

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

Tuesday, January 10, 1933

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. A. T. McWhorter of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, January 5, read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: At this time the Chair will announce that the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Viles, who is not in the chamber at the moment, took and subscribed before the Governor and Council last Wednesday the oath necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties; so that the full membership of the Senate is now sworn in.

The President laid before the Senate the following bills and resolves which were referred to this Legislature by the last preceding Legislature.

Appropriation and Financial Affairs

Resolve in favor of the Memorial to the Maine Volunteer Signal Corps. (S. P. 18).

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to reimburse the Town of Dover-Foxcroft for support of the family of Harry E. Tompkins, a veteran of the World War. (S. P. 19).

Resolve in favor of the town of New Gloucester. (S. P. 20).

Resolve in favor of the town of New Gloucester. (S. P. 21).

Resolve in favor of James H. Kerr of Rumford. (S. P. 22).

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

An Act to amend the Charter of the Portland Water District. (S. P. 23).

An Act relating to disposition of inheritance taxes. (S. P. 24).

Sent down for concurrence.

Library

Resolve for the purchase of a monograph on the Geology, Conchology and Botany of Maine. (S. P. 25).

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

An Act relating to blind persons entitled to aid. (S. P. 26).

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

An Act to reduce the pay of state employees. (S. P. 27).

An Act pertaining to the salaries of state officials and state employees. (S. P. 28).

Sent down for concurrence.

State School for Girls, State School for Boys and State Reformatories

Resolve in favor of the State School for Girls. (S. P. 29).

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

An Act to acquire the American portion of the International Bridge at Calais in Washington County and to provide for its maintenance. (S. P. 30).

Resolve in favor of Rhoda M. Buxton compensating her for damages to property.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Petition from Arthur L. Hersey. (S. P. 32).

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Viles of Kennebec

The rules were suspended and the same Senator presented out of order two bonds of the Hon. George S. Foster, Treasurer of State.

Which were referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Viles of Kennebec presented the following order:

Ordered the House concurring, that there be referred to the joint standing committee on Salaries and Fees the matter of all salaries, fees, expenses and recompense of every description paid to employees of the State, for consideration as to equalization and readjustment;

Also all salaries and fees and expenses fixed by the Legislature for county and municipal officers.

And that such committee of the Council as the Governor may designate be invited to join the committee of the Legislature in considering the aforementioned matter;

And that the committee on Salaries and Fees be authorized to employ such additional clerical assistance as is necessary at an expense not exceeding \$500 for this work;

And that said committee submit to this Legislature seasonably for

its consideration recommendations for adoption regarding the subject matter of this order. (S. P. 34).

Mr. VILES of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, perhaps a word on this subject might be in order. It is, of course, a very important matter and one which I believe we should approach in a businesslike manner, and one that should be considered early in the session as it covers a wide field and will occupy the attention of the committee for a considerable time.

I anticipate that there will be orders from time to time pertaining to the salaries and fees of employees of the State and at the present time, with conditions as they are, I think it is fair for the whole matter to be reviewed by the proper committee and I would expect that this committee would attempt to adjust these salaries in an equitable and fair manner.

Some employees of the State are engaged by the Governor and Council and recently certain employees have been engaged by the Governor and Council on reduced pay which they thought was fair, considering conditions as of today. Now, if a general wage cut is to be put in operation it would hardly be fair to these men who have been recently employed at reduced salaries. I have included a committee from the Governor and Council because of the fact that many employees are engaged by the Governor and Council, and I have also included extra compensation for this extra work that must be done by the committee.

It is a very broad proposition and a very important proposition and one which should be duly considered and everyone, I think, used fair in the matter. I believe that this is the best way to approach it and I move the passage of the order.

The motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Towle of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Hos-

pital Association for the afternoon of Friday, January 13, 1933.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Maine Sportsmen's Fish & Game Association for the afternoon of Thursday, January 26, 1933.

On motion by Mr. Story of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, that all bills, resolves, orders, petitions and memorials for introduction in the Senate be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate not later than four o'clock of the day preceding their introduction.

On motion by McLoon of Knox, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby given charge of all assignments of rooms for hearings in the Capitol Building, and that all applications for rooms for hearings must be made to him in writing forty-eight hours previous to the time when said rooms are to be used for that purpose. (S. P. 33).

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: It becomes my sad duty at this time to officially announce to the Senate what of course we all know, the death of our only living ex-president last Thursday. The end of the career of a man who in his lifetime has proven himself truly great in many respects, should receive some recognition in such a body as this; and the Senator from Franklin, Senator Holman, moves that the Committee on Judiciary be constituted a committee on resolutions to present to this Senate appropriate resolutions. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Schnurle of Cumberland

Adjourned, until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.