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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 5, 1929

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wood 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 Highmoor Farm, in the town of Monmouth. (S. P. 20) (S. D. 12)

Resolve in favor of Animal Industry. (S. P. 21) (S. D. 13)

Resolve making appropriation for the support and maintenance of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station (S. P. 22) (S. D. 14)

Resolve in favor of scientific investigation in agriculture in Aroostook county. (S. P. 23) (S. D. 15)

Resolve to appropriate money for cooperative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture. (S. P. 24) (S. D. 16)

Which were referred to the committee on Agriculture in the House January 23rd.

Come from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, possibly a word of explanation of the above five matters would be in order at this time on which the same action has been taken. This University of Maine financial program has been provided for by the mill tax, so it is perfectly all right that these matters should be indefinitely postponed.

Thereupon the House concurred with the action of the Senate in indefinite postponement of the above measures.

Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 260, S. D. 235: Resolve in favor of the G. A. R. Cemetery Association of Lewiston.

S. P. 287, S. D. 121: An act to authorize the erection of a dam across the East Branch of Spruce Creek, sometimes called Barter's Creek, in the town of Kittery.

S. P. 303, S. D. 111: An act relating to the registration of non-resident trucks.

S. P. 217, S. D. 89: An act to amend the charter of Maine Central Institute.

S. P. 494, S. D. 201: An act to amend Section 6, Chapter 33, Public Laws of 1927, relating to the sale and exchange of town forests and the location of public ways therein.

S. P. 413, S. D. 172: An act relative to penalties by imprisonment.

S. P. 492, S. D. 199: An act to repeal Section 27 of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, relative to semi-monthly payments for milk and cream.

S. P. 115, S. D. 242: An act relating to the salary of the sheriff of Knox County.

S. P. 121, S. D. 56: Resolve in favor of State School for Boys.

S. P. 414, S. D. 166: Resolve in favor of State School for Girls.

S. P. 328, S. D. 120: Resolve in favor of State Reformatory for Men.

S. P. 362, S. D. 147: An act to repeal the organization of the plantation of Long Pond.

S. P. 580, S. D. 248: An act relating to amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of Register of Probate for Kennebec County.

Orders

Mr. Aldrich of Topsham presented the following order and moved its passage:

Whereas, for the public hearing to be held on Thursday, March 7, 1929 all measures referring to the Power Question except the order, House Document 11 relative to an investigation of the matter of export of power have been advertised for hearing at that time,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that said House Document No. 11 be advertised at once by the committees considering the same, for hearing on said March 7, 1929, at the time the other power measures before this Legislature are to be considered.

A viva voce vote being taken the order received passage, and was sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Foster of Ellsworth presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the clerks of all joint standing committees shall report in writing before 10 A. M. each Friday until March 22nd, and then daily until the end of the session, to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs all bills and resolves that call for appropriations which have been reported out of committee by them, giving document or paper number, title, amount of money recommended and kind of report, whether ought to pass or ought not to pass.

A viva voce vote being taken, the order received passage, and was sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Pensions reported ought not to pass on resolve providing a pension for Louise M. Wood of Winthrop. (H. P. 873.)

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Taxation reported same on bill an act relating to tax for parks in the city of Portland. (H. P. 896) (H. D. 297.)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Seavey from the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill an act relating to loan and building associations. (S. P. 951) (H. D. 311) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1613) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same Committee on bill An Act to incorporate the Home Finance Corporation. (H. P. 49) (H. D. 21) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1612) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Jackson from the Committee on Library on resolve for the purchase of 150 copies of "The Beginnings of Education in Maine" (H. P. 806) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1609) under title of "Resolve for the purchase of 100 copies of "The Beginnings of Education in Maine" and that it ought to pass.

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, the committee on Appropriations has requested that House papers 806, 868 and 1614 lie upon the table. This is done for the purpose of getting the aggregate amount of these special resolves before any of them have passage.

Thereupon, the House voted to

table the above resolve, pending acceptance of report.

Mr. McKnight from same Committee on resolve for the purchase of 120 copies of "Sketches of Brooks History" (H. P. 868) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1610) under title of "Resolve for the purchase of 100 copies of 'Sketches of Brooks History'" and that it ought to pass.

