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SENATE

Thursday, February, 20, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. S. Dow of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Deering of York, under suspension of the rules it was

Ordered, that message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a joint convention to be held in the hall of the House at 11 o'clock this forenoon for the purpose of listening to a discussion of the league of nations by Hon. Courtenay Crocker of Boston and Talcott Williams of New York.

The secretary conveyed the message and subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty with which he was charged.

Message from the House

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House concurred in the proposition of the Senate for a joint convention to be held at 11 o'clock this forenoon for the purpose of listening to a discussion of the league of nations.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate hears the message.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 116: An Act to provide for the collection of agricultural statistics by assessors.

H. D. 163: Resolve in favor of Jacob Astle.

H. D. 164: Resolve in favor of Eagle Lake to reimburse said town for a part of the excessive expenses incurred in the influenza and small-pox epidemics.

H. D. 157: An Act to change the name of Whetstone pond in Abbot and Blanchard in the county of Piscataquis to Sylvan lake.

H. D. 158: An Act authorizing

and empowering the Passadumkeag Lumber Co. to erect and maintain booms and piers in the Penobscot river.

H. D. 159: Resolve in aid of navigation on Sebec lake in Piscataquis county.

H. D. 160: An Act to incorporate the Wesserunsett Stream Dam and Improvement Co.

H. D. 162: Resolve in favor of lighting the Narrows between Upper and Lower Richardson lakes.

H. D. 149: An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes relating to the time of opening and closing of polls at election.

H. D. 155: An Act to amend Section 82 of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 136 of the laws of Maine for 1917, relative to support of debtors in jail.

H. D. 156: An Act to amend Chapter 349 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, entitled An Act to incorporate the officers and members of Monument Lodge.

H. D. 152: An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 155 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled An Act to authorize the town of Yarmouth to supply gas and electricity, and to amend the same.

H. D. 153: An Act to extend the charter of the Salisbury Cove Water Co.

H. D. 154: An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, as extended by Chapter 50 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, authorizing the town of Lisbon to supply gas and electricity.

H. D. 165: An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Co.

H. D. 161: An Act to extend the authority of the American Thread Co. to erect a bridge across Sebec river in the town of Milo.

From the House: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes relating to the sale of milk.

In the Senate this bill was re-

committed to committee on agriculture.

In the House it was indefinitely postponed and that body insisted upon its action.

On motion by Mr. Babb of Cumberland, the Senate receded and concurred with the action of the House in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

From the House: Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the following bills, An Act to amend Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation for personal injuries to employes, House Document No. 55, An Act to amend Sections 9 and 10 of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation for personal injuries for employes, House Document No. 46, An Act to amend Sections 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation for personal injuries for employes, House Document No. 67, An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the workmen's compensation act House Document No. 69, An Act to amend Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, entitled compensation for personal injuries to employes, be recalled from the joint committees on labor and judiciary.

In the House this order was refused a passage.

On motion by Mr. Deering of York the Senate concurred with the House in refusing the order a passage.

From the House: Resolve directing the manner of engrossing acts and resolves and for the preservation of the same.

From the House: In the House this resolve was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland the Senate concurred with the action of the House.

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

Education

By Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, Petition of William E. Brown and 20 others, citizens of Eagle Lake, in favor of all school supplies being approved

by the selectmen before the town is liable.

By Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, An Act to amend sub-division B and sub-division D of Paragraph 2 of Section 59 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the powers and duties of superintendents of school unions. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc, An Act to amend Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 185 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the duties of county attorneys.

Military Affairs

By Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, An Act to provide for the support of families of soldiers, sailors and marines. (2000 copies ordered printed.)

Public Health

By Mr. Thornton of Aroostook: Petition of Guy C. Fletcher and 37 others of Monticello in favor of the prohibiting of the sale and manufacture of cigarettes.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Gannett of Kennebec: An Act to amend Chapter 117, Section 17, as amended by the Public Laws, Chapter 199 of 1917, relating to the State auditor.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. D. 91: An Act to amend the charter of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan asylum.

S. D. 92: An Act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Saco.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Davies for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 4, Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of guardians to married persons (Senate No. 22), reported same ought not to pass.

