

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Friday, Feb. 8, 1929.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Greenman of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of E. F. Drew compensating him for damages, (S. P. 266), (S. D. 135).

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Claims.

In the House:

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this bill is one of those small claims where the crops are killed by deer. We have had one and we find that there are 4000 others. They are willing to settle them, and a man has just told me—I didn't have but a few minutes aiter I found it out—that it will be settled before next Tuesday. Therefore, I move that it lie on the table.

Thereupon the resolve was tabled, pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to the consolidation of corporations. H. P. 409, H. D. 120, which was referred to the committee on Judiciary in the House, January 31.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. WILLIAMSON of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, much to my astonishment, this bill was referred in the Senate to the power committee. The bill was drafted by one of the leading corporation attorneys of the State to clarify the statutory provision relating to the consolidation of business corporations. It is not the purpose of this act, and I believe not within its wording, to change in any way the present power laws or to deal with public utilities. It is purely a legal question. If the wording of the act is broader than its purpose indicates, it should be changed of course; but this is a matter for lawyers and not in my opinion for the joint power committee. I therefore move that the House insist on the reference of this bill to the committee on Judiciary.

Thereupon the House voted to insist on its former action in refer-sist on the reference of this bill to the committee on Judiciary.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 12th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

In the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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

**Agriculture and Fish and Game**

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Petition of Arthur Stevens and 32 others of Pembroke in favor of act placing a bounty on bears in towns and plantations where damage is being done to valuable domestic animals. (H. P. 980)

By the same gentleman: Petition of W. L. Hatch and 28 others of Pembroke in favor of same. (H. P. 981)

By the same gentleman: Petition of C. W. Loring and 31 others of Perry in favor of same. (H. P. 982)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanc.boro: Petition of Benj. P. Neal and 22 others of Waite in favor of same. (H. P. 983)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Fred Wallace and 25 others of Talmage in favor of same. (H. P. 984)

By Mr. Adams of Linneus: Petition of J. W. Clifford and 37 others of Reed Pl. in favor of same. (H. P. 985)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Petition of Kathryn A. Hilton and 13 others of Kingsbury Pl. in favor of same. (H. P. 986)

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: Petition of Roger McLaughlin and 9 others of Medway in favor of same. (H. P. 987)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Petition of Henry Cooley and 36 others of Bingham in favor of same. (H. P. 988)

By Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock: Petition of George H. Fletcher and 23 others of Anson in favor of same. (H. P. 989)

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Petition of Clarence J. Labbe of Winterville and 25 others in favor of same. (H. P. 990)

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Petition of John J. Cyr and 11 others of Madawaska in favor of same. (H. P. 991)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Petition of Henry M. Frost of Maria-ville and 60 others in favor of same. (H. P. 992)

By Mr. Dudley of Castle Hill: Petition of C. W. Goding and 21 others in favor of same. (H. P. 993)

#### Judiciary

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: Petition in favor of S. P. 1, an act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners. (H. P. 994)

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 995)

By the same gentleman: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 996)

By Mr. Locke of Biddeford: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 997.)

By Miss Laughlin of Portland: Petition of residents of Cumberland County in favor of same. (H. P. 998.)

By the same member: Petition of Bessie M. Benner and 22 others in favor of same. (H. P. 999.)

By the same member: Petition of Mrs. J. E. Knowles and 21 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1000.)

By the same member: Petition of Elizabeth M. Nevens and 14 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1001.)

By Mr. Rodolphe Hamel of Lewiston: Petition of Henry D. Verville and 22 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1002.)

By Mr. Bove of Naples: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1003.)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1004.)

By Mr. Stone of Biddeford: Petition of Harry A. LaGallee, Jr., and 20 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1005.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Thos. J. Boland and 17 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1006.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Augustus Lavigne and 18 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1007.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Eddie F. Brown and 18 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1008.)

By Mr. Rea of LaGrange: Remonstrance of Andrew J. Johnston against the enactment of an act to establish a Board of Examiners for the "Basic Sciences." (H. P. 1009.)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro:

Remonstrance of James E. Densmore and others against same. (H. P. 1010.)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Remonstrance of M. S. Drew and others against same. (H. P. 1011.)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and others against same. (H. P. 1012.)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of Judson L. Sherrard and others against same. (H. P. 1013.)

By Mr. Comins of Eddington: Remonstrance of Clarence E. White and others against same. (H. P. 1014.)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Remonstrance of G. A. Green against same. (H. P. 1015.)

