

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, February 14, 1929

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bessom of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to exempt certain non-resident motor vehicles from registration while in the State exclusively for display or demonstration purposes; also non-resident passenger busses chartered and used exclusively for private conveyance of non-resident, H. P. 628, S. D. 80, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in the House, January 31.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Commerce in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Boynton of South Portland, it was voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill to the committee on Commerce.

**Senate Bills in First Reading**

S. P. 45, H. D. 71: Resolve in favor of the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society for the State stipend for 1928.

S. P. 60, S. D. 151: Resolve providing for a State pension for Alberta Wadsworth of Belfast.

S. P. 59, S. D. 150: Resolve for a State pension for Kate D. Talbot of Machias.

S. P. 112, S. D. 51: An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 208 of the Public Laws of 1925, permitting sterilizing operations.

S. P. 8, S. D. 153: An act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in the county of Androscoggin.

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

**Agriculture and Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Mansfield of Jonesport: Petition in favor of an act placing a bounty on bear in towns and

plantations where damage is being done to valuable domestic animals. (H. P. 1131)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1132)

By Mr. Richardson of South Portland: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1133)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1134)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1135)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1136)

By Mr. Eaton of Calais: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1137)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1138)

By Mr. Comins of Eddington: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1139)

By Mr. Wight of Newry: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1140)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1141)

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1142)

By Mr. Adams of Linneus: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1143)

By Mr. Blodgett of Bucksport: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1144)

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1145)

By Mr. Burr of Mattawamkeag: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1146)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act relating to the payment of succession taxes. (H. P. 1148)

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By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and childhood. (H. P. 1147)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Wight of Newry: An act relating to fishing in Magalloway Waters. (H. P. 1158)

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By the same gentleman: Petition of D. Clinton Bennett and others in favor of same. (H. P. 1159)

**Judiciary**

By Mr. Rodolphe Hamel of Lewiston: Petition in favor of S. P. 1,

an act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners. (H. P. 1149)

By Mr. Potter of Bangor: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1150)

By Mr. Ingraham of Bangor: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1151)

By Mr. Angell of Saco: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1152)

By Mr. Rackliff of Old Town: Petition in favor of same. (H. P. 1153)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act relative to examination papers, of applicants for admission to the Bar. (H. P. 1154)

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#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth: An act to create the Department of Finance. (H. P. 1155)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Rodolphe Hamel of Lewiston: An act relating to prohibiting business and recreation on Sunday. (H. P. 1156)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth: An act relating to the Department of Public Welfare. (H. P. 1157)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Rumill of Tremont: Petition of James Pennell and 1 other to prohibit the hauling of lobster traps on Sunday. (H. P. 1160)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Jessie Johnson and 1 other in favor of same. (H. P. 1161)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Rodney McDonald and 25 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1162)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Willis Clark and 42 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1163)

By the same gentleman: Petition of T. A. Bryant and 14 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1164)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Herman Catlin and 24 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1165)

#### State Prison

By Mr. Wight of Newry: An act relating to the collection of a fee from persons visiting the State Prison. (H. P. 1166)

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#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Williamson from the committee on Judiciary reported ought

not to pass on bill an act to establish a Budget Commission. (H. P. 77) (H. D. 37)

Mr. Aldrich from same committee reported same on bill an act relative to the regulations of fees and costs. (H. P. 415) (H. D. 126)

Mr. Belleau from the committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act relating to the collection of taxes. (H. P. 167) (H. D. 82)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the time of sale of real estate for non-payment of taxes. (H. P. 420) (H. D. 133)

Mr. Burkett from same committee reported same on bill an act regulating caucuses in the city of Biddeford. (H. P. 646) (H. D. 191)

Mr. White from the committee on Library reported same on resolve authorizing the State Librarian to purchase for the State 150 copies of the History of Oxford County when printed.

