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HOUSE

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1921.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilkins of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Mr. HINCKLEY of So. Portland: Mr. Speaker, the order directing that all committees report to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs all appropriations of money recommended by them, etc., I move lie on the table. I do not appreciate just what it is.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will say for the information of the gentleman from So. Portland (Mr. Hinckley), and the members of the House, that this is one of the regular orders assumed to be necessary and wisely passed early in the session in order that the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, which later make up the tax bill, shall have knowledge authoritative during the progress of the work of the Legislature of the several sums recommended by committees to the House and Senate to be appropriated.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire if a similar order has been passed by the previous Legislatures?

The SPEAKER: Always, so far as the Chair is informed.

Mr. HINCKLEY: If that is so, I did not hardly grasp the tenor of the order.

The SPEAKER: I understand that the gentleman withdraws his motion?

Mr. HINCKLEY: Yes.

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

Claims

By Mr. Gipson of Bingham: Resolve in favor of Wilson J. Holway, of The Forks Plantation, Somerset County, Maine, with statement of facts.

Judiciary

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to persons exempted from serving as jurors.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Winter of Auburn: Bill "An act to confer certain additional powers upon the municipal officers of cities and towns concerning buildings, the intensity of use of lot areas and the qualification of buildings, trades and industries with respect to location and regulation, the creation of residential, industrial, commercial and other districts and the exclusion from and regulation within such districts of classes of buildings, trades and industries. (1000 copies ordered printed.)"

Public Utilities

By Mr. Winter of Auburn: An act to repeal the authority of the Public Utilities Commission to regulate competition between certain classes of public utilities.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, tabled for printing, pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.

Pensions

By Mr. Small of Brewer: Resolve in favor of Meldon Nealley.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Resolve re-appropriating funds heretofore provided and authorizing new funds to pay for one-half the cost of an International bridge between Madawaska, Maine, and Edmundston, New Brunswick.

By Mr. Oram of Bristol: An act to amend Section two of Chapter 353 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905 relative to draw tender and repairs to Wiscasset bridge.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Viles of Augusta, Ordered, that the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association be granted the use of the hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday afternoon, January 27 for a public meeting.

On motion by Mr. Fagan of Portland, Ordered, that the Clerk of the House be authorized to procure the usual assistant to serve as index clerk in the office of the Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Ricker of Poland, Ordered, that Arthur H. Whitman of Portland, be appointed assistant reporter of the House for the present session, his compensation to be not exceeding six hundred dollars for the session.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair takes this occasion to suggest to the members of the House that upon the assembly of a Legislature biennially rumors become current, and rumors which at other periods of the twenty-four months of the life of the Legislature would not assume any more credence that ordinary newspaper propaganda, are taken by our constituents to be of great importance. Now, entirely inadvertently, the press this morning suggests that it will cost \$1,212,718.83 to run the Legislature of Maine for the year 1921. Saying nothing about the language of the statement, or that there is any attempt to run the Legislature of 1921, the Speaker objects to such information being spread abroad about the State in the form of misinformation. The bill is before you. It provides for the cost of the Eightieth Legislature, for the payment of all salaries fixed by law, for clerk hire, for the general departmental expenses of the State government and for the ordinary current expenses, or maintenance, of the State institutions from the first day of January, 1921 to the 30th day of June following.

The Speaker evidenced his conception of the duty of the Legislature in

a brief statement at the opening of this body. Nothing perhaps is more insistently demanded by our constituents, as I hear them, than economy and thrift. Inadvertently, this suggestion that the Legislature of 1921 is going to cost the State about ten times what its most expensive predecessor has cost has gone abroad. A few days prior thereto a statement was given wide publication through the press that it might be that this Legislature would be responsible for the expenditure of thirty millions of the State's money, necessitating an incredibly high State tax. I assume that it is the duty of each of us to allay any alarm that may be created by such propaganda.

If this is not fitting and appropriate as coming from the lips of the Speaker of the present House; if it does not agree with your sense of the proprieties of the occasion, the members of the House may forget the suggestion.

I take pleasure at this time in making an announcement which I deem of importance. The Bar Association of the State of Maine has its annual meeting in Augusta today. Papers of great historical interest will be delivered in this room at the afternoon session at 2.30 today, and I feel honored by the invitation presented to me from the proper officials of the Maine State Bar Association, which I have now the privilege of extending to each of you, to be in attendance if you so desire.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Lyman, Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.