

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninetieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



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AUGUSTA, MAINE

SENATE

Tuesday, February 25, 1941

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Louis Staples of Gardiner.

Journal of Friday, February 21st, 1941, read and approved.

From the House:

Joint Order

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Clerk of the House prepare each week for the use of the Legislature, a cumulative index of all bills and resolves introduced during the session showing precisely the important steps in the consideration of each and its final disposition or present status, and that 500 copies thereof be printed, and one copy thereof be laid upon the desk of each member of the Legislature. (S. P. 465)

(In the Senate on February 20, read and passed)

Comes from the House, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

(In the Senate, on motion by Miss Laughlin of Cumberland, that Body voted to insist and ask for a Committee of Conference.)

From the House:

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs be authorized and empowered to originate and report Bills and Resolves which, in the judgment of that committee, may be necessary to provide appropriations authorized by existing statutes. (H. P. 1618)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

From the House:

Joint Order

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the State Controller be directed to furnish to the Legislature a list of salary adjustments of State officers and employees affected during the months of October, November and the first half of December, 1940; and be it further

ORDERED, that five hundred copies of the above information be printed.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

House Committee Reports Ought to Pass

The Committee on Counties on Bill "An Act Increasing the Farm Bureau Budget," (H. P. 296) (L. D. 106) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Authorizing Lincoln County Commissioners to Acquire Land for County Purposes," (H. P. 615) (L. D. 252) reported the same in a new draft, (H. P. 1602) (L. D. 908) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Secondary School Tuition," (H. P. 789) (L. D. 339) reported that the same ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Lincoln, the bill was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report in concurrence.)

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Ministerial and School Funds," (H. P. 414) (L. D. 163) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of South Portland Sewerage District in Relation to the Issue of Notes and Bonds," (H. P. 829) (L. D. 343) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Granting Authority to the Forestry Department to Convey Certain Land to Zealie A. Smith of Springfield," (H. P. 354) (L. D. 141) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Slash Law," (H. P. 355) (L. D. 142) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1603) (L. D. 909) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
Augusta State Hospital
Augusta

February 24, 1941

To The Honorable House and Senate of the Ninetieth Maine Legislature:

In compliance with the Order of February 13, 1941, of the ninetieth

Legislature, H. P. 1507, I submit the following statement:

The total number of patients that can be safely and properly cared for by the present accommodations in the Augusta State Hospital is 1202, 635 men and 567 women.

The total number of patients in the hospital at the present date is 1477, 637 men and 840 women. While there are 203 more women than men, the difference is only temporary and is due to the fact that more men have been discharged or transferred to other institutions. Ordinarily, the number of men admitted exceeds that of the women.

The accommodations for men are completely filled, while those for women are over-crowded by 273 patients. A part of this excess number of women has been cared for by use of accommodations intended for men. The greater capacity for men is due to the acquisition of the Arsenal Group and the building for the criminal insane, all of which accommodate a total of 170 patients.

From these facts it is evident that accommodations for at least 273 women patients should be provided as soon as possible, and I recommend that this number be increased to 325 patients to care for the estimated increase during the next two years. This will give the hospital an ultimate capacity for 1527 patients.

Respectfully submitted,
FORREST C. TYSON, M. D.
Superintendent

(S. P. 471)

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Sent to the House.

Referred to Committee

The following resolve was received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills was referred to the following committee:

Pensions

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented "Resolve to Repeal a Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Mary Kane." (S. P. 469)

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railway Company," (S. P. 269) (L. D. 414) reported that leave be granted to withdraw.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railway Company," (S. P. 268) (L. D. 412) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Ought to Pass

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tributaries to Twitchel Pond in Greenwood," (S. P. 237) (L. D. 397) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saco and Mousam Rivers," (S. P. 238) (L. D. 396) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Waldo County," (S. P. 239) (L. D. 394) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Federal Relations on Bill "An Act Permitting the Department of Health and Welfare to cooperate with the U. S. D. A." (S. P. 304) (L. D. 511) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 470) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill laid upon the table pending printing under the joint rules.

Order

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Maine Consumers' Council Monday evening, March 3.

First Reading of Printed Bills

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

Which bill was read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Auburn." (H. P. 644) (L. D. 280)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing on Narraguagus River." (H. P. 1566) (L. D. 903)

Which bill and resolve were read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Approval of Suits by Infants." (S. P. 307) (L. D. 514)

Bill "An Act Relating to Vacating Attachments." (S. P. 311) (L. D. 518)

Bill "An Act Relating to Valuation and Release of Attached Property." (S. P. 313) (L. D. 520)

Which bills were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.