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SENATE

Tuesday, March 4, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. A. A. Walch of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 240: Resolve making appropriation to assist, encourage and develop the poultry industry in Maine.

H. D. 241: Resolve appropriating money for the protection of plants, trees and shrubs from the ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

H. D. 242: Resolve making appropriation for New England Fruit Show to be held in the year 1919.

H. D. 245: Resolve providing aid in the payment of premiums by the Eastern Maine State Fair.

H. D. 256: An Act to amend Section 110 of chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to Teachers' Associations.

H. D. 254: Resolve providing teacher's pension for Adelia J. Webber.

H. D. 253: Resolve in aid of navigation of Lewy, Long and Big lakes.

From the House: Report of the committee on judiciary, reporting ought not to pass on bill, An Act to simplify the revision of city charters. Bill and report recommitted to the committee on judiciary, and 500 copies ordered printed on motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland.)

From the House: Report of the committee on judiciary reporting ought not to pass on bill, An Act to amend Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to registers of deeds. (Pending acceptance of the report bill and report tabled on motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland.)

H. D. 70: An Act to establish the Northern Cumberland municipal court.

H. D. 251: An Act additional to Chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915 entitled An Act to incorporate the Northport Village Corporation.

H. D. 252: An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes to provide for actual notice of sale for taxes of land in places not incorporated.

H. D. 250: An Act to authorize the town of Southport to rebuild and maintain a bridge across Nelson's mill pond, so-called.

H. D. 84: Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in Madawaska, Aroostook county.

H. D. 65: Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in the town of Fort Kent, in Aroostook county.

From the House: Report of the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reporting ought to pass on bill, An Act to protect lobsters within the three mile limit of Matinicus and Cribhaven plantations.

In the House this report was re-committed to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

The pending question being the acceptance of the report of the committee.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the report was laid upon the table, pending its acceptance in concurrence.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the report of the joint bridge commission appointed by the legislature of New Hampshire and the legislature of Maine to investigate the question of interstate highway or free bridge between Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Kittery, Maine.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the letter and accompanying report were tabled and 1000 copies ordered printed.

The following bills, resolves, etc., were presented, and on recommenda-

tion of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Agriculture

By Mr. Folsom of Somerset, Petitions of H. H. Fuller and 5 others of Hartland; of E. P. Holway and 14 others of Norridgewock; of P. B. Chadbourne and 13 others of Harmony, and of W. B. Whittier and 9 others of Skowhegan, in favor of An Act for better protection against adulterated, misbranded and inferior fertilizers.

Education

By Mr. Walker of Somerset, Resolve in favor of the several State normal schools and the Madawaska Training school, for permanent repairs and improvement of buildings.

Judiciary

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock, An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1917, relative to the reckless driving of motor vehicles. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Lord of York, An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees payable to registers of deeds.

By Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, An Act relating to the assignment of real estate mortgages for the purpose of removing a cloud from the title.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Peacock of Washington, An Act to provide for the licensing of the sardine packers, herring fishermen and boatmen of Maine, to improve the quality of fish used for sardines and establishing standards of measures for sardine herring.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. D. 134: An Act to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to group the various bureaus and lines of work in the department of agriculture into divisions.

S. D. 135: Resolve in favor of the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

S. D. 136: Resolve in favor of Morrison Libby.

S. D. 137: Resolve to reimburse the People's Ferry Company of Bath.

S. D. 138: Resolve in favor of Harry S. Coombs for preparing sketches and estimates and attendance before legislative hearings, making changes in said sketches and other expenses for the board of trustees for the Maine State School for Girls.

S. D. 139: An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the protection of wild birds.

S. D. 140: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening lakes and ponds.

S. D. 141: Resolve in favor of the National Conference of Commissioners on uniform state laws and of the commissioners from Maine for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States.

S. D. 142: An Act to authorize the appointment of the Deering High School Commission in the city of Portland, Maine.

S. D. 143: An Act to amend Chapter 195 of the Public Laws of 1917 creating the board of prison commissioners.

S. D. 144: An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1917; also to amend Section 19 of said Chapter 137, relating to the appointment of probation officers.

S. D. 146: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 145 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year A. D. 1917.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Walker for the committee on education on the following resolves:

Resolve in favor of Anson academy.

Resolve in favor of Higgins Classical institute at Charleston.

Resolve in favor of Freedom academy.

Resolve in favor of Nasson institute for maintenance and extension of its work and additional equipment.

Resolve in favor of trustees of Maine Central institute at Pittsfield, Maine.

Resolve for aid in making addi-

tions to and improvements on East Corinth academy.

Resolve making an appropriation for rebuilding of the dormitory at Leavitt institute.