By Mr. Carleton of Winterport: Remonstrance of C. S. Crockett and 110 others against same. (H. P. 1016.)

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: Remonstrance of William J. Dunn and 8 others against same. (H. P. 1017.)

By Mr. Crawford of Houlton: Remonstrance of J. H. Deasy and 42 others against same. (H. P. 1018.)

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: Remonstrance of Mrs. Wm. J. Sweeney of Bangor and 102 others against same. (H. P. 1019.)

By Miss Laughlin of Portland: An act to regulate the occupation of hairdressers and cosmetologists, to register and license persons engaged in such occupation, and to create a Board of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists. (H. P. 1020.)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: An act to consolidate the general superintendence, management and control of the State Prison, the Reformatory for Men and Reformatory for Women under one Board of Trustees. (H. P. 1021.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: An act relating to the incorporation of a Council of the Boy Scouts of America. (H. P. 1028.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the care of abandoned or neglected animals. (H. P. 1029.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Library

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: Re-

solve in favor of a Maine State Library building. (H. P. 1022.)  
(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Manufacturers

By Mr. Bove of Naples: An act relating to fusible plugs in steam boilers. (H. P. 1023)

(On motion by Mr. Boynton of South Portland, the bill was tabled pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed; and on further motion by the same gentleman specially assigned for Wednesday February 13.)

#### Mines and Mining

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: An act relating to a State Geologist. (H. P. 1024)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth: An act relating to a State Geologist. (H. P. 1025)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Public Health

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: An act relating to control of pollution of sources of water supply and other inland waters. (H. P. 1026)

(On motion by Mr. Milliken of Old Orchard, tabled pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed; and on further motion by the same gentleman specially assigned for Wednesday, February 13.)

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Petition in favor of Jackman-Greenville Highway. (H. P. 1027)

#### Orders

Mr. Boynton of South Portland presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, that the Directors of the Port of Portland, with the assistance of the State Auditor, on or before March 1, 1929, furnish the House the following information as regards the doings of the Maine State Pier:

First: Report construction cost in detail.

Second: Report State Pier bonds issued and redeemed in detail.

Third: Report of receipts and expenditures from all sources since pier was completed to January 1, 1929 in detail.

Fourth: Report number of ships and vessels entering State Pier since completion, in detail.

Fifth: Report of amount of insurance carried on State Pier in detail.

Sixth: Report number of salaried employees and the amount of salary each receives.

The order received passage.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that a director of the State Pier can furnish all that information and I will tell you why. They lease a part of the State Pier to a corporation, the Eastern Steamship Company, and therefore they cannot tell. They run a good many ships in there. That part I should like to see stricken out of the order,—the number of ships.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman move that we reconsider the vote whereby we gave passage to the order?

Mr. Rounds: Yes, sir.

Thereupon the House reconsidered its action whereby this order received passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman, a viva voce vote being taken, the order was tabled pending passage.

#### Reports Of Committees

Mr. Rounds from the committee on Claims reported ought not to pass, it being cared for in another way, on resolve in favor of Harry T. Merrill for reimbursement for trees destroyed by deer, H. P. 122, H. D. 50.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to state for the benefit of the members of this House that a lot of these claims have come in. Two years ago there was a bill passed here, a resolve, giving \$5,000 for these small claims for crops or trees injured by deer, and the people do not seem to understand it back home. Therefore we have a number of claims come in. This is the first one we have heard, and we believe that there is \$4000 in that fund and if they prove their claims it will save the time of the committee and our time here in the House. Therefore, if anybody has got any claims of that kind, if they will just go to the secretary of the committee on Claims and see about it. I think it can be fixed up with the Inland Fisheries and Game Commissioner without going through all this performance.

On motion by Mr. Rounds, the report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr MacKinnon from the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill an act to regulate the trapping of fur-bearing animals. (H. P. 32) (H. D. 12)

Mr. Boynton from the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries reported same on bill an act relative to catching smelts in Salt Pond in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin. (H. P. 183) together with petition (H. P. 184)

Mr. Bachelder from the committee on Ways and Bridges reported same on resolve in favor of Highland Plantation, Franklin County. (H. P. 265)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rounds from the committee on Claims reported ought to pass on bill an act to empower the Treasurer of Kennebec County to pay an additional compensation to the recorder of Gardiner Municipal Court. (H. P. 125) (H. D. 53)

