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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, January 10, 1933.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Pressey of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

By Mr. Drisko of Jonesboro: An act relating to regulation of buying, selling and transportation of clams. (H. P. 3).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By the same gentleman: Petition of M. R. Chandler and 52 others of Columbia Falls in favor of same. (H. P. No. 4).

By the same gentleman: Petition of Robert M. Trim and 105 others of Cutler in favor of same. (H. P. No. 5).

By the same gentleman: Petition of J. P. Alley and 46 others of Beals in favor of same. (H. P. No. 6).

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. T. Flynn and 213 others of Machiasport in favor of same. (H. P. No. 7).

By the same gentleman: Petition of Earle L. Bridgman and 129 others of Jonesboro in favor of same. (H. P. No. 8).

By the same gentleman: Petition of Obed L. Beal and 184 others of Jonesport in favor of same. (H. P. No. 9).

By Mr. Peacock of Lubec: An act relating to regulation of buying, selling and transportation of clams. (H. P. No. 10).

**Orders**

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

Ordered, that the Speaker appoint a committee consisting of three members of the House to investigate the wide range of the prices of coal in the several towns and cities of the State, said committee to report its findings to the

House on or before March 1, 1933; and

It is further ordered, that said committee be and hereby is given full power and authority to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses, to compel the giving of evidence by anyone so subpoenaed, and to compel the production of books and writings of every description. The chairman of said committee may administer oaths to witnesses.

It is further ordered, that said committee be and hereby is empowered to hire necessary clerical and legal assistance in connections with its duties. The members of said committee shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred by them while in the performance of the duties provided for by this order.

The entire expense of the said investigation shall be charged to Legislative expense.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, last week I told you that I would save the citizens of the State one million dollars. I have now put in an order to that effect. I am buying coal for the Poor Department of Portland in quarter ton lots for \$12.02 delivered in the bin, but if any citizen wants such coal in Portland he has to pay \$16.50, four per cent off. Now this coal is owned, excepting one company in Portland, outside of the State of Maine—and I have the list here for anybody to see and these companies are getting their coal at from two and a half to three dollars and something a ton. Now it is time for us to do something for the people of the State of Maine. We were haggling here last week over a few cents. Now let's do something for the citizens of the State. Biddeford is selling coal for \$14.75, and since I have come here I am told that Rockland is selling it so that they can haul it over to Belfast and save the Belfast people a dollar and a half a ton. It looks to me as though we ought to legislate for the citizens of Maine and not for big corporations and thus save our citizens money. I will put this paper in evidence so that anybody can see it. We are paying more in Portland than they are in outside places. It seems to me it is time for us to legislate for the people of Maine and see if we cannot get coal down where it belongs. I thank you.

On motion by Mr. Farris of Au-

gusta, the order was tabled, pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Winterport, it was

Ordered, that a vote of thanks be given by the House of the Eighty-sixth Legislature and a letter expressing its thanks be sent by the Clerk of said House to the Committee on Publication at Bangor of the Christian Science Monitor, an international daily newspaper which has been found of special interest by those connected with public affairs for their offer of a three months' free subscription to that paper to those members of the Eighty-sixth Legislature who wish to receive it.

On motion by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk, it was

Ordered, that the Maine Development Commission be allowed the use of the hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, February 6th, 1933, for the purpose of holding a conference.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Augusta, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Kennebec Valley Garden Club for Tuesday evening, January 24th, 1933, for an address by Mr. James Taylor of Springfield, Vermont on Roadside Beautification.

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

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Rules of the Senate and House be amended by adding thereto the following as Rule 14:

All bills and resolves referred to committee shall be assigned for hearing to be held not later than ten days after date of reference. Within ten days after hearing by committee, all bills and resolves shall be reported for action to the body in which said bill or resolve originated.

Mr. CARLETON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I think that that would be a very unwise thing to do. As I understand, last session the gentleman who presented this order made the remark that the Claims Committee would not be able to report in. I am sure the Appropriations Committee cannot report in according to that order.

I move that the order lie on the table.

The order received passage.

The vote thereon being doubted, a viva voce vote was taken, and the order was tabled pending passage.

#### Orders of The Day

Mr. FARRIS of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, under orders of the day I move that a committee of seven on the part of the House to draft resolutions on the death of ex-President Calvin Coolidge be appointed. The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Farris of Augusta, Tompkins of Houlton, Goudy of So. Portland, Miss Laughlin of Portland, Messrs. Fernald of Winterport, Eldridge of Eastport and Hill of So. Portland.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will take this occasion to call attention of the members to the fact that at the right of the Clerk's desk is a box with a hole in the top which has been placed there for the reception of such bills and resolves as the members desire to present. These bills and resolves may be dropped into that box at any time during the day. At four o'clock, or just before, each afternoon the Clerk will remove from the box all bills and resolves put in there during the day, and at four o'clock, together with the Secretary of the Senate, who performs the same function in the Senate, he takes those bills and resolves before the Committee on Reference of Bills and that committee goes over them and decides what recommendation it will make to the House as to the committees to which the several papers shall be referred. They then come into the House the next day for reference to a committee and the House can refer them to the committee recommended by the committee on Reference of Bills, or not, as it sees fit.

You will remember that the other day we passed an order in the House that all Public Acts must be presented before February 7th and all matters of Private and Special Legislation by January 31st. If you have any question at any time as to whether or not any proposed legislation is of a public or a special nature, the Chair would be very glad to talk the matter over with you and advise you.

You will find on your desks today the first edition of the Senate and House Register. These books

are simply the proof. Will each one of you look them over and see if all the information therein given concerning each one of you is correct,—boarding place, telephone number, names of your committees, number of your seat, etc.; and if you find any errors will you call them to the attention of the Clerk's office? Anyone in that office can receive the information and thereby we can get the final printing ready for you by Thursday.

You will also notice on your desks diagrams showing the seating of the House, numbers of the seats and your own name on the seat you are occupying. If there are any mistakes in those diagrams, will you call them also to the attention of the Clerk's office?

At this time the Chair will appoint as monitors under the Rules, Raymond of Westbrook in the first division, Scates of Westbrook in the second division, Cobb of Gardiner in the third division, and Burns of Eagle Lake in the fourth division.

The duty of the monitors as de-

finied in the Rules is to take a count of the members on standing votes and to help maintain order. Rule No. 7 of the House Rules reads as follows: "If any member shall transgress any of the rules of the House, and persist therein, after being notified thereof by any monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to give information thereof to the House."

I hope the monitors will have no duties under that rule to perform.

I call your particular attention to rules No. 19 as printed in the Legislative Hand book, Page 33, relative to absences: That the chairman of the committee on Leave of Absences, the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Burns, should under that rule, be consulted and notified of each absence of any member and reasons given therefor under the rule.

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On motion by Mr. Leathers of Hermon,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.