Report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Ricker for the committee on library, on An Act granting compensation to the members of the Maine Library Commission, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Walker for the committee on library, on An Act to amend Sections 42 and 43 of the Revised Statutes, rela-

tive to the publication of ancient and vital statistics, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Walker for the committee on temperance, on Resolve for the appointment of a committee and for an appropriation of \$200 for the purpose of celebrating the glorious victory for the national prohibition amendment, submitting the same in a new draft under the title of Resolve for the appointment of a committee for the purpose of celebrating the glorious victory for the national prohibition amendment, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Walker for the committee on education, on an order directing a committee to investigate the various proposed methods of distributing school funds, etc., submitted the report with tabulations, and a request that 1000 copies be printed for the use of Legislature and the report placed on file.

The report was accepted and ordered printed.

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. D. 143: An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the doings of the Congregational parish in Abbot village, and of the Abbot Village Congregational church, and authorizing them to unite.

H. D. 144: An Act to authorize the erection of a weir in the waters of Cobscook bay in the town of Lubec.

H. D. 145: An Act to amend Chapter 372, Laws of Maine, 1905, entitled An Act for the protection of clams in parts of the county of Sagadahoc.

H. D. 146: An Act regulating the taking of clams in the town of Swan's Island. (On motion by Mr. Peacock, tabled pending second reading)

S. D. 86: An Act to amend Chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to registration of motor vehicles.

S. D. 87: An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 establishing the Livermore Falls municipal court.

S. D. 88. Resolve in favor of Mary A. Carroll for a teacher's pension.

Orders of the Day

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr.

President, I move that the rules be suspended that I may present out of order a petition, the same being a petition of Walter S. Coleman, D. D. S., and relating to an act to amend Section 29, Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Board of Dental Examiners, and I move that the said petition be referred to the committee on public health.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DAVIES: I might say in connection with this petition that the bill to which it refers is now, as I understand it, before the committee on public health.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair so understands.

Mr. GOOGIN of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I have an order which I wish to introduce and move its passage:

State of Maine, In the Senate, February 20, 1919. Ordered, that the committee on claims be granted the use of the Senate chamber on Wednesday evening, February 26.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DEERING of Cumberland: Mr. President, I desire to present a joint resolution, and I will read it to the Senate:

Joint Resolution

Whereas the great World War which has just been fought to a victorious conclusion by America and her Allies has demonstrated to the people of all nations that it is necessary for civilization to prevent war or perish, and

Whereas for this purpose it is essential that there should be created some common force by a general association of nations which shall safeguard right as the first and most fundamental interest of all peoples and governments, and which shall afford mutual guaranties of political independence, territorial integrity and permanent peace.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the People of the State of Maine, that in order that the fruits of our victory may not be wasted, and that the awful sacrifices of this great war shall not have been made in vain, there should be a League of Nations, com-

posed of all the free nations of the world possessing responsible governments; which shall provide appropriate machinery for the just and peaceable settlement of international controversies; which shall unite the potential force of all against any nation that attempts to substitute might for right, or settle its disputes by resort to arms, and which shall aim to promote liberty and the orderly development of civilization.

Resolved further, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Mr. DEERING: I desire to say that there may be perhaps some difference of opinion in regard to this particular resolution, and I move that it be laid on the table until next Wednesday, so that full discussion may be had of the same at that time.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I assume that the senator from York will not object to having 500 copies printed.

Mr. DEERING: Not at all, and I thank the senator for the suggestion.

Mr. DAVIES: I ask that that be embodied in the motion.

The pending question being on the

adoption of the resolution, the same was tabled and 500 copies ordered printed.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would declare a recess until five minutes of eleven, and would respectfully ask the senators to be promptly in their seats at that time for the purpose of attending the joint convention.

AFTER RECESS

Upon being called to order by the President the Senate retired to the hall of the House for the purpose of holding a joint convention.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House report.)

On motion by Mr. Googin of Androscoggin, the vote was reconsidered whereby the report of the committee, ought not to pass, on An Act amending Section 18, Chapter 24, of the Revised Statutes, relating to towns and private ways, was accepted.

On further motion by the same senator the report was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec,

Adjourned.