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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Tuesday, March 8, 1927.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Philip H. Hersey of the National Soldiers' Home. Journal of previous session read and approved.

At this time Mrs. Pinkham of Aroostook assumed the Chair amidst the applause of the Senate.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: An Act relating to the Registration of Milk Dealers. (H. D. 319.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

In the Senate, referred in concurrence.

Thereupon on motion by Mr. Speirs of Cumberland the Senate reconsidered its former action where-by the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence and on further motion by the same senator the bill was tabled pending reference.

House Bills In First Reading

An Act to protect pheasants in the town of Poland in the county of Androscoggin. (H. D. 295.)

An Act to regulate fishing in the outlet of Grand Lake, so-called, wholly or partly in Forest City, so-called, an unorganized township in the county of Washington. (H. D. 294.)

An Act relating to Juvenile Institutions. (H. D. 296.)

Resolve, in favor of Cora M. Perkins, providing a State pension. (H. D. 297.)

Resolve in favor of Louise D. Mayhew of Mount Vernon, in lieu of Teachers' Pension. (H. D. 301.)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Mary J. French, of Carmel. (H. D. 298.)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Emily Noddin of Kenduskeag. (H. D. 299.)

An Act relating to exemption from taxation of the Estates of War Veterans. (H. D. 300.)

Communication From the Secretary of State**STATE OF MAINE**

Office of Secretary of State,
Augusta, Maine, March 8, 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 March 1, 2 and 3, 1927, proposing to the Legislature for its consideration, under the provisions of Article XXXI of the Constitution of Maine, a bill titled as follows:

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

Of said petitions 4 purporting to contain 239 names were filed March 1, 1927, 4 petitions purporting to contain 184 names were filed on March 2, 1927, and 1 petition purporting to contain 67 names was filed on March 3, 1927, as appears by the "Received" stamp on the back of said petitions.

Respectfully,

EDGAR C. SMITH,
Secretary of State.

The communication was read and with the accompanying petitions was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Education

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act relating to children between the ages of fifteen and sixteen who have not completed the sixth grade of the elementary schools must attend school. (S. P. 409)

(500 copies ordered printed)

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, tabled pending reference.

Judiciary

By Mr. Smith of Somerset, An Act to create a Board of Boiler Inspection within the Department of Labor and Industry. (S. P. 410)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Maher of Kennebec, An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act. (S. P. 411)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act to Compel Legal Voters to Vote in Primary and other Elections. (S. P. 412)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis, remonstrance of Isabella T. Kimball and 14 others of Parkman and vicinity against the repeal in any manner of our present Direct Primary Law. (S. P. 413)

By Mr. Perkins of Penobscot, remonstrance of Lilla F. Hutchinson of Bangor and 24 others (S. P. 414) against same;

By Mr. Maher of Kennebec, remonstrance of Rev. Carl N. Garland of Augusta and 27 others (S. P. 415) against same;

By Mr. Spear of Cumberland, remonstrance of Charles F. Bradley of South Portland and 43 others (S. P. 416) against same;

By Mr. Morrison of Franklin, remonstrance of Olive S. Thomas and 58 others (S. P. 417) against same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Further papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Morrison of Franklin, An Act relating to consent required to be given in adoption of children. (S. P. 418)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, An Act relating to registration of voters. (S. P. 419)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act relating to the equipment and signaling devices on motor vehicles. (S. P. 408)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act relating to registration in Optometry. (S. P. 420)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same Senator, An Act relating to pecuniary interest of public officers in public contracts. (S. P. 421)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

Military Affairs

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act to assist the Posts of the American Legion in the Erection of Buildings for Headquarters. (S. P. 422)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Case of Washington, remonstrance of Chas. W. Ingalls and 93 others (S. P. 423); remonstrance of Robert A. Boyd and 47 others (S. P. 424); remonstrance of Fred E. Hutchins and 34 others (S. P. 425); remonstrance of Freeman W. Beal and 76 others (S. P. 426); remonstrance of Leeman Davis and 16 others (S. P. 427); remonstrance of Fred Greenlaw and 81 others (S. P. 428); remonstrance of Clarence L. Smith and 43 others (S. P. 429) against the passage of act abolishing Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Roberts of York, An Act for the Preservation, perpetuation and increase of the Forests of the State of Maine. (S. P. 430)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Prison

By Mr. Maher of Kennebec, An Act authorizing officials in charge of penal or correctional institutions to institute a system of compensation. (S. P. 431)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

By Mr. Granville of York, An Act regulating taxation of forest lands. (S. P. 432)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, An Act defining real estate for purposes of taxation. (S. P. 433)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, an act to exempt from all gasoline tax motor boats, tractors and machinery. (S. P. 434.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

By Mr. Granville of York, an act in relation to the distribution of the mill tax. (S. P. 435.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Madame President, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to introduce a resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society. The state of Maine used to have a state historian. We have none at this time and the Maine Historical society is doing work for the State that was previously done by the

state historian. I therefore ask unanimous consent to introduce this resolve.