Mr. MacKinnon from the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill an act to continue the Game Sanctuary in Knox County known as the Knox County Game Preserve. (H. P. 33) (H. D. 13)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act to regulate the trapping of fur-bearing animals. (H. P. 134) (H. D. 59)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act to establish the Winthrop and Wayne Game Sanctuary in the towns of Winthrop and Wayne. (H. P. 136) (H. D. 61)

Mr. Bailey from the committee on Pensions reported same on resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Sarah Perkins of Harmony. (H. P. 106) (H. D. 41)

Reports read and accepted and the bills and resolve having already been printed, the bills were read twice under suspension of the rules, the resolve read once, and all tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Hawkes from the committee on Pensions reported same on resolve providing for a State pension for Harrison M. Crocker of Whitefield. (H. P. 246)

Mr. Sargent from the committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act relating to the Home for Aged Men in Bangor. (H. P. 327)

Mr. Merrill from the committee on Public Health reported same on resolve in favor of the Aroostook Test Laboratory. (H. P. 427.)

Mr. Bishop from the committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on bill an act relating to clerk hire

in the office of Registry of Deeds for Lincoln County. (H. P. 177.)

Mr. Ford from the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, reported same on bill an act to extend the time for taking of smelts in the tidal waters of Stonington and Deer Isle, in the county of Hancock (H. P. 107) together with petition (H. P. 108.)

Reports read and accepted, and the bills and resolves ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills

(H. P. 104) (H. D. 304) An act to change the name of Division of Maine, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to Department of Maine, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(H. P. 172) (H. D. 305.) An act confirming and making valid certain licenses or permits given by the Selectmen of Hancock and vesting in the Consolidated Lobster Company, Inc., certain rights and property in lobster pounds, wharf and dams in the waters of Skillings River on the west side of Hancock Point in Hancock, Maine.

(H. P. 248) (H. D. 306) An act to incorporate the Great Pond Railway Company.

(H. P. 334) (H. D. 307) An act to extend the charter of the Blue Hill Water Company.

#### Passed To Be Engrossed

(S. P. 79) (S. D. 57) An act authorizing and legalizing copies of certain volumes of the records of deeds in Knox County.

(H. P. 60) (H. D. 29.) An act to amend the charter of the Bar Harbor Village Improvement Association.

(H. P. 165) (H. D. 68) An act enlarging the limits of the West Paris Village Corporation.

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have the bill that I tabled yesterday to incorporate the Home Security Company,—that vote reconsidered as to the assignment.

On motion by Mr. Rounds, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it assigned for Wednesday, February 13, bill an act to incorporate the Home Security Company. S. P. 5, S. D. 79; and on fur-

ther motion the bill was taken from the table, given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Sanford, it was voted to take from the table under table and unassigned the sixth unassigned matter, being bill an act to close ice fishing in Mousam Lake, Square Lake and Goose Pond in the county of York, H. P. 401; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor, it was voted to take from the table the fifth unassigned matter, bill an act to increase the salaries of the Clerk and the Recorder of the Bangor Municipal Court, H. P. 938, tabled by that gentleman February 6, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Salaries and Fees.

On motion by Mr. Locke of Biddeford, it was voted to take from the table S. P. 143, S. D. 64, an act relating to legal holidays, tabled by that gentleman, February 5, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill to the committee on Judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will acquaint the House with the present status of legislative matters. This being the eighteenth legislative day, there have been introduced into the Senate 366 papers as against 184 papers at the close of the eighteenth legislative day in the 1927 session. There have been introduced into the House at the

present session 1027 matters as opposed to 570 matters at the corresponding day of the 1928 session.

These figures are not, of course, wholly indicative of the rate of progress due to the fact, mentioned last week, that there are many petitions which do not require independent legislative action. However, it would appear that the progress in getting bills before the Legislature is such as to justify a comparatively early time limit on the reception of public bills, and the Chair feels that the members are to be commended and congratulated on their success in inducing the early introduction of measures before the Legislature. Once the measures are in, and particularly when the reception of public bills ceases, then the work of the Legislature, and the efficiency of the legislative work, lies entirely with the Legislature itself.

During the six weeks of the present session there were 200 matters advertised for hearing as against 121 in the corresponding time of the 1927 session. The Chair will urge the secretaries of committees to comply promptly with the terms of the order which was passed earlier this week for communicating to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House the number of bills pending in committees. This will enable the presiding officers to have accurate information at all times as to the state of legislative business. There being no further business under orders of the day, the Clerk will read the notices.

(Notices read by the Clerk.)

On motion by Mr. Patterson of Freeport.

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, February 12, at 10 o'clock.