binding.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An act relating to insurance agents and brokers. (Ordered printed).

Pensions.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of Nehemiah Guptill of Adison.

By Mr. Googin of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of Charles S. Robbins of Lewiston, Maine, for State pension.

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Davis of Piscataquis: Bill, An act to extend the powers of the Milo electric Light & Power Company.

By Mr. Lord of York: An Act requiring the placing of warning signs at grade crossings, cross and entering roads, and dangerous curves. (Ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes relating to highway crossings of railroads. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to require through routes and

joint rates by common carriers for the transportation of persons or property. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes relating to the crossing of railroad tracks by town ways and highways. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Lord of York: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 117, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to compensation of Judge of Probate of County of York.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Gordon of York: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, relating to length of lobsters that may be canned. (Ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, relating to length of lobsters. (Ordered printed.)

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Deering from the committee on judiciary, An Act to amend Section 5, Chapter 80, page 695, Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to the terms of the supreme judicial court in Washington county," submitted the same in a new draft under title of "An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Term of the County Commissioners Court in Washington County," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Gillin from the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 82, page 706, Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to the bonds of Sheriffs" submitted the same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 85, Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the bonds of sheriffs," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Butler from the committee on public utilities, on An Act to amend the charter of the Fryeburg Water Company, reported same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Holt from the committee on military affairs, on resolve relating to equestrian statue of Major General Oliver O. Howard, and a standing statue of Brevet Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain at Gettysburg, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland.)

Orders of the Day.

The PRESIDENT: The President lays before the Senate, Senate Document No. 56, the Tracy bill, so-called, An Act to provide for a commission to be known as the People's Rights and Water Power Commission of the State of Maine, consideration of which was especially assigned for today.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the bill be referred to the committee on interior waters.

The motion was agreed to.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, S. D. 64, Resolve to provide for a survey by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries on areas suitable for the propagation of clams, tabled for printing, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move to recall from the committee on judiciary An Act relating to the protection of children. And I desire to say in this connection that the motion is made for the purpose of having the bill printed.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary suggests that you make a written order.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, the bill was introduced in this chamber, and it seemed to me that perhaps under the motion it might be recalled for the purpose of printing. I am perfectly willing to prepare a written order if the Chair thinks that the proper way.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, it occurs to me that a report from the judiciary committee reporting the bill back to the Senate for printing, would be a good way to do it, because that report could then go before the House and be concurred in. I suggest that because we have had a partial hearing on the matter already, and an order at the present time might confuse those who participated in the hearing. That would not conflict with the suggestion of the secretary.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, I do not understand that there is to be any further hearing on the bill. A hearing was duly advertised for yesterday and held. My understanding is that the hearing is closed. The only purpose of the motion was to send the bill back to the Senate for the purpose of having it printed, and for no other purpose.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will entertain the motion.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, I move that the Senate recall from the committee on judiciary the Senate Document in regard to the better preservation of children.

The motion was agreed to.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock, Adjourned.