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SENATE

Wenesday, February 2, 1927

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. B. Haskell of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Resolve, in favor of Augur's General Hospital for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of certain persons. (H. P. 161)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the Senate, referred in concurrence.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Woods of Penobscot, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby it referred this resolve to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence, and upon further motion by the same senator the resolve was tabled pending reference.

From the House: An act to incorporate the Great Pond Railway Company. (H. P. 182)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, tabled pending reference.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were received and on recommendation by the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Drake of Sagadahoc, Resolve for three thousand dollars in aid of the Bath City Hospital. (S. P. 84)

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

By Mr. Spear of Cumberland, Resolve in favor of Bridgton Academy for general maintenance and deficit. (S. P. 85)

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, Resolve to reimburse Cumberland County Fish and Game Association for one-half the amount expended in screening Peabody Pond, in the County of Cumberland. (S. P. 86)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

By Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, An Act to Create a Circuit Court and determine its jurisdiction and assign the terms of said court, and also the terms of the Supreme Judicial Court at nisi prius and as a court of law. (S. P. 87)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act to amend Sec. 7 of Chap. 117 as amended by Chapter 47 of the Public Laws of 1923 relating to Active Retired Justices. (S. P. 88)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act conferring jurisdiction in matters of divorce, annulment of marriage, care and custody of children and support of children and wives on the probate courts. ((S. P. 89)

((1000 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act to amend Sec. 13 of Chap. 133 of the Revised Statutes relating to complaints, indictments and other criminal process. (S. P. 90)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act to amend Sec. 1 of Chap. 84 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the appointment of clerks of the Judicial Courts. (S. P. 91)

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Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Drake of Sagadahoc, An Act relative to the sale of spurious oils. (S. P. 92)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of Clerk of Courts in the County of Cumberland. (S. P. 93)

By the same Senator, An Act relating to the salary of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk of Courts in Cumberland County. (S. P. 94)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Drake of Sagadahoc, An Act to acquire the property of the Arrowsic Bridge Company and to provide for the maintenance of the Arrowsic Bridge as a free bridge. (S. P. 95)

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

Mr. MORRISON of Franklin: Mr. President, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator will state his point.

Mr. MORRISON: Mr. President, in addressing the Chair at this time I am speaking not only for myself but in behalf of every other member upon the floor of this body. We have been in session four weeks and I am sure the time has passed very quickly to us all and before we hardly realize it what we have accomplished in this Legislature will be recorded on history's pages. We realize that the great bulk of the work of the session is, however, still before us and while the members may have their cares and troubles we realize that the presiding officer has his cares, his troubles, and also always his responsibilities. We are indeed proud in having as a presiding officer over our Senate a man who is endowed with those characteristics of kindness and patience and we have no fear that the gavel which he wields will ever be used in an arbitrary manner.

Mr. President, knowing you as we do, we have the fullest confidence that your gavel will always be used prudently, fairly and with the purpose ever in view of doing justice to all parties and in all causes. It is, therefore, our desire at this time to present to you a gavel that you may use it during the remainder of this session as a token of the appreciation that the members of this Senate have of the service of their presiding officer, and as this session comes to a close, as we come to the parting of the ways and go to our respective homes, that you may take it home with you, there to keep it and, we hope, to treasure it as a memento of the Senate of the 83rd Legislature, bespeaking to you as you may chance to look upon it in the future the warmth that thirty senators from all over the state of

Maine have in their hearts for you as their friend, their associate, their president.

It gives me great pleasure, Mr. President, in behalf of the Senate to present to you at this time this gavel.

(The President accepted the gavel amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.)

The PRESIDENT: Senators, perhaps if this were my first term in the Maine Legislature this might mean less to me than it does but as I look at the faces before me I realize that there are some of you here with whom I have spent ten years of my life—five terms. There is hardly one but with whom I have spent at least one term. So I know something of the real heart within your individual breasts, I know something of the real spirit which has prompted this splendid act.

The gift in itself I appreciate but the outstanding, splendid thing is the spirit which prompted it. My greatest desire is that in the months to follow as your presiding officer and in the years to follow as a citizen of Maine in private life, I may prove worthy of the confidence, love and respect which you have expressed. I thank you. (Applause, the Senate rising.)

On motion by Senator Woods of Penobscot it was voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of Augusta General Hospital for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of certain persons (H. P. 161) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending reference.

Mr. WOODS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I tabled this resolve misunderstanding its title. I now move that it be taken from the table.

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon on further motion by the same senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Senator Woods of Penobscot the rules were suspended and that Senator presented out of order, bill, An Act to incorporate the Bangor Bridge District (S. P. 96), and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and

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Mr. CARTER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, early in today's session, not being familiar with the bill to incorporate the Great Pond Railway, and that I might see what it was, I tabled it. I now move that this bill (H. P. 182) be taken from the table.

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Speirs of Cumberland it was voted to take from the table An Act relating to the opening and closing of the polls at primary elections, (H. D. 44) tabled

by that Senator on February 1st, pending reference and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Speirs of Cumberland it was voted to take from the table An Act in relation to closing of polls at elections (H. D. 45) tabled by that Senator on February 1st pending reference and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Senator Case of Washington.

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.