Consent being given, Mr. Slocum of Cumberland introduced resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (S. P. 436) and on motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

Resolve, to reimburse recess committee for expenses. (S. D. 175.)

An act to assent to the purpose and provisions of an act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to authorize the more complete endowment of agricultural experiment stations, and for other purposes." (S. D. 183.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Speirs, from the committee on pensions, on Resolve in favor of Eliphalet Washburn of Dexter for State pension (S. P. 176), reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted and the resolve laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Granville, from the committee on public utilities, on bill An act relating to the issue of prior preference stock by Boston & Maine Railroad in exchange for certain of its bonds (S. D. 55), reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to Be Engrossed

An act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to applicants for admission to the bar of this State. (S. D. 65.)

Resolve, in favor of the Pownal State School. (S. D. 169.)

Orders of the Day

Mr. MAHER of Kennebec: Madam President, upon the last legislative day with reference to an act relative to the consolidation of commissions in charge of penal institutions (S. P. 388), I think I gave notice that I would move reconsideration. Upon further consideration, I do not desire to move reconsideration and trust that the matter will go along with the reference as voted.

Thereupon, the bill was referred to the committee on State prison.

Mr. MORRISON of Franklin: Madam President, I wish to ask unanimous consent of the Senate to introduce a bill of private and special nature and I will say that it is along purely local lines. It is an act to repeal acts incorporating the Rangeley Village Corporation, and is a matter which will take up very little time or attention of the Legislature. I therefore hope I may have the consent of the Senate to introduce this.

Consent being given, Mr. Morrison of Franklin introduced An act to repeal acts incorporating the Rangeley Village Corporation (S. P. 437), and on motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act to regulate manufacture, distribution, sale and commercial use of cosmetics (H. D. 309), tabled by that senator on March 4th pending reference, and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Upon motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report from Committee on Library, "Ought to Pass," on Resolve providing for the purchase of "Music and Musicians of Maine," (H. D. 169), tabled by that senator February 24th pending acceptance of report of committee.

Mr. FOSTER of Kennebec: I now yield to the Senator from York, Senator Granville.

Mr. GRANVILLE of York: Madam President, I would ask the parliamentary situation. Is it reference to committee?

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The resolve was tabled pending the acceptance of an "ought to pass" report of the committee.

Thereupon, upon motion of Mr. Granville of York, the report of the committee was accepted, and on further motion by the same senator, the rules were suspended and the bill received its two several readings.

Mr. GRANVILLE: Madam President: I now move the adoption of Senate Amendment A and I will say that this resolve calls for the purchase of 400 volumes and the amendment strikes out the words "four hundred" and inserts in

place thereof the words "two hundred."

Senate Amendment A to House Document 169: "Amend by striking out the words and figures 'four hundred (400)' and inserting in place thereof the words 'two hundred.'"

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, the bill was tabled pending acceptance of the amendment.

Upon motion of Mr. Bragdon of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act to incorporate Fish River Power and Storage Company, (S. D. 121) tabled by that senator on March 2nd, pending consideration, and on further motion by the same senator, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House in the reference of this bill.

Upon motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve for the purchase of 150 copies of "Ellsworth, Maine; an History," (S. D. 162), tabled by that senator on March 3rd pending second reading, and upon further motion by the same senator the Resolve was given its second reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve for the purchase of 75 copies of "Matinicus Isle, Its Story and Its People" (H. D. 270), tabled by that Senator on March 3rd, pending its first reading, and upon further motion by the same Senator the Resolve received its first reading.

Upon motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve to reimburse Cumberland County Fish and Game Association for one-half amount expended in screening Peabody Pond, (S. D. 158), tabled by that Senator on March 3rd pending first reading.

Mr. FOSTER of Kennebec: Madam President, I now yield to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Oakes.

At this point the President resumed the Chair amid the applause of the Senate.

Mr. OAKES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I understand the pending

question is the first reading of the bill, Senate Document 158.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the first reading.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, the resolve received its first reading; and on further motion by the same Senator the rules were suspended and the resolve received its second reading.

Mr. OAKES: I now offer Senate Amendment A, and move its adoption: Senate Amendment A to Resolve to reimburse Cumberland County Fish and Game Association for one-half amount expended in screening Peabody Pond: "Amend by striking out after the word 'be' where it first appears therein, the words 'and hereby is appropriated to be,' and adding at the end thereof the following 'the said sum to be taken from the funds of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.'"

Thereupon Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Upon motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report "Ought to Pass" on Resolve to appropriate money for cooperative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine, and U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, (H. D. 282) tabled by that Senator on March 3rd pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same senator the report was accepted and the resolve received its first reading.

On motion of Mr. Buzzell of Oxford, the rules were suspended, the resolve received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. GRANVILLE of York: Mr. President, I would like to ask you if Senate Document 162 was passed to be engrossed? It received its second reading.

The PRESIDENT: The chair will state that the resolve was not passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Granville of York, the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mrs. Allen of Penobscot

Adjourned until tomorrow morning, March 9th, at 10.00 o'clock.