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SENATE.

Friday, February 9, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. C. W. Robinson of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Mr. CONANT of Waldo: Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended and that I may be permitted to introduce an order out of order.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senator introduced the following order which was passed and sent down for concurrence.

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 13, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Subsequently the President announced that the House had passed the order in concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading.

H. D. 117. Resolve in favor of Rachel Stanley.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Grant of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of the Children's Protective Society for the care, support and education of dependent or neglected children.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to amend Section 27, Chapter 52, Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to investment of deposits. (Ordered printed.)

Education.

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: Resolve in favor of the Eastern State Normal School at Castine.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: Remonstrance of Charles F. Shea of Eden and 42 others against any amendment to Section 46 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes or the passage of any other law that will remove foxes from the list of protected fur bearing animals.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Davis of Piscataquis: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 314 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, as amended by Chapter 443 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Shirley Dam Company."

By the same Senator: Resolve appropriating money to aid navigation on Sebec Lake.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to provide for local licenses for hawkers and peddlers. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act to amend Sections 18 to 23 inclusive, of Chapter 18 and Section 53 of Chapter 117, of the Revised Statutes, all relating to the Board of Registration of Nurses. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Perkins. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Chick of Kennebec: An Act to ratify the doings of the town of Winthrop.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: An Act to repeal Chapter 373 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1833, entitled "An Act to regulate the survey of lumber in the county of Penobscot." (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Marshall of Cumberland: An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, and Section 80 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to the jurisdiction of the superior court for Cumberland county. (Ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An Act to amend Sections 12 and 13 of Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes relating to trespass on islands in salt waters, after notice, and notices, how to be given. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An Act to grant certain powers to Acadia Landing.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: An Act regulating the appointment of the members of the police force of the city of Brewer.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: An Act to incorporate the Birch Point Village Corporation.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: Resolve for a memorial in honor of Major General Hiram G. Berry.

Pensions.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of Catherine Nelligan of Brewer, Maine.

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: Resolve providing a State pension for Ann M. Larrabee.

By Mr. Davies of Cumberland: Resolve providing a State pension for Ella W. Eaton of Brunswick, widow of Ray P. Eaton.

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Deering of York: An Act relating to the Clark Power Company. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An Act to amend Chapter 218 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine, for the year 1911, entitled "An Act to supply the town of North Haven with pure water."

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: An Act to fix the salary of the clerk of courts for the county of Lincoln.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: Remonstrance of A. Simpson, Jr., and 20 others restricting the taking of smelts below Sullivan Falls.

State Sanatorium.

By Mr. Fulton of Aroostook: Resolve in favor of the erection of the Northern Maine Sanatorium. (Ordered printed.)

State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.

By Mr. Fulton of Aroostook: An Act providing for transfer of boys and

girls from State juvenile institutions to other institutions, and amending certain laws pertaining to State juvenile institutions.

By Mr. Fulton of Aroostook: Resolve in favor of the juvenile trustees for per diem and expenses for the years 1917 and 1918.

By Mr. Fulton of Aroostook: Resolve in favor of the State juvenile institutions for maintenance, current expenses and other purposes for the years 1917 and 1918.

Taxation.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: An Act relative to returns by railroad companies for purposes of taxation. (Ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the completion of a State road from Jackman, in Somerset county, to Rockwood, on Moosehead Lake.

By Mr. Davis of Piscataquis: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing a highway in the town of Medford, and providing for the future maintenance thereof.

York County Delegation.

By Mr. Gordon of York: Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan.

Bills in First Reading.

S. D. 130. An Act to amend Chapter 419 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 155 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, and by Chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, and by Chapter 387 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company."

S. D. 131. An Act authorizing the Songo River Line, Inc., formally known and called the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Company, to construct and maintain wharves at East Sebago and Long Beach, so-called, both in the town of Sebago in the county of Cumberland.

S. D. 132. Resolve in favor of John E. Sewall and C. F. A. Phair.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Davies from the committee on judiciary, on An Act to punish the giving of checks or drafts, on any bank or other depository wherein the person so giving such checks or draft shall not have sufficient fund or credit for the payment of the same, reported same in a new draft under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Wood from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act concerning industrial banks, defining same, and providing for their incorporation, powers, supervision and control, reported same in a new draft under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Chapter 416 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the schools of the city of Augusta, reported the same in a new draft under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Butler from the committee on public utilities, on An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company, reported same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Davies from the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to applicants for admission to the bar of this State, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. HOLT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the report of the committee lie on the table.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I ask if the Senator cares to assign any time for the consideration of the report?

Mr. HOLT: Mr. President, whatever time would be convenient to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Davies.

Mr. DAVIES: Mr. President, it will make no special difference to me. I am ready to proceed now.

Mr. HOLT: Mr. President, I move that the matter lie on the table and be assigned for next Wednesday.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Davies from the committee on judiciary, on An Act for the enforcement of liens on jewelry, clocks and watches repaired by jewelers, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Ricker from the committee on library on that part of the address of Governor Milliken which relates to the State library, reported same be placed on file.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

H. D. 88. An Act to enable Forest Hill Cemetery Association to convey its real estate and personal property to the inhabitants of Bridgton, as body corporate and to dissolve said association.

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

H. D. 90. Resolve in favor 12th Co., C. A. C., N. G. S. M., on account of presidential election.

S. D. 112. An Act to legalize and make valid the proceedings of the annual school meeting of the city of Augusta.

S. D. 117. Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution granting suffrage to women upon equal terms with men.

S. D. 119. An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 80 Revised Statutes, relative to title by descent.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. MARSHALL of Cumberland: Mr. President, I beg to inquire whether the bill to change the jurisdiction of the superior court was ordered printed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that the bill was ordered printed.

Mr. WOOD of Hancock: Mr. President, I have been requested to table a

bill that was coming up this morning. I did not introduce it and am not familiar with the title of the bill, and it may have escaped me. The parties want it printed. It is something about public reservations of Mount Desert Island.

I did not notice the title as being read, and I wish to serve the parties as best I can.

The PRESIDENT: As the Chair remembers this bill it came to the reference committee yesterday and will not come to the Senate until next Tuesday.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Knox, the report of the commission for the better preservation and protection of the lobster fisheries, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

The PRESIDENT: The President wishes to remind the Senators that up to four o'clock Monday is the time limit for the introduction of private and special legislation. The presiding officers sincerely hope that all members of the Legislature will observe that rule.

Mr. BURLEIGH of Aroostook: Mr. President, I wish to present the resignation of L. Ernest Thornton as assistant secretary of the Senate:

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I, L. Ernest Thornton of Houlton, Maine, having been duly elected and qualified as assistant secretary of the Senate for the political years of 1917 and 1918, do respectfully tender my

resignation as such officer, the same to take effect immediately.

(Signed)

L. ERNEST THORNTON,
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the resignation be accepted and that there be spread upon the records a vote of thanks for his efficient services.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HOLT of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the election of an assistant secretary of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HOLT: Mr. President, I nominate for assistant secretary of the Senate, Percy F. Crane of Whiting.

The PRESIDENT: Percy F. Crane is nominated.

Mr. HOLT: Mr. President, I now move that the secretary of the Senate cast the ballot of the Senate for Percy F. Crane as assistant secretary of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to, and the vote having been cast the President announced the election of Percy F. Crane to fill out the unexpired time of the office of the assistant secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, that Harry L. Greenleaf of Monmouth serve as assistant to the messengers of the Senate for the remainder of the present session.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.