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HOUSE

Monday, March 14, 1921.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Brown of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 1: Resolve proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article 4, part first of the Constitution, as amended by the twenty-third amendment, relative to absent voting.

Senate 81: Resolve providing a State pension in favor of Mary S. Hillman.

The following resolves, bills, petitions and remonstrances were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:
Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Dain of Bath: Resolve in favor of Charles J. Dain, Secretary of Committee on School for Feeble Minded.

Education

By Mr. Davis of Freeport: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine relative to appropriations for private and sectarian purposes.

Judiciary

By Mr. Cole of Eliot: Bill, An Act amending Section 48 of Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to rules of practice and procedure in Probate Courts.

By the same gentleman: Bill, An Act amending Section 35 of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, relating to adoption of person of any age.

By the same gentleman: Bill, An Act amending Section 38 of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, relating to legal affect of adoption.

By the same gentleman: Bill, An Act amending Section 36 of Chapter

72 of the Revised Statutes, relating to consent in cases of adoption.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 152 of the Public Laws of 1919, requiring a permit from municipal officers for the removal of electric wires and poles when necessary for the repair of streets or removal of buildings, and to re-enact the provisions of Section 31 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, with reference to the same subject matter. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Moody of York: Remonstrance of Mary A. Lord and others against division of the town of Wells.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of G. E. Rogers and others against same.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of George W. Wakefield and others against same.

Public Health

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: Bill, An Act to prohibit the establishment of sanatoriums and hospitals for infectious and contagious diseases within the populous districts of cities and towns.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Spear of Limestone: Bill, An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mileage of members of the Legislature.

Taxation

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Bill, An Act requiring an excise tax or license tax to be paid on all gasoline sold at retail in this State. (500 copies ordered printed).

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Landers of Eustis: Petition of Philip Stubbs and 32 others of Salem and Freeman in favor of Resolve for appropriation of \$3,000 for repairing road in Salem and Freeman.

By the same gentleman: Petition of L. F. Brackley and 31 others of Salem and vicinity in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of W. S. Dodge and 65 others of Salem and Freeman and vicinity in favor of same.

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: Resolve amending Section 17 of Article 9 of the Constitution, so as to permit the use of the proceeds of State Highway bonds for the construction of State aid highways.

By Mr. Case of Lubec: Bill, An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 263 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to third class highways.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Plummer from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Loan Society of Fort Kent."

Mr. Murray from the Portland Delegation reported the same on Bill "An Act relating to the Commissioner of Public Works of the city of Portland."

Mr. Winter from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported the same on Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell and convey a certain lot or parcel of land located in one of the Public Lots in Caratunk Plantation, Somerset County.

Mr. Spear from the Committee on Towns reported the same on Bill "An Act authorizing Towns to unite for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Highways and Bridges."

Mr. Small from the Committee on Interior Waters on Bill "An Act authorizing the Princeton Terminal Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the waters of Lewy's Lake and Long Lake in the County of Washington," reported the same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Buzzell from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Caribou to raise money for the benefit of Cary Hospital."

Mr. Murchie from the same Committee reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais, increasing the jurisdiction of the Calais Municipal Court."

Mr. Maher from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 436 of the Private and Special

Laws of 1834 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Bangor' and Acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto," reported same in a new draft under the same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Murray from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to legalize acknowledgments taken, oaths administered and marriages solemnized by Adelma G. Humphrey," reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from the Portland Delegation on Bill "An Act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Portland to Nettie M. Hamilton," reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Dain from the Committee on School for Feeble Minded, reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 145, Section 47 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of Hospital Trustees admitting to Home for Feeble Minded."

Mr. Granville from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 69 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes increasing the compensation of Chief Forest Fire Wardens and their deputies."

Mr. Viles from the same Committee reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of the Forest Commissioner."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act for the preservation, perpetuation and increase of the forests of the State of Maine" reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve appropriating money for further maintenance of the State Forest Nursery, reported the same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve appropriating money for general forestry purposes, reported the same in a new draft un-

der same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Small from the same Committee on 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, reported the same in a new draft under title of "Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell a parcel of land not exceeding two acres from one of the Public Lots in West Forks Plantation, Somerset County," and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Spear from the Committee on Towns reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 139 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 as amended by Chapter 145 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, amending the charter of the Dixfield Village Corporation by extending the territory of said corporation."

