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HOUSE

Monday, Feb. 28, 1921.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill An Act granting to county commissioners authority to regulate clerk hire in county offices, which was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs in the House, February 24.

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From the Senate: Joint order relative to reorganization and consolidation of State departments, which was read and passed in the House February 8.

Comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, that body voted to recede from its former action and indefinitely postpone the order in concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: Joint order relative to codification and grouping of the various enactments creating and governing the State administrative and executive departments, which was read and passed in the House, February 17th, as amended by House Amendments A and B.

Comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

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

Placed on File

By Mr. Main of Woolwich: Remonstrance of M. D. Webster and 5 others of Woolwich against the "Barwise Sunday bill."

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Holley of No. Anson: Resolve making an appropriation for printing and binding Adjutant General's report for 1917, 1918, 1919 (War period).

Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Judiciary

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: Petition of Elizabeth A. Marble and 22 others of Skowhegan in favor of bill relating to Maine Medical School.

Judiciary

By Mr. Moody of York: Petition of Walter H. Junkins and 57 others of York, in favor of an Act to restrict the size of bill boards and signs.

By Mr. Holley of No. Anson: Bill An Act authorizing towns to elect certain municipal officers by secret ballot. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Holley of No. Anson: Bill An Act to establish the fiscal year of the State.

By Mr. Wight of Newry: Bill An Act to amend Chapter 4, Section 13 of the Revised Statutes, relating to longer terms of office for selectmen

and assessors. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs and Labor

By Mr. Clarke of Stonington: Petition of George W. Silver and 35 others of Stonington in favor of passage of the "Workmen's Compensation Law."

By the same gentleman: Petition of Archie E. Barbour and 56 others of Stonington in favor of same.

Military Affairs

By Mr. Holley of No. Anson: Resolve for extra pay to the Maine Volunteers War with Spain.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Wadsworth of Winthrop: Bill "An Act to consolidate the Steamboat Inspection Department with the Public Utilities Commission and revise the provisions of Sections 4 to 16, inclusive, of Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the provisions for safety on inland steamers." (500 copies ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Wadsworth of Winthrop: Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 117, Section 17 of the Revised Statutes relating to the salary of the State Auditor."

By Mr. Weeks of Dresden: Bill An Act to increase the salary of the county commissioners in Lincoln County.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Baker of Steuben: Remonstrance of Frank C. Nash and 35 others of Cherryfield against the proposed nine inch Lobster Law.

By Mr. Clarke of Stonington: Remonstrance of Alma Eaton and 58 others of Little Deer Isle against same.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Clarence L. Smith and 29 others of Swan's Island against same.

Towns

By Mr. Rogers of Jonesport: Remonstrance of James Woodward and 36 others of Jonesport against division of the town of Jonesport.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Gertrude Calor and 27 others of Jonesport against same.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Otis White and 14 others of Jonesport against same.

Orders

On motion by Mr. McIlheron of Lewiston, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Department of Health for the evening of Thursday, March 10, instead of Wednesday, March 9, as previously ordered, for the purpose of an illustrated lecture by Dr. Coombs.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Windham, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted for a conference of Federal and State enforcement officers, with an address by Hon. Wayne B. Wheeler of Washington, District of Columbia, on the afternoon of March 10, 1921, at 4.30 o'clock.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Mason from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to prohibit all persons from entering on or traveling on cultivated blueberry lands in Washington County."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act to regulate the use of motor vehicles with solid tires" reported that the same be referred to Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Bridges jointly.

Mr. Gardiner from the Committee on Military Affairs on Bill "An Act to provide for the acceptance of the benefits of An Act by the Senate and House of Representatives of Congress assembled entitled 'An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry and otherwise and their return to civil employment' and to provide for the administration of the same" reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Rounds from the Portland Delegation reported "Ought not to pass" on 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."

Reports read and accepted.

Majority Report of the Committee on Towns reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to divide the town of South Thomaston."

Report was signed by the following:

Messrs. GOULD of Aroostook,
—of the Senate.
SPEAR of Rockport,
TWOMBLY of Howland,
EMERY of Buxton,
CHADBOURNE of Baldwin,
CHAMBERLAIN of Winslow,
—of the House.

Minority Report of the same Committee on same Bill reporting "Ought not to pass."

Report was signed by the following:

Messrs. EATON of Oxford,
—of the Senate.
SPENCER of York,
JORDAN of Cumberland,
SMITH of Ludlow,
—of the House.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Rockport, the bill and reports were tabled, pending acceptance of either report.

Mr. Downs from the Committee on Agriculture reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Holley of North Anson, tabled pending acceptance of report.

Mr. Newcomb from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Helen Vaun Bangs.

Mr. Smith from the same Committee reported the same on Resolve to reimburse the town of Mapleton.

Mr. Crafts from the committee on

Inland Fisheries and Game reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 219 and Chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 62 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to the protection of game birds."

Mr. Barney from the same committee reported same on Bill "An Act to protect the water supply of the town of East Livermore."

Mr. Landers from same committee on Bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by Chapter 244 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to non-resident fishing license fees" reported the same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Gardiner from the committee on Judiciary reported "ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to authorize the town of Rangeley to acquire wharves in Rangeley Lakes of the Rangeley Lakes Steamboat Company."

Mr. Murray from the committee on Legal Affairs reported the same on Bill "An Act authorizing the town of Cape Elizabeth to adopt a corporate seal."

Mr. Fagan from the same committee reported the same on Bill "An Act to incorporate the Monmouth Water and Sewer District."

Mr. Mason from the same committee on Bill "An Act to confirm and make valid the municipal election held in the city of Eastport on the first Monday of March 1920" reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Reports were read and accepted, and the bills and resolves were ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Emery from the committee on Towns reported "ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 574 of the Private and Special Laws of 1856 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation' as amended by Chapter 139 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891."

(Tabled by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, pending acceptance of report).

First Reading of Printed Bills

House 180: An Act to authorize the city of Portland to pay a pension to Henrietta M. Miller.

House 181: An Act amending Special Laws of 1909, Chapter 370, relating to appointment of chief of police of the city of Portland.

House 182: An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mopang Dam and Improvement Company."

House 184: An Act for the better protection of clams within the limits of the town of Brunswick.

House 185: An Act relating to the catching of smelts in the Piscataqua river.

House 186: An Act regulating the taking of clams in the town of Jonesboro in Washington county.

House 187: An Act to amend and enlarge the corporate powers of the Fort Kent Electric Company.

House 188: An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 155 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, as extended and amended by Chapter 9 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, entitled "An Act to author-

ize the town of Yarmouth to supply gas and electricity."

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 73: An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in the tide-waters of Roque Harbor in the town of Jonesport.

Senate 74: An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in the tide-waters of what was formerly Muscle Ridge Plantation, in the county of Knox.

Senate 75: An Act to amend Section 15, Chapter 58, Revised Statutes, relating to street railroads.

House 174: Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell Public Lot 85 in Moro Plantation, Aroostook county.

House 175: Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell Lot numbered 93 in the town of St. Agatha, in the county of Aroostook.

House 176: Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell certain lots in the Public Lot in Dennistown Plantation in Somerset county.

On motion by Mr. Chandler of Dover,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.