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HOUSE

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Perry of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

Judiciary

By Mr. Viles of Augusta: Bill an act relating to punishment for certain crimes (500 copies ordered printed).

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Thomas of Chesterville: An act to amend Chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909 relating to salary of judge of the Farmington Municipal Court.

By Mr. Viles of Augusta: An act to amend Sections 12 and 15 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, and Section 22 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Board of State Assessors.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Twombly of Howland: Resolve in favor of the town of Maxfield.

From the Senate: Resolve providing for the maintenance of the Blaine House as the official residence of the Governor.

In the Senate this resolve was introduced under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, the rules were suspended, and the resolve received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday afternoon, January 18, at 4.30 o'clock.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered that free telephone service be provided for each member of the Senate and House to the number of fifty (50) calls, of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member of the Senate and House be provided with a card to be certified by the Secretary of State or his deputy; the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents with the orders just read the report of the Committee on Special Telephone Service for the Legislature, which was instructed to arrange with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for service for members, that it has had the same under consideration, and asks leave to report as read per order Sargent for the committee.

In the Senate read, accepted and sent down for concurrence.

In the House accepted in concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table an act to repeal the authority of the Public Utilities Commission to regulate competition between certain classes of public utilities, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on public utilities.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 9, an act to regulate and license operators of slaughter houses; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on agriculture in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Forbes of Paris, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 4, an act to provide for the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over certain motor vehicles; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 3, an act to empower the county of Aroostook to aid in the construction of a railroad through said county, and to acquire and hold bonds of the Company building such railroad; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 10, resolve to create a State Insurance Fund; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 7, an act relating to the cancellation, non-renewal or restriction of health and accident policies; and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Case of Lubec, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 5, an act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State and State-aid highways; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to

the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Small of Brewer, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 8, an act to amend the charter of the Passadumkeag Boom Company; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on Interior Waters in concurrence.

The rules were suspended and Mr. Maher of Augusta was given permission to introduce the following resolution out of order:

Whereas, there is existing a grave situation of delay and confusion in the matter of remedial relief for wounded service men from the Great War, and whereas the American people have provided with generous heart for these valorous men,

Be it resolved that the Legislature of the State of Maine do now urge upon Congress the immediate passage of such legislation as will simplify and expedite procedure whereby wounded and disabled service men may obtain the benefits to which they are entitled, and the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to our representatives in Congress.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta, this resolution received passage.

On motion by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls, it was voted to re-call House Document No. 10, resolve to create a State Insurance Fund from its reference to committee on Judiciary; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was re-tabled for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Westbrook,

Adjourned until 4.30 o'clock Tuesday, January 18, 1921.