Resolve in favor of Van Buren college for maintenance and purchase of equipment and installation of electrical lighting.

Resolve in favor of Litchfield academy.

Resolve in favor of Lee academy.

Resolve in favor of the Aroostook Central institute at Mars Hill.

Resolve in favor of Hartland academy for repairs and equipment.

Resolve in favor of Somerset academy for repairs and maintenance.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook seminary for maintenance and interest on debt.

Resolve in favor of Bridgewater Classical academy at Bridgewater.

Resolve in favor of St. Joseph's academy, Deering, Portland, Maine.

Resolve, in favor of Gould's academy, Bethel.

Resolve, in favor of Ricker Classical Institute.

Resolve, in favor of Limington academy for aid in the maintenance thereof.

Resolve, in favor of Greeley Institute.

Resolve, in favor of the trustees of Limerick Academy.

Resolve, in favor of the trustees of North Yarmouth Academy.

Resolve, in favor of the Western Maine Institute.

Resolve, in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Submitted the same in a new draft under the title of Resolve, in favor of several academies, institutes, seminaries and colleges for maintenance and for repairs and improvements, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Davies for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Sections 6, 10 and 33 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to primary elections and the filing of nomination papers by independent candidates, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Davies for the committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 429 of the

Private and Special Laws of 1901 as amended by Chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, with reference to the Winthrop municipal court, submitted the same in a new draft, under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Walker for the committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and Women's Reformatory, on Resolve in favor of the State Juvenile Institutions, for maintenance and other purposes, for the years 1919 and 1920, reported the same in two separate resolves under titles of Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys and Resolve in favor of the State School for Girls, and that they ought to pass.

Mr. Ricker for the committee on library, on An Act creating the Maine Historical Commission, and prescribing the duties thereof, submitted the same in a new draft under the title of bill, An Act providing for the examination and review of historical matter for publication of which State aid is asked of the Legislature, and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. D. 191: An Act relative to the marriage of persons having syphilis.

H. D. 206: Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds, and for printing the report of the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, and other expenses incident to the administration of the department of inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Senate adopted House Amendment A. The bill then received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

H. D. 229: An Act to amend Chapter 424 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907 as amended by Chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, changing the time of the annual meeting of Kittery Water District.

H. D. 230: Resolve, for further maintenance of the state forest nursery.

H. D. 231: Resolve, making an appropriation for the Maine Seed Improvement Association.

(Tabled, pending its second reading, by Mr. Grant of Cumberland.)

H. D. 232: An Act to extend the charter of the Boothbay Harbor Water District.

H. D. 234: Resolve, for continuance of white pine blister rust control.

H. D. 236: Resolve, providing for the completion of the Book of Plans of Waldo county and appropriating money therefor.

H. D. 235: An Act relating to Martin's Point bridge, so-called, in the county of Cumberland.

H. D. 238: An Act to amend Sections 1, 10, 11 and 24 of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, all relating to the survey and sale of wood, bark, coal, hoops, staves and lumber.

H. D. 239: An Act to provide for co-operative agricultural extension work between the several counties of Maine and the University of Maine College of Agriculture, in accordance with the Federal Agricultural Extension Act of May 8, 1914, entitled An Act to provide for co-operative agricultural work between the agricultural colleges and the United States department of agriculture.

S. D. 67: An Act to provide for the training of rural teachers.

S. D. 128: An Act additional to Section 27 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes permitting savings banks and institutions for savings to invest in certain kinds of acceptances.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act empowering the county commissioners of the county of Penobscot to sell surplus heat.

An Act relating to the education of deaf and dumb children.

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, 1917.

An Act to amend Chapter 120 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899,

establishing the Livermore Falls municipal court.

An Act to repeal Chapter 72 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine, of 1915, relating to the care and maintenance of the Mount Desert bridge in the town of Trenton.

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 reconstructing the Mount Desert toll bridge in the town of Trenton in Hancock county.

An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the signing of proxies.

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

Finally Passed

A Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain public lots in St. Francis Plantation in Aroostook county.

A Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in the town of St. Agatha in the county of Aroostook.

A Resolve making an appropriation for cooperative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States department of agriculture.

A Resolve in favor of Mary A. Carroll of Southwest Harbor for teacher's pension.

A Resolve appropriating money for the erection of a fish screen at the outlet of Sebago lake.

A Resolve in favor of the town of Washington, reimbursing said town for payment of State aid for free high school.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, An Act relating to appeal of cases from supreme judicial and superior courts was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator it was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence with the House; on further motion by the same gentleman the

bill was tabled for printing and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Gannett of Kennebec it was

Ordered that the committee on military affairs be granted the use of

the Senate chamber for Wednesday afternoon, March 5.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec,

Adjourned.