(Tabled by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth, pending acceptance of report.)

Mrs. Folsom from same Committee on resolve for the purchase of "Embden Town of York" (H. P. 869) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1614) under title of "Resolve for the purchase of 'Embden Town of York,'" and that it ought to pass.

(Tabled by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth, pending acceptance of report.)

Mr. Melcher from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill an act relating to salary of Register of Probate for Oxford County (H. P. 885) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1611) under same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Same gentleman from same Committee reported ought to pass on bill an act increasing the salary of the Judge of the Rumford Falls Municipal Court. (H. P. 891.)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to clerk hire in the Register of Probate's Office, Oxford County. H. P. 886.

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

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill an act to establish a Game Sanctuary in the towns of Mapleton and Chapman in Aroostook county. H. P. 512, H. D. 150, reports same in new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill an act

to establish a game preserve in the town of Windham, Cumberland County. (H. P. 810) (H. D. 261.)

Mr. Rackliff from same Committee reported same on bill an act establishing a game preserve on Swan Island in Kennebec River, County of Sagadahoc. (H. P. 511) (H. D. 149.)

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

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 605) (H. D. 612) An act relating to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College.

H. P. 884, H. D. 532: An act to amend Section twenty of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of Deputy Town Clerks.

(H. D. 541) An act relating to the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge.

(H. P. 977) (H. D. 535) An act to correct a clerical error in section 1 of Chapter 222 of the Public Laws of 1923.

(H. P. 1505) (H. D. 535) An act to validate the organization of Bangor Bridge District and continue its charter.

(H. P. 1506) (H. D. 536) An act to amend the certificate of organization of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Water Company.

H. P. 1507, H. D. 537: An act to amend Section two of Chapter one hundred seventy three of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and five relating to the purposes of the Milo Water company.

(H. P. 1508) (H. D. 538) An act to incorporate the Franklin Water Company.

(H. P. 1509) (H. D. 539) An act relating to State Juvenile Institutions.

(H. P. 84) (H. D. 530) Resolve in favor of Reformatory for Women for maintenance and other purposes.

(H. P. 217) (H. D. 611) Resolve in favor of Eagle Lake.

(H. P. 632) (H. D. 531) Resolve relative to compensation of Clarence W. Peabody, Commissioner of

the Revision and Consolidation of the Public Laws.

(H. P. 1504) (H. D. 534) Resolve providing for a State pension for Charlotte Hill, of Biddeford.

(H. P. 1510) (H. D. 540) Resolve in favor of the town of Peru.

(H. P. 1511) (H. D. 613) An act to provide pensions for the regular drivers of the Fire Department of the city of Westbrook.

(H. P. 1512) (H. D. 614) An act relating to the registration of nurses.

(H. P. 1513) (H. D. 615) An act to amend Section 117 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes relative to military parades on election days.

(H. P. 1515) (H. D. 616) An act to provide pensions for the regular policemen of the city of Westbrook.

(H. P. 1516) (H. D. 617) An act to authorize the town of South Bristol to raise money for the purpose of helping keep in repair the cemeteries in said town.

Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. 11) (S. D. 230) An act relating to clerk hire in the office of Register of Deeds for Knox County.

(S. P. 62) (S. D. 229) An act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate of Kennebec County.

(S. P. 64) (S. D. 228) An act relating to the salary of the Adjutant-General.

(H. P. 244) (H. D. 80) An act relating to the Millinocket Municipal Court.

(H. P. 413) (H. D. 124) An act relating to the property of extinct or disbanded Baptist or Free Baptist churches, parishes or societies.

(H. P. 522) (H. D. 151) An act relative to highways through towns of less than five thousand inhabitants.

(Tabled by Mr. Lenfest of Manchester pending assignment for third reading.)