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Williamson from the committee on Judiciary reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to classification of stock. (H. P. 410) (H. D. 121)

Mr. Sargent from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the inspection of buildings and the authority and duty to remedy fire hazards. (H. P. 37) (H. D. 17)

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

Mr. Taylor from the committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act relating to the Presque Isle Sewer District. (H. P. 644)

Mr. Peacock from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the Presque Isle Sewer District. (H. P. 645)

Mr. Roy from the committee on Library reported same on bill an act relating to the expenses of the State Historian. (H. P. 174)

Mr. Varnum from same committee reported same on resolve for the purchase of A History of Pemaquid. (H. P. 175)

Mr. McKnight from same committee reported same on resolve for the purchase of 100 copies of

the history of the town of Lincoln (H. P. 245)

Reports read and accepted and the bills and resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill 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. 1) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1170) and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Jack from same committee on bill an act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Saco, Maine (H. P. 72) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1171) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Blaisdell from same committee on resolve that the Governor and Council be empowered and directed to convey certain property in Bath to the city of Bath (H. P. 19) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1169) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Burkett from same committee on bill an act concerning the guardianship of incompetent veterans and of minor children of disabled or deceased veterans, and the commitment of veterans and to make uniform the law with reference thereto (H. P. 78) (H. D. 35) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1172) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. McCart from the committee on Judiciary on bill an act to incorporate the Eastport Water District (H. P. 6) (H. D. 2) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1167) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Farris from same committee on bill an act relating to the regulation of the practice of the system, method or science of healing known as osteopathy (H. P. 163) (H. D. 66) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1168) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Reports read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 247) (H. D. 328) An act to incorporate the Union River Railway Company.

(H. P. 1057) (H. D. 329) An act to increase the salary of the County Treasurer of Franklin County.

(H. P. 1058) (H. D. 330) An act to increase the salary of the Sheriff of Franklin County.

(H. P. 1059) (H. D. 331) An act increasing the amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County.

(H. P. 1060) (H. D. 332) An act increasing the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County.

(H. P. 1096) (H. D. 341) Resolve in favor of Silas L. Barrows of Waterville, to compensate him for personal injuries and property damage, occasioned by his being shot by Hollis Spear, a State ward.

Bills read twice, resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. 363) (S. D. 144) An act relating to the expenses of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

(H. P. 59) (H. D. 28) An act providing for retirement of court stenographers and their compensation.

(On motion by Mr. Sturgis of Auburn, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

(S. P. 41) (S. D. 22) Resolve providing for a State pension for Fred F. Harris of Lewiston.

#### Passed to be Enacted

An act authorizing and empowering the Register of Deeds for the County of Knox to make a true copy of contents of Volume 23 and of Volume 25 of the Knox County Records of Deeds and to certify that the same are true copies of said Records.

An act to incorporate the Home Security Company.

An act to provide for the designation of the ballot to be printed on both sides when folded.

An act to incorporate the Paris Village Corporation.

#### Finally Passed

Resolve to provide for a pension for John W. Fish of Union.

Resolve for a teacher's pension for Etta M. Patten.

Resolve in favor of Isabelle Willett.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under tabled and today assigned the Chair presents to the House, House order

relative to statement by directors of State Pier, tabled on February 12th by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton, pending passage; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton.

Mr. BOYNTON: Mr. Speaker, I offer House amendment A to House order relative to statement by directors of State Pier.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read House Amendment A.

House Amendment A to House Order relative to Statement by directors of the Maine State Pier.

Amend said order by inserting after the word "vessel" in the paragraph numbered 4 the words 'excepting those docking at that portion of said pier controlled by the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.,' so that said paragraph numbered 4 shall read as follows:

'4. Report the number of ships and vessels, except those docking at that portion of said pier controlled by the Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., entering State Pier, in detail.'

House Amendment A was adopted, and the order as amended by House Amendment A received passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the second matter tabled and today assigned bill an act to incorporate the Fish River Power and Storage Company, tabled yesterday by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ingraham, the pending question being the motion of the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Hughes, to refer to the commit-

tees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Ingraham.

Mr. INGRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the gentleman from Mapleton, Mr. Hughes.

On motion by Mr. Hughes of Mapleton the bill was referred to the committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I move to reconsider the vote whereby we assigned for its third reading tomorrow morning House Paper 410, House Document 121, an act relating to classifications of stock. I do this in order that the matter may remain in the stage where an amendment will be in order. It seems to me that there may be some necessity for amendment, and I would like an opportunity to confer with the persons, who were responsible for presenting the bill.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it assigned for third reading tomorrow morning House Paper 410, House Document 121, an act relating to classification of stock; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was tabled pending assignment for third reading.

On motion by Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.