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HOUSE

Monday, February 7, 1921.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phalen of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on "Memorial to Congress urging the amendment of the Federal Water Power Act so that Maine's water powers shall be saved for the benefit of Maine people," reporting that the House recede and concur.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House read and accepted in concurrence; and on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast the Memorial was given its two several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following order:

Whereas, conditions exist that are seriously hindering the improvement of our farms and impairing to a marked degree the production thereof; and whereas, agriculture is the very backbone of our State and its development of vital importance to all our people; and whereas, a continuance of the present condition would mean abandonment of many more of our farms and a large curtailment in production of farm products; therefore, be it Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint committee of five on part of House and, such members as the Senate may wish to name, be appointed to investigate the agricultural situation in our State, holding such hearings as they deem best with a view of remedying the serious condition now existing and reporting to this Legislature by bill, or otherwise, such recommendations as in their judg-

ment is proper, which was read and passed in the House January 26th.

Came from the Senate read and passed in concurrence and the following members appointed on its part:

Messrs. COBB of Kennebec,
CLEMENT of Waldo
MORISON of Penobscot,
BEMIS of Somerset,
SARGENT of Hancock.

In the House the Speaker announced the appointment of the following members on the part of the House:

Messrs. HINCKLEY of South
Portland,
BRAGDON of Perham,
BEAN of Bethel,
PERKINS of Orono,
McGLAUFILIN of Pembroke.

From the Senate: Bill "An act to regulate the payments of appropriations for the care, treatment, support and education of persons in charitable or benevolent institutions not wholly owned or controlled by the State."

Came from the Senate referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta tabled pending reference in concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Moody of York: Resolve appropriating money to pay for preparation of Maine book.

By Mr. Cole of Eliot: Bill "An act to amend Section 85 of Chapter two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Contingent Fund.

By Mr. Holley of No. Anson: Resolve in favor of certain officers of the House of Representatives of the 79th Legislature for services at the organization of the House at the 80th Legislature.

By Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner: Resolve in favor of Gardiner General Hospital.

Claims

By Mr. Story of Washburn: Resolve to reimburse the town of Mapleton.

By Mr. Reed of Harmony: Resolve in favor of the town of Hartland, for aid rendered to a mother with dependent children, during the year 1918, under the provisions of Chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1917.

By Mr. Atherton of Stacyville Pl.: Resolve in favor of the town of Patten, reimbursing said town for money paid the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Education

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: Bill "An Act to require the teaching of American History and Civil Government in public and private schools." (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Hussey of Blaine: Resolve in favor of Aroostook Central Institute, Mars Hill, Aroostook County, Maine.

By Mr. Wood of Bluehill: Resolve for maintenance of Bluehill George Stevens Academy, Bluehill, Maine.

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary for maintenance.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Wadsworth of Winthrop: Bill "An act to amend Section 74 of Chapter 33 as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917 and Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, advancing season for night hunting of raccoons."

By Mr. Landers of Eustis: Bill "An act to amend Chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to fishing in Kennebago Stream, in the county of Franklin, and in the county of Oxford."

Judiciary

By Mr. Barwise of Bangor: Petition of George H. Leavitt of Daigle and 22 others in favor of the passage of House Bill No. 28, known as the "Barwise Sunday Bill."

By the same gentleman: Petition of Nancy Woodbridge of Brewer and 22 others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of George A. King of Orono and 21 others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. P. Edwards of Augusta and 21 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Oram of Bristol: Bill "An act to authorize the town of Bristol to pay certain obligations incurred by its citizens in opposing the division of said town."

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Barwise of Bangor: Bill "An act creating the office of probation officer for the city of Bangor."

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: Bill "An act amending Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes and an act changing the age of consent from fourteen to sixteen years." (1000 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Warren of Portland: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine so as to allow towns and cities to adopt or amend their charters. (500 copies ordered printed).

Portland Delegation

By Mr. Brewster of Portland: Bill "An act to co-ordinate the duties of the board of health and board of overseers of the poor and workhouse in the city of Portland." (1000 copies ordered printed).

