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SENATE

Saturday, March 22, 1919.

Senate called to order by the Secretary.

Prayer by the Rev. A. C. Townsend of Hallowell.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. Secretary, I notice that the Senate is without its President this morning. He is obliged to be at home on account of sickness in his family. It is necessary to have a temporary presiding officer, and as a mark of appreciation for the splendid manner in which our colleague presided over the deliberations of this body yesterday, I move you now that you as Secretary of the Senate cast the ballot of the Senate for the Hon. John P. Deering of York as temporary president of this Senate.

Mr. COBB of Kennebec: I second the motion.

The motion was adopted and the Secretary cast the ballot of the Senate for the senator from York, Senator Deering, for President pro tem.

(Senator Deering in the Chair.)

The journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Babb of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet next Monday, March 24, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the President pro tem announced that the House had concurred in the passage of the order.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair lays before the Senate the following order:

Ordered, that the message be sent to the Governor, informing him that the Senate has convened with the choice of the Hon. John P. Deering as President pro tem.

The Order was passed and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Emerson, conveyed the message.

The Senator subsequently reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair lays before the Senate the following order:

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate has convened, with the choice of the Hon. John P. Deering of York, as President pro tem.

The Order was passed and the Secretary conveyed the message.

The Secretary subsequently reported that he had delivered the message with which he was charged.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: H. D. 205: Resolve for laying the county taxes for the year 1920.

In the Senate this resolve was passed to be engrossed; in the House it was amended by House Amendment A.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President, will you kindly read the title of the resolve again, with the amendment?

The PRESIDENT pro tem: This is a resolve relating to county taxes for 1920. It was passed to be engrossed in the Senate and in the House was amended by the adoption of House Amendment A, which amends by striking out in the 10th and 11th lines everything after the word "Cumberland" and inserting the following: "\$248,261." That changes the county tax in Cumberland from \$246,461 to \$248,261, raising the county tax in Cumberland county \$2000.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, I think I should favor that, I move we adopt this amendment in concurrence with the House.

The motion was agreed to, and the resolve as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. THORNTON of Aroostook: Mr. President, in view of the fact there are so few here this morning, I move we reconsider the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

The motion was agreed to and on further motion by the same senator the resolve was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.

From the House: Resolve for the laying of county taxes for the year 1919.

In the Senate this resolve was passed to be engrossed; in the House it was amended by the adoption of House Amendment A, which raises the tax of Cumberland county \$2000.

Mr. COBB of Kennebec: Mr. President, the Cumberland county delegation not being here, I move that the bill be tabled, pending the adoption of House Amendment A in concurrence.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was tabled.

From the House: An Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters.

On motion by Mr. Metcalf of Piscataquis, tabled pending acceptance of report of committee, and assigned for next Wednesday.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 436: An Act to create the Maine Water Power Commission.

H. D. 140: An Act to reenact Section 24 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, relating to when no succession tax shall be assessed on the stock, bonds, and evidences of debt of Maine corporations.

H. D. 459: An Act amending the charter of the People's Ferry Company.

On motion by Mr. Babb of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and this bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

H. D. 218: Resolve to promote patriotism by displaying the American flag at polling places during elections.

The following bills were presented and on recommendation by 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 Mildred Keene for services as clerk and stenographer for the com-

mittee on State lands and forest preservation.

By Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, Resolve in favor of Mildred L. Humphrey for services as stenographer to the committee on legal affairs.

By the same senator, Resolve in favor of Lawrence T. Barton for services as clerk to the committee on legal affairs.

An Act to appropriate moneys for the expenditures of the government and for other purposes for the year 1919. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Tuttle for the committee on agriculture, on An Act to amend the apple packing law, Chapter 36 Revised Statutes (Senate No. 37), reported same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Tuttle for the same committee, on An Act relating to the inspection of creameries, cheese factories, condensaries or receiving stations for milk or cream (Senate No. 104), reported same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Baxter for the committee on banks and banking, on An Act to amend Section 2 of chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the banking business (Senate No. 53), submitted the same in a new draft under the title of "An Act relative to the surety bond business or trust companies and domestic corporations and amending Section 90 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Baxter for the same committee, on An Act in addition to Chapter 52, Section 2, of the Revised Statutes, relating to definition of banking, 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. Baxter for the committee on banks and banking, on An Act to amend Sections 12 and 23 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank commissioner in registering dealers in securities, reported same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Dearth for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to inheritance taxes, S. D. 103, submitted the same in a new draft under the title of "An Act to authorize the attorney general to appoint a tax attorney and prescribe the powers and duties, "that it ought to pass."

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that the report be tabled. It is immaterial at what stage. There is another bill coming up that relates to the same matter, and in conversation with the attorney general he requested me to have the bill tabled.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was tabled.

Mr. Dearth for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of inheritance tax on property of religious institutions (Senate No. 23), submitted the same in a new draft under the title of bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment and collection of inheritance tax," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Dearth for the same committee on, An Act providing for the payment to judges of probate court on retirement at 70 years of age one-half pay, having served as such judge 20 consecutive years at least, reported same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Thombs for the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the lower court, reported same ought to pass.

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

The same senator for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to causes determined by the Public Utilities Commission (Senate No. 111), reported same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Folsom for the committee on salaries and fees, on An Act to provide for the fixing of salaries and wages of subordinates of the several departments of the State government, reported same ought to pass. The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing.

Mr. Peacock for the committee on ways and bridges, on An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the registration and operation of motor vehicles (Senate No. 166), reported same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Peacock for the same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 319, Public Laws of 1915, providing for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges (Senate No. 49), submitted the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Peacock for the same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 353 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, relative to cost of maintaining the bridge across Sheepscot river, between the towns of Wiscasset and Edgecomb, reported same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Final Reports

Committee on counties.

Committee on school for feeble minded.

Passed to be Engrossed

H. D. 311: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 272 of the Public Laws of 1917, entitled An Act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night and to control the glare of head lights.

H. D. 425: An Act to amend Section 137 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the maintaining of evening schools, and to provide for Americanization and the reducing of illiteracy.

H. D. 431: An Act creating Bureau of Animal Husbandry.

(On motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, tabled pending second reading.)

H. D. 445: An Act prohibiting weighers of coal, hay, straw, junk and other articles and measurers of wood, bark or charcoal from giving certificates of weight or measure until they have qualified for the faithful performance of the duties of their offices.

H. D. 446: An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes relating to the name of state in title of a corporation.

H. D. 447: An Act to amend Section 58 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes relating to the purposes for which cities and towns may raise money.

H. D. 448: An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 144 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the formation of corporations having stock without par value.

H. D. 450: An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 313 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company, as amended by Chapter 272 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and by Chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911.'"

(On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, tabled.)

S. D. 106: An Act to amend Section 146 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 64 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the appropriation for the support of normal and training schools.

S. D. 203: An Act to amend Sec-

tion 20 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the employing of clerks and agents by the State superintendent of public schools.

S. D. 232: An Act to amend Sections 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 55, 59 and 60, and to repeal Section 52 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes relating to the protection of children, as amended by Chapter 295 of the Public Laws of 1917.

S. D. 233: An Act to establish a State Reformatory for Men.

(On motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, tabled.)

S. D. 234: An Act to amend Section 122 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the State superintendent of public schools and providing for the teaching of common school subjects in the English language.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostook, the report of the committee on education on Resolve appropriating money for the construction of a new school building at the Aroostook State Normal school, and Resolve appropriating money for repairs and permanent improvements upon the buildings of the Aroostook State Normal school, were taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the reports were accepted.

On motion by Mr. Tuttle of Aroostook, adjourned until next Monday, March 24, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.