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SENATE

Tuesday, March 1, 1927

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. R. H. Moyle of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: The Committee on Legal Affairs, on An Act granting to the Cumberland County Power and Light Company the right to exercise the power of eminent domain for certain purposes, (S. D. 17) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, the bill was substituted for the report, House Amendment "A" presented, bill and House Amendment "A" recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Morrison of Franklin, tabled pending consideration.

House Bills in First Reading

Resolve for Teacher's Pension for Etta M. Patten. (H. D. 253)

Resolve providing a State Pension for Joseph A. Trueworthy. (H. D. 252)

An Act to incorporate the Great Pond Railway Company. (H. D. 256)

An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Richardson Wharf Company approved April 2, 1856," as amended by an Act approved February 13, 1880. (H. D. 254)

An Act to eliminate Jackman from the Maine Forestry District. (H. D. 238)

An Act to set off a part of the town of Penobscot in the County of Hancock and annex the same to the Town of Castine. (H. D. 255)

Communication From the Secretary of State

"STATE OF MAINE

Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, Maine, March 1, 1927.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled:

I have the honor to transmit herewith initiative petitions, filed in the office of the Secretary of State on

February 25, 26 and 28, 1927, proposing to the Legislature for its consideration, under the provisions of Article XXXI of the Constitution of Maine, the following bill:

An Act to Repeal Sections One to Thirty-Six of Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes Relative to Primary Elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MAINE AS FOLLOWS.

Article I. Sections 1 to 36 inclusive, of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, relating to nominations of candidates for office by primary elections, are hereby repealed.

Article II. All nominations of candidates for any and all state or county offices, including United States Senator, member of Congress and member of the State Legislature shall hereafter be made at and by party caucuses and conventions, in the same manner as nominations were made prior to the passage of Chapter 199 of the Public Laws of 1911 and Chapter 221 of the Public Laws of 1913. All statutes providing for and relating to nominations for said offices by caucuses and conventions that were in force at the time of passage of said Chapter 199 of the Public Laws of 1911 are revised, reenacted and established.

Of said petitions 178 purporting to contain 13,455 names were filed on February 25, 1927, 2 petitions purporting to contain 197 names were filed on February 26, 1927 and 6 petitions purporting to contain 434 names were filed on February 28, 1927, as appears by the "Received" stamp on the back of said petitions. In all, said petitions purport to contain 14,086 names.

Respectfully,

EDGAR C. SMITH

Secretary of State."

On motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, tabled pending further consideration.

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

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Roberts of York, Petition of Edw. S. Titcomb and 15 others of Sanford in favor of act increasing resident hunting and fishing license;

closed season for period of years of ruffed grouse; and for open season on deer in York County as at present. Petition of Horace E. Eaton of Sanford, in favor of act increasing resident hunting and fishing license; and for open season on deer in York County as at present. (S. P. 373)

Sent down for concurrence.

By Mr. Douglas of Hancock, An Act relating to the Issuance of Permits to Propagate Game Birds, Game and Fur-Bearing Animals. (S. P. 374)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

By Mr. Morrison of Franklin, Remonstrance of J. R. Bass and 21 others (S. P. 375); remonstrance of William Woods and 45 others (S. P. 376) against the repeal in any manner of our direct primary law.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Holmes of Androscoggin, An Act validating acts and deeds valid except for certain irregularities and omissions. (S. P. 377)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Morrison of Franklin, An Act relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons. (S. P. 378)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same Senator, An Act defining various words used in Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons. (S. P. 379)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Health

By Mr. Drake of Sagadahoc, Resolve for aid to typhoid carriers, to be expended under the State Department of Health. (S. P. 380)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

Resolve making an appropriation for a nurse's home at the Augusta State Hospital (S. D. 134)

An Act relating to taking Alewives in Eastern Penobscot River in the town of Orland. (S. D. 139)

(The above bills, under suspension of the rules, were given their second reading and passed to be engrossed.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Woods, from the Committee

on Insane Hospitals, on Resolve appropriating money for an addition to the third female wing of the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 25) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Crafts, from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on bill An Act to Regulate Fishing in Bowler Pond in Palermo in the County of Waldo (S. P. 65) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on Resolve to reimburse Cumberland County Fish and Game Association for one-half the amount expended for screening Peabody Pond in the County of Cumberland (S. P. 86) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Woods, from the Committee on Insane Hospitals, on Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital (S. P. 10) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on Resolve appropriating money for maintenance of the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 26) reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were severally read and accepted and the bill and resolves laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Resolve, in Favor of the town of Athens, for Reimbursement for Sheep Killed by Dogs. (S. D. 129)

Resolve, in Favor of Mrs. Daniel Jewett. (S. D. 127)

Resolve, to reimburse the Town of Smyrna for Support of John Pomeroy, a Civil War Veteran. (S. D. 130)

An Act in favor of Frenchville, in the County of Aroostook (H. D. 42)

An Act to Amend Chapter 62 of the Public Laws of 1923, Relating to the Production and Sale of Certified Seed. (S. D. 48)

Resolve, to Reimburse the City of Bath for Support of William A. Griffin, a Former Resident of Malaga Island. (S. D. 128)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Harriman of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby An Act to provide an excise tax upon tobacco products, (H. D. 274), was referred to

the Committee on Taxation in concurrence, and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act relating to pilots for the port of Portland, (S. D. 27), tabled by that senator on February 24th pending passage and on further motion by the same senator the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act to incorporate the City of Belfast School District (H. P. 602), tabled by that senator on February 24th, and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Woods of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act creating a department of purchases (H. D. 257), tabled by that senator on February 24th, pending reference.

Mr. WOODS of Penobscot: Mr. President, as this is an act of some importance which demands the expenditure of a great deal of money—and I notice that it has received some attention from the press—and as we know our Committee on Financial Affairs is very much overworked and this bill may require considerable attention at the time of hearing, and as there are some legal points involved, I move you, sir, that this bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Holmes of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby that body accepted the report of the Committee on Library "ought not to pass," on An Act relating to a book entitled "Brief Biographies of Maine," (H. P. 471), in concurrence, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Library, in non-concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, recalled from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, by legislative order, the following bills: An Act relating to creation of mill tax highway fund and expenditure (H. D. 125); An Act to amend the distribution of tax on gasoline (H. D. 24); An Act relating to a tax on gasoline (H. D. 211); An Act relating to a tax upon gasoline (H. D. 212); An Act relating to application of gasoline taxes collected (H. D. 213).

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, these five several bills were referred to the Committees on Ways and Bridges and Taxation, jointly.

The President laid before the Senate, recalled by legislative order from the committee on insurance and mercantile affairs, An Act relating to the publication of annual statements of the conditions of foreign insurance companies (H. P. 154), and on motion by Mr. Granville of York, this bill was tabled pending further consideration.

On motion by Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, March 2nd, at 10 o'clock.