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SENATE

Friday, February 21, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. C. D. Boothby of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 25, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 175: Resolve making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

H. D. 181: An Act relating to the education of deaf or dumb children.

H. D. 117: Resolve in favor of the town of Washington.

H. D. 47: An Act to amend Sections 18 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes relating to the signing of proxies.

H. D. 180: An Act to legalize and make valid the proceedings of the town meeting of the town of West Gardiner held on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1917.

H. D. 179: An Act empowering the county commissioners of the county of Penobscot to sell surplus heat.

H. D. 178: An Act to repeal Chapter 72 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915 relating to the care and maintenance of the Mount Desert bridge in the town of Trenton.

H. D. 176: An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled An Act to establish the Mount Desert Bridge District, for the purpose of acquiring, freeing and re-

constructing the Mount Desert toll-bridge in the town of Trenton, in Hancock county.

H. D. 107: An Act to amend Sections 53, 54 and 55 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, requiring a permit for the burning of brush or slash near wood lands, and providing for the better enforcement of the slash law.

(In the House this bill was re-committed to the committee on state lands and forest preservation. On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Senate concurred in the action of the House.)

H. D. 198: Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, empowering the Legislature to authorize towns to have more than one voting place.

Message From the House

In the House of Representatives,
February 20, 1919.

To the secretary of the Senate:

On this date in the House the following House order concerning a bill now in the possession of the Senate was passed:

Ordered, that House Bill No. 21 be recalled from the Senate.

(Signed) CLYDE R. CHAPMAN,

Clerk of the House.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the order was accepted and placed on file.

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Davies of Cumberland, An Act to amend Section 19, Chapter 33, Revised Statutes, relating to analysis of commodities examined under the inspection laws. (500 ordered printed.)

By Mr. Folsom of Somerset, Petition of H. L. Goodrich and seven others of Palmyra asking for an investigation of the methods of doing business by corporations engaged in the manufacture and trade of commercial fertilizers.

Indian Affairs

By Mr. Ames of Washington, An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the sale of timber on Indian Township.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Ames of Washington, Petition of Otis H. Taylor and 31 others, residents of Topsfield and vicinity, in favor of resident hunters' registration law.

Judiciary

By Mr. Dearth of Penobscot, An Act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to inheritance taxes. (500 ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Ames of Washington, An Act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the office of forest commissioner.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the tenure of office of the land agent. (500 ordered printed.)

Orders

Mr. DEARTH of Penobscot: Mr. President, I wish to present the following order and will explain it after it is read.

Ordered, the House concurring, that whereas, in the opinion of this Legislature, engrossing by the typewriter is not engrossing within the meaning of the law governing the engrossing of legislative acts and resolves, all acts and resolves of the 79th Legislature shall be engrossed by printing by the printer who is doing the other legislative printing at this session, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Resolves of 1866, and the statutes applicable thereto.

Mr. DEARTH: Mr. President and gentlemen of the Senate, as you see from the reading of the order it has to do with the method of engrossing the acts and resolves. There has been a little controversy in the other branch in relation to it, but this order is presented by agreement of all parties interested and it is to be taken to the House immediately and passed by the House. The purpose of it is that there shall be no question whatever about the validity and the legality of the engrossing of the acts and resolves.

I therefore move that the order have a passage.

The order was passed and sent down for concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. D. 93: Resolve for the appointment of a committee for the purpose of celebrating the glorious victory for the national prohibition amendment.

S. D. 95: An Act to amend Sections 42 and 43 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes relative to the publication of ancient and vital statistics.

S. D. 96: An Act granting compensation to the members of the Maine Library Commission.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Deering from the Committee on Judiciary, on Resolve authorizing DeForest Keyes to bring a suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Dearth from the Committee on Judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the time of payment of legacies (Senate No. 20), submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Davies for the Committee on Judiciary, on An Act to incorporate the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Corporation (Senate No. 40), reported same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

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

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

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 Company.

H. D. 154: An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 214 and 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. 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 149 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, entitled An Act to incorporate the officers and members of Monument Lodge.

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 Company to erect and maintain booms and piers in the Penobscot river.

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

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

H. D. 160: An Act to extend the authority of the American Thread Company to erect a bridge across Sebec river in the town of Milo.

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

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

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

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

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.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would lay before the Senate, Resolve in favor of Penobscot tribe of Indians to aid in the purchase of a hearse,

returned from the committee on engrossed bills.

Mr. AMES of Washington: Mr. President, I move that the bill lie on the table until an amendment can be prepared to correct an error.

The motion was agreed to.

Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: For the information of the members the Chair would read the following, which will give you an idea of the number of acts and resolves before the various committees and the number reported out on this date:

Agriculture: 22 Acts, 13 Resolves, 14 reported out.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs: 71 Resolves, 1 Act; 6 reported out.

Banks and Banking: 5 Acts.

Claims: 30 Resolves; 8 reported out.

Counties: 1 Resolve.

Education: 23 Acts, 48 Resolves; 8 Acts reported out; 5 Resolves reported out.

Indian Affairs: 4 Acts, 6 Resolves; 4 Acts reported out, 3 Resolves reported out.

Inland Fish and Game: 19 Acts, 14 Resolves; 1 Act reported out, 1 Resolve reported out.

Insane Hospital: 6 Resolves.

Interior Waters: 17 Acts, 5 Resolves; 9 Acts reported out; 2 Resolves reported out.

Judiciary: 86 Acts, 12 Resolves; 22 Acts reported out, 2 Resolves.

Labor and Judiciary: 6 Acts.

Legal Affairs: 91 Acts, 5 Resolves; 33 Acts reported out.

Library: 6 Acts, 6 Resolves; 3 Resolves reported out.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance: 4 Acts.

Military Affairs: 6 Acts, 21 Resolves; 1 Act reported out; 2 Resolves reported out.

Pensions: 1 Act, 51 Resolves; reported out; 1 Resolve.

Public Buildings and Grounds: 1 Resolve.

Public Health: 14 Acts, 1 Resolve; reported out 1 Act, 1 Resolve.

Public Utilities: 25 Acts; reported out 10 Acts.

Railroads and Expresses: 2 Acts.
Salaries and Fees: 100 Acts, 1 Resolve; reported out 1 Act.

School for Feeble-minded: 3 Resolves.

Sea and Shore Fisheries: 17 Acts, 1 Resolve; 4 Acts reported out.

State Lands and Forest Preservation: 9 Acts, 8 Resolves; 3 Acts reported out, 5 Resolves.

State Prison: 2 Resolves.

State Sanatoriums: 2 Acts, 3 Resolves.

State School for Boys, State School for Girls, and Women's Reformatory; 2 Acts, 3 Resolves.

Taxation: 16 Acts, 2 Resolves; 5 Acts reported out.

Temperance: 2 Acts, 1 Resolve.

Towns: 6 Acts; 4 reported out.

Ways and Bridges: 12 Acts, 149 Resolves; 2 Acts reported out.

On motion by Mr. Creighton of Knox, adjourned until next Tuesday morning, Feb. 25, at ten o'clock.