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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 9, 1929.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McWhorter of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act providing for the retirement of members of the police and fire departments of the city of Portland by defining phrase "half pay" (H. P. No. 1.)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this is purely and simply a Portland bill, and it calls for nothing to be paid by the State. Therefore, it seems to me that the city of Portland should have their wishes granted if they want such a bill. It will allow them to make the payments just as at present done. Some time ago when the pay was low some of these old men got \$1.25, then some of them got \$1.50 as half pay. Today they are getting from \$2.25 to \$2.50. As I have said it seems to me that this is a Portland matter and should be settled by Portland people. I think it should go to the committee on pensions because it is purely and simply a pension bill. I do not want to overwork the committee on legal affairs nor the committee on judiciary because they will have more than two-thirds of the bills presented to them. So I say it should go either to the Portland delegation or the committee on pensions, and I would move to table it at the present time.

The motion prevailed and the bill was tabled, pending assignment.

By Mr. Angell of Saco: An act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of Saco, Maine. (H. P. No. 2.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Milliken of Old Orchard: Petition of residents of York in

favor of an appropriation to repair Old Post Road. (H. P. No. 4.)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of York for highway repair. (H. P. No. 3.)

Orders of the Day

The Chair lays before the House the credentials of John F. Nelson, certifying that he was duly elected representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians to the Legislature of the State of Maine. Term of office, January 1, 1929 to December 31, 1930.

(Signed)

Charles E. Lunt of Old Town.

On motion by Mr. Rackliff of Old Town, Mr. Nelson's credentials were accepted and placed on file, and the Messenger of the House escorted the gentleman to his seat, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents to the House the member from the Penobscot Tribe.

Mr. DAIGLE of Madawaska: Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain in regard to my seat. I have been given the choice of obtaining one and I did so, but through a mistake I found a gentleman occupying the seat and I let the matter rest. Then I went to the Clerk a couple of times. Once they told me that they were busy, and to come in again, and last night the Assistant Clerk told me to wait for Mr. Chapman. If there is any way of correcting the matter, I would be thankful to have it done. The seat given me is on the left side and my seat of two years ago was No. 89, right behind Mr. Boynton of South Portland. This year I choose 89 again.

Mr. JACK of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, following the custom as outlined, I went down and drew my number, and as the card can read both ways—68 or 89—I asked for a ruling. I was told it was 89, and I took the key, and have occupied the seat ever since.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the confusion appears to have arisen by reason of the fact that the gentleman from Madawaska (Mr. Daigle) did not come and draw the number at the time the other seats were drawn; but the Chair believes that the matter can be adjusted, and, if we proceed to

the calling of the roll, the matter can be taken up with the Clerk after the session.

The Clerk will call the roll.

Thereupon the roll was called for

the final correction of seat numbers.

On motion by Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.