Public Utilities

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Bill "An act to amend and enlarge the corporate powers of the Fort Kent Electric Company."

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Mason of Ellsworth: Bill "An act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes increasing the salary of County Attorney for Hancock County."

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell Lot Numbered Ninety-Three in the town of St. Agatha, in the County of Aroostook.

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: Resolve appropriating money for continuance of white pine blister rust control.

By Mr. Viles of Augusta: Resolve appropriating money for further maintenance of the State Forest Nursery.

By Mr. Small of Brewer: Resolve appropriating money for further public instruction in forestry.

By Mr. Gipson of Bingham: Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell a strip of land fifteen rods wide from one of the Public Lots in West Forks Plantation, in Somerset County.

By the same gentleman: Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell certain lots in the Public Lot in Dennistown Plantation in Somerset County.

By Mr. Smith of Ludlow: Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell Public Lot Eighty-five in Moro Plantation, Aroostook County.

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: Resolve appropriating money for general forestry purposes. (500 copies ordered printed).

Towns

By Mr. Forbes of Paris. Remonstrance of L. C. Bates and 40 other citizens and tax payers of West Paris against any division of the town of Paris.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of H. D. McAllister and 57 other citizens and tax payers of West Paris against the same.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Varney of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of Chain Lake Bridge in Township No. 31, Washington County.

By Mr. Story of Washburn: Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn.

By Mr. Mason of Ellsworth: Resolve in favor of the city of Ellsworth for the repair of the Bayside Road, so-called, in Ellsworth, and leading to the town of Trenton.

By the same gentleman: Resolve making an appropriation for the construction of a road around "Chick Hill," so-called, partly within the town of Amherst, Hancock County, and partly within the town of Clifton, Penobscot County.

By Mr. Varney of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of Old Stream Bridge in Township No. 31, Washington County.

By Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls:

Resolve in favor of the Plantation of Macwahoc.

By Mr. Mason of Ellsworth: Resolve in favor of the city of Ellsworth for the repair of the road leading from Ellsworth to Oakland.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the city of Ellsworth for the repair of the road leading from Brimmers Bridge to the towns of Otis and Mariaville.

By Mr. Smith of Waterboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Waterboro to aid in repairing a bridge.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Alfred to aid in bridge construction.

By Mr. Brewster of Orland: Resolve in favor of the town of Bucksport for repairing road from South Orrington to Bucksport.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Waterboro to aid in building a road.

By Mr. Dodge of Portland: Resolve for the repair and construction of a road in the town of Gorham.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Winter of Auburn, it was

Ordered, that the Official Reporter of the House report the proceedings at the hearing of the committee on taxation on bill an act relating to taxation of steam railroads during the years 1921, 1922, and 1923, which hearing occurs Wednesday, February 9, 1921 in the hall of House of Representatives at two o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Rogers of Jonesport, the rules were suspended and the following resolve was introduced out of order:

Resolve to build a road between the towns of Jonesport and Columbia, and this resolve was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Warren of Portland, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a committee of three on the part of the House and such members on the part of the Senate as it may determine, be appointed to consider the

advisability of establishing a restaurant in the State House, and report by bill or otherwise.

First Reading of Printed Bill

House 49. An act amending section 4 and 6 of Chapter 262 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to fees of city clerks.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to Amend Chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, entitled "An Act Amendatory to 'An Amended Act incorporating the Kennebec Log Driving Company,' approved March 5, 1869," as amended by Chapter 14 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917.

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Log Driving Company as Amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885 and by

Chapter 13 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917.

An Act to Authorize the Sale of the Property and Assets of the Moose River Log Driving Company and to Provide for the Dissolution of said Corporation.

An Act to Amend Section 24 of Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes Relating to Certification of Copies of Wills by Registers of Probate and Registers of Deeds.

A message was received from the Senate, through its Secretary, announcing the election of Hon. Charles E. Gurney of Cumberland County as president pro tempore.

On motion by Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.