(H. P. 852) (H. D. 277) An act relating to the Park Commission of the city of Portland.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, this bill and the next one on the calendar seem to relate to the same thing exactly. The Baxter Boulevard was laid out a number of years ago all around the city. This bill does not define where Baxter Boulevard starts or where it stops. The bill originally

was for a street to be laid out around the city of Portland. It started from Fore Street, went down Fore Street, around Gorham's Corner, then around York Street, up Danforth Street, down around under the Promenade, on Gilman Street and Valley Street, then across the Richardson Field,—that part has been discontinued—Washington Avenue, Deering Avenue, Bedford Street and what they call Baxter Boulevard now to Water Street, and Water Street to Washington Avenue, and Washington Avenue to Eastern Promenade, and from there to Fore Street. Now the bonding company has refused to issue bonds on that as I understand. They went to the bonding company and they would not issue the bonds because it was a street and they have been laying out for the last ten or twelve years on those places and on the Eastern Promenade and part of the Baxter Boulevard. I know that at one time I bid on a contract underneath the Boulevard next to Gilman Street, and I would like to have defined at the present time whether Baxter Boulevard is on those streets they are going to put into parks or just one part of it. Therefore I would like to have these two bills referred back to the committee on Legal Affairs to find out where Baxter Boulevard starts and where it stops so that they can issue bonds and get some money to build something.

Thereupon, a viva voce vote being taken, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Legal Affairs.

(H. P. 853) (H. D. 215) An act making explicit certain powers of the Park Commission of the city of Portland.

(On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland recommitted to the committee on Legal Affairs.)

(H. P. 855) (H. D. 278) An act relating to wards in the city of Portland.

(H. P. 856) (H. D. 279) An act relating to annual report in the South Portland Sewer District.

(H. P. 882) (H. D. 294) An act confirming the construction of the ferry wings at Peaks Island.

(H. P. 1084) (H. D. 347) An act to repeal Sections 4 to 10 inclusive of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes relative to public warehouses and warehousemen.

(H. P. 1195) (H. D. 390) An act requiring the State Highway Commission to file with county commissioners a record of location of State highways, State Aid highways and Third Class highways.

(H. P. 1196) (H. D. 391) An act to amend the Bridge Act, so called, providing for State and County Aid in the construction of highway bridges.

(S. P. 235) (S. D. 232) Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Annie M. Welch.

(S. P. 316) (S. D. 234) Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Perley A. Haskell of Augusta.

(S. P. 317) (S. D. 233) Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley.

(S. P. 573) (S. D. 231) Resolve providing for a State pension for Henry W. Boynton of Jefferson.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the matter tabled and today assigned, an act naming the bridge at Bath, H. P. 1559, tabled on March 1 by the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Boynton, the pending question being reference to a committee; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman.

On motion by Mr. Boynton, the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker, at the request of the gentleman from Farmingdale, Mr. Littlefield, who is unavoidably absent today, I move that the House reconsider its action of last Friday whereby House Paper 1605 was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman state the title?

Mr. KITCHEN: Resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its action of Friday last whereby H. P. 1605, resolve in favor of the town of Chelsea was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was tabled pending reference.

Mr. RICHARDSON of South Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move you, sir, that we reconsider the vote whereby we accepted the report of the committee ought not

to pass on H. D. 96, an act to establish a Park Commission in the city of South Portland.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is advised that this bill is now in the possession of the Senate. The Assistant Clerk will ascertain whether the bill may be recovered from the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the sixth unassigned matter, H. P. 1555, an act relating to amusements on Memorial Day, tabled by that gentleman March 1, the pending question being reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, it was voted to take from the table the fourth unassigned matter, H. P. 1522, H. D. 607, an act with reference to the State Budget, tabled by that gentleman March 1, the pending question being reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. McCart of Eastport, it was voted to take from

the table the eight unassigned matter, H. P. 1558, an act regulating the supervision of public dances, tabled by that gentleman March 1, the pending question being reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield, it was voted to take from the table the twelfth unassigned matter, H. P. 899, H. D. 300, an act to change the name of the town of Old Orchard to Old Orchard Beach; tabled by that gentleman March 1, the pending question being third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the committee on towns.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Richardson, is advised that the bill to which he had reference a moment ago was acted upon in the Senate by an acceptance of the ought not to pass report. The motion for reconsideration would be in order in the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sturtevant of East Livermore,
Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.