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HOUSE

Friday, February 28, 1941.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunn of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the state highway commission be and hereby is authorized and directed to expend not to exceed \$25,000 from the highway maintenance fund, Appropriation 9055, for matching federal funds for the construction of defense highways with the provision that the maintenance fund shall be reimbursed from the general highway fund, Appropriation 9010, within the present fiscal year (S. P. 474)

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Farwell.

Mr. FARWELL: Mr. Speaker, I believe at this time that it is necessary to give a brief explanation of this order.

There is available to the State of Maine through the Federal government a great deal of money for highway purposes. By appropriating \$25,000, it will enable the State of Maine to receive from the Federal government \$660,000, which will be expended upon the State Highway systems of the State of Maine on nine projects which have been laid out by the State Highway Commission. This money will be expended under the supervision of and by the State Highway Commission of the State of Maine. It is necessary that we do this by an order for the reason that these funds must be made available almost immediately or we will not be able to take advantage of this proposition.

Later on, the sum of about three millions of dollars will be made available and, by appropriating this twenty-five thousand dollars immediately, that will enable us later on to take advantage of a larger sum of money which the Federal government will be giving to us.

This bill has been carefully considered by your Committee on Ways

and Bridges, passed out unanimously, and it has the approval of the Maine Municipal Association and, I understand, also of the present administration here in the State House. By appropriating this small sum of money and receiving from the Federal government \$660,000, it would seem to me that this is wisdom on the part of the State, and I hope that you may support the committee in their "Ought to pass" report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gorham, Mr. Gould.

Mr. GOULD: Mr. Speaker, this seems to me altogether too good to be true. I cannot understand how we can expend \$25,000 and expect to receive \$660,000 in return. I hope that we will get something further for an explanation than we already have.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Unity, Mr. Farwell.

Mr. FARWELL: Mr. Speaker, in answer to the gentleman's question: This money is made available to the State of Maine under WPA projects. Mr. Fitzgerald has assured our Governor and has assured us that if we will put in \$25,000 the total expenditure will be \$660,000, employing one thousand men immediately. The projects have already been laid out and will be under construction this week.

It does seem too good to be true; but, if you will stop to think, under these WPA projects it is not unusual for the Federal government to give such a sum of money for such a small outlay. We have the assurance of the Federal government, if we may take it, that this is absolutely a fact and will be started immediately.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the passage of the order in concurrence. Is it the pleasure of the House that the order receive a passage in concurrence?

Thereupon the order received passage in concurrence.

Senate Reports

Refer to the Committee on Legal Affairs

From the Senate:

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Pauper Settlement of Recipients of Public Assistance" (S. P. 360) (L. D. 671) reporting that the same be

referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Comes from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in Somerset County" (S. P. 399) (L. D. 819)

Came from the Senate, the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, the bill had its two several readings and was assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk has in his possession an additional paper from the Senate which does not appear on the printed calendar.

From the Senate:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 4, 1941, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon.

Came from the Senate in that body read and passed.

In the House, the order received passage in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. McGlaulin of Portland, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. McLellan of Trescott, be excused from attendance today as it was necessary for him to be at home.

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Mr. Barr of Readfield, be invited to act as Chaplain of the House next Thursday, March 6th.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Farwell from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act relating to the Carlton Bridge" (H. P. 1496) (L. D. 583) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1636) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

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

Report Tabled

Mr. Brewer from the Committee on Salaries and Fee on Bill "An Act relative to Fees of Referees" (H. P. 102) (L. D. 57) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1635) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

(On motion by Mr. Belanger of Winslow, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules)

Ought to Pass

Mr. Keller from the Committee on Counties reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Maintenance of a Public Building in Rumford" (H. P. 1125) (L. D. 376)

Report was read and accepted.

