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SENATE

Monday, March 24, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. C. O. Perry of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: H. D. 214: An Act to amend Section 86, Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 and Chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the disposition of money collected under the provisions of the Inland Fish and Game laws.

In the House, House Amendment A was adopted. The Senate adopted House Amendment A in concurrence.

In the House the bill was recalled from the committee on engrossed bills and House Amendment A was indefinitely postponed, and House Amendment B was then adopted.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, the bill with amendments was tabled.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 457: An Act to amend Paragraph 1, Section 7, Chapter 19, of the Public Laws of 1917, concerning industrial banks.

H. D. 456: An Act to enlarge the powers of trust companies.

H. D. 458: An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes relative to the sale of timber on Indian township.

H. D. 454: An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Chapter 297, of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

H. D. 460: Resolve in favor of Esther M. Giles.

H. D. 453: An Act amendatory and additional to Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917 and Chapter 301 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the State department of health.

H. D. 461: An Act to amend Section 26, Chapter 18 of the Revised

Statutes relating to appointments of members of boards of dental examiners. (On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin, tabled pending second reading.)

H. D. 71: An Act for the protection of clams within the limit of the Capitol Island Village Corporation in the county of Lincoln.

Communication from the Secretary of State

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the requirements of Section 4, Chapter 1, of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the public acts, a list of the titles of which is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,

Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, the communication was accepted and placed on file.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, Resolve, in favor of George H. Chick of Monmouth, Maine, for services as messenger to the committee on legal affairs.

By Mr. Ames of Washington, Resolve in favor of the stenographers and typists in the office of the secretary of the Senate.

Bills in First Reading

S. D. 235: An Act to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relative to the office of forest commissioner.

S. D. 237: Resolve, in favor of the several state normal schools and the Madawaska training school for permanent repairs and improvement of buildings.

S. D. 238: An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 16 of the Revised

Statutes relating to vacancies in the membership of superintending school committees.

S. D. 239: An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 183, Public Laws of 1917, relating to the salaries of the board of state assessors and for clerk hire in said office.

S. D. 240: An Act to enable towns or cities to procure State aid in the construction of armories.

(On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin, tabled pending second reading.)

S. D. 242: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes relating to the assessment and collection of inheritance tax.

(On motion by Mr. Dearth of Penobscot, tabled pending second reading.)

S. D. 243: 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.

S. D. 244: An Act to amend Section 42 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law court.

S. D. 245: An Act to provide for the fixing of salaries and wages of subordinates of the several departments of the State government.

S. D. 247: An Act relative to the surety bond business of trust companies and domestic corporations and amending Section 90 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes.

S. D. 248: An Act in addition to Chapter 52, Section 2 of the Revised Statutes relating to definition of banking.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Thombs for the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Section 67 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of assistants and deputies to the attorney general (Senate No. 194), submitted the same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Thombs for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes relating to indexes in the

registries of deeds (Senate No. 56), submitted the same in a new draft under the title of "An Act amendatory of and in addition to Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes relating to indexes in registries of deeds," and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

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. 436: An Act to create the Maine water power commission.

(House Amendment A adopted in concurrence.)

S. D. 104: An Act relating to the inspection of creameries, cheese factories, condensaries or receiving stations for milk or cream.

S. D. 111: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to causes determined by the Public Utilities Commission.

S. D. 166: 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.

S. D. 218: Resolve, to promote patriotism by displaying the American flag at polling places during election.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of Alfred D. Sawyer, to reimburse him for expenses incurred as secretary of the committee on State School for Boys.

Resolve appropriating money for the maintenance of Teachers' Old Home on Old Town Indian Island No. 1.

Resolve providing for the purchase of certain volumes of the Documentary History of Maine.

Resolve for indexing the documents filed by the Legislature of Maine since 1820, now in the office of the secretary of the Senate.

Resolve providing a State pension for George A. Penney.

Resolve in favor of Elizabeth P. Pierce of Vinalhaven for State bounty.

Resolve providing a State pension for Caroline Davis.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor State hospital for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1919 and 1920.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor State hospital for interest on the Robie Amusement Fund for the years 1919 and 1920.

Resolve in favor of Charles E. Darling, superintendent of the State fish hatchery, Enfield, Maine.

Resolve authorizing DeForest Keyes to bring a suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine.

Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening lakes and ponds.

Resolve appropriating money for payment of damages arising out of death of Edgar Chase Harnden.

Resolve reimbursing plantations because of reduction in the rate of interest paid by the State to plantations on their wild land school funds.

Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta for pension.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate An Act relating to Martin's Point bridge, so called, in the county of Cumberland.

In the House this bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland the bill was tabled and assigned for tomorrow morning.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, S. D. 231, An Act to provide for the support of dependents of soldiers, sailors and marines, was taken from the table.

The pending question being the acceptance of the report, the same was accepted and the bill was given its second reading.

MR. GURNEY: I now offer Senate Amendment A, which is merely to correct the phraseology of the bill.

Senate Amendment A to S. D. 231

Amend S. D. 231 by striking out the words "totally disabled" in line 36 of Section 1.

Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot, H. D. 171, An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 303 of the Public Laws of 1917, changing the conditions under which loans may be granted by the farm lands loan commissioner, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostock, H. D. 450, An Act to repeal Chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the Baskahegan Dam Co., was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland, An Act to provide for the presentation of medals and testimonials for the soldiers and sailors who served in the European War was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was recommitted to the committee on military affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostock, S. D. 205, Resolve for the laying of the county taxes for the year 1920 was taken from the table.

The pending question, the passage of the bill to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

MR. THORNTON: Mr. President, I think the amendment relates to Cumberland county, and on account of the absence of the senators the bill was tabled. I yield to the senator from Cumberland, Senator Gurney.

MR. GURNEY: Mr. President, in order that we may investigate this matter, I move that it be tabled and assigned for tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Thornton of Aroostock, H. D. 407, Resolve appro-

priating money for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to wild lands for the purposes of taxation, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator the bill was given its second reading and was passed to be en-

grossed as amended by House Amendment A, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.