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills and Resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Winter from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes providing for the appointment of Deputy Forest Fire Wardens in towns and fixing their compensation."

The report was read and accepted, the bill had its first reading under suspension of the rules, and was tabled by Mr. McIlheron of Lewiston, pending second reading.

First Reading of Printed Bills and

Resolves

House 270: An Act to authorize the Auburn Water Commissioners to sell certain real estate.

(On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, the rules were suspended and the bill received its second and third readings and was passed to be engrossed.)

House 271: An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 60 and Section 11 of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of land for public uses.

House 272: An Act to amend Sec-

tion 10 of Chapter 93 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, to make the amount allowed the plaintiff for his writ in the Municipal court of the town of Farmington uniform with other Municipal courts in the State.

House 273: An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, relative to mutual fire insurance companies.

House 274: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 245 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the age of commitment to the State School for Boys.

House 275: An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1917, and Chapter 232 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the age of commitment to the State School for Girls.

House 278: An Act to provide for the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over certain motor vehicles.

House 279: An Act extending the charter of the Salisbury Cove Water Company.

House 280: An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to the town of Lisbon.

House 284: An Act to incorporate the Hollowell Water District.

House 285: An Act to amend Section 10, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1917, and to amend Section 3, Chapter 319, of the Public Laws of 1915, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 304 of the Public Laws of 1917, and by Chapters 162 and 243 of the Public Laws of 1919, providing for the deposit of surety bonds or certified checks with bids for State Highway work, or for State and county aid bridge work.

House 264: Resolve to reimburse the town of Milo for money advanced under the Soldiers' Dependent Law.

House 265: Resolve in favor of Alfred William Anthony for services

and expenses of Police Commissioner of the city of Lewiston.

House 266: Resolve in favor of Francois X. Marcotte for services and expenses as Police Commissioner for the city of Lewiston.

House 267: Resolve in favor of Ralph W. Crockett for services and expenses of Police Commissioner for the city of Lewiston.

House 268: Resolve in favor of the town of Milo.

House 269: Resolve providing for payment for the care of Pearl Clark during the year 1919.

House 276: Resolve to increase the pension granted to Harmon Varrell of York.

House 277: Resolve providing a State pension for Caroline Springer.

House 283: Resolve in favor of C. K. Hopkins of Camden, Maine.

Passed to be Engrossed

Senate 50: An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 78, of the Revised Statutes, relating to acknowledgement of deeds.

Senate 100: An Act to amend Chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1834, as amended by Chapter 167 of the Public Laws of 1835, as amended by Section 11 of the city charter of the city of Bath, as amended by Chapter 135 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to a Municipal Court in the city of Bath.

House 160: An Act to amend Chapter 244 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled, An Act to provide a charter for the city of Gardiner, as amended.

House 257: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 370 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to police department of the city of Portland.

House 258: An Act to amend Section 62 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to refunding indebtedness by cities and towns, and temporary loans.

House 261: An Act to amend Chapter 497 of the Private and Special

Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 295 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, and Chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, and Chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor.

House 263: An Act to authorize the American Realty Company to construct and maintain a dam across the Aroostook River in Washburn.

House 166: Resolve in favor of J. Wilbur Day, of Wesley, county of Washington, for reimbursement for cattle killed by bears.

House 259: Resolve to reimburse the town of Southport for expenses of the sickness and burial of Lydia A. Rowe.

House 260: Resolve in favor of Andrew H. Morong for services rendered the State of Maine by order of the Adjutant General in investigating cases for Local Registration Boards in matter of soldiers.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the report of the Committee on Conference on bill relative to uniform poll tax.

The Committee on Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 10, Section 1 of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll tax." reports that the committee has had the same under consideration and asks leave to report that the Senate recede from its former action and concur with the House.

The report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast the rules were suspended and the action of the House whereby Senate Document No. 75, An Act to amend Section 15, Chapter 58, Revised Statutes, relating to street railroads was passed to be engrossed on February 28, was reconsidered; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Conant of Buckfield,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.