Report Tabled

Mr. Crockett from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of the Special Tax for Investigation of Fires by the Insurance Commissioner" (H. P. 1273) (L. D. 543)

(On motion by Mr. Farwell of Unity, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. LaFleur from the Committee on Public Utilities reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Vanceboro Water Company" (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 487)

Report was read and accepted.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Slosberg from the Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Loans by Savings Banks" (H. P. 1120) (L. D. 356) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith

Mr. Grua from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Clarifying the Law relating to Notices of Appointments and Elections" (H. P. 826) (L. D. 340)

Reports were read and accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Packing of Sardines" (H. P. 22) (L. D. 17)

Bill "An Act relating to Consent of Parents to Marriages" (H. P. 1414) (L. D. 791)

Bill "An Act relating to Custody of Children" (H. P. 1416) (L. D. 585)

Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Zoning Ordinances" (H. P. 1417) (L. D. 726)

Bill "An Act relating to Investments by Savings Banks" (H. P. 1511) (L. D. 854)

Bill "An Act relating to Stolen Goods" (H. P. 1519) (L. D. 859)

Bill "An Act relating to Hearings Before Masters in Chancery" (H. P. 1522) (L. D. 862)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions of Homes from Taxation" (H. P. 1626) (L. D. 975)

Bill "An Act Appropriating Money for Overdrafts already Incurred due to Insufficient Appropriations and Anticipated Overdrafts and Other Obligations for which no Legislative Appropriations have been made" (H. P. 1629) (L. D. 976)

Resolve relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the town of Scarborough (H. P. 1630) (L. D. 977)

Resolve relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the town of Kennebunkport (H. P. 1631) (L. D. 978)

Resolve relating to the Digging of Clams in the town of Woolwich (H. P. 1632) (L. D. 979)

Resolve relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the town of Cape Elizabeth (H. P. 1633) (L. D. 980)

Resolve relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the town of Kennebunk (H. P. 1634) (L. D. 981)

Bills were read twice, Resolves read once and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

First Reading of Printed Bills with Committee Amendment

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Veterans' Graves" (H. P. 785) (L. D. 335)

Bill had its two several readings. Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 785, L. D. 335, Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Veterans' Graves."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 4th line of the emergency preamble thereof, the word "in" and inserting in place thereof the words "to complete."

Further amend said Bill by inserting after the words "carry on"

in the 6th line after the enacting clause thereof, the words 'and complete.'

Committee Amendment "A" was then adopted; and on motion by Mr. Shesong of Portland, the bill was tabled pending assignment for third reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Validate the Incorporation of Redington Memorial Hospital Association and to Extend its Powers" (S. P. 194) (L. D. 952)

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Municipal Court of Bath" (H. P. 1203) (L. D. 421)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds in York County" (H. P. 1565) (L. D. 852)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tributaries to Twitchell Pond in Greenwood (S. P. 237) (L. D. 397)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolve read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saco and Mousam Rivers (S. P. 238) (L. D. 396)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Mr. Davis of Buxton, offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 238, L. D. 396, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saco and Mousam Rivers.

Amend said Resolve by striking out from the first line thereof the phrase "chapters 130 and" and inserting in place thereof the phrase "chapter 130 of the public laws of 1933 and chapter"

House Amendment "A" was then adopted and the resolve had its second reading and was passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Passed to Be Engrossed (Continued)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Waldo County (S. P. 239) (L. D. 394)

Resolve Granting Bonus to Charles Story Crosman of West Gardiner (H. P. 94) (L. D. 968)

Resolve in favor of the town of Sullivan (H. P. 600) (L. D. 969)

Resolve to Reimburse the town of Blaine for Replacement of a Culvert (H. P. 1623) (L. D. 970)

Resolve in favor of Edward Doyle

of Fort Kent (H. P. 1624) (L. D. 971)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Arlene Remick (H. P. 1625) (L. D. 972)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Resolves read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Investment of Farm Land Loan's Funds" (H. P. 408) (L. D. 162)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed as amended and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Crockett of North Haven, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to pass" of the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act relating to Automobile Travel by State Inspectors of Seed Potatoes" (S. P. 55) (L. D. 10) tabled by that gentleman on February 14th, pending acceptance of the report in concurrence; and on

further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought to pass" report of the Committee was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Megill of Belgrade Lakes, the House voted to take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Mayor of Waterville to Appoint a Commission of Cemeteries" (H. P. 1175) (L. D. 474) tabled by that gentleman on February 26th, pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought not to pass" report of the Committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. If there are no further matters to come before the House under Orders of the Day, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. McFadden of Pembroke,
Adjourned until Tuesday, March 4, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.