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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



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SENATE

Wednesday, March 12, 1941.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House:

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance 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) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, recommended to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

In the Senate, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in concurrence.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Howard Douglas, of Upton," (H. P. 931) (L. D. 996) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Damariscotta Lake," (H. P. 240) (L. D. 79) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1644) (L. D. 997) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Actions for Alienation of Affections and for Breach of Promise to Marry," (H. P. 640) (L. D. 276) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1645) (L. D. 994) under a new title, Bill "An Act Relating to Action of Breach of Promise to Marry and Amending the Law Relating to Action by Married Woman for Alienation of Affections of Husband," and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Legal Documents," (H. P. 1405) (L. D. 783) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Constables Enforcing the Dog License Law," (H. P. 1236) (L. D.

498) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Conferring Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over Vessels or Boats Propelled by Other Motive Power than Steam," (H. P. 1283) (L. D. 549) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Amend and Extend the Charter of the Bangor Gas Light Company," (H. P. 1200) (L. D. 365) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1646) (L. D. 995) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act to Exempt from Taxation the Property of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities," (H. P. 1160) (L. D. 457) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A"

The Committee on Military Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating the Maine Nautical School," (H. P. 433) (L. D. 181) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills read once, Committee Amendment "A" severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as amended tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

March 11, 1941.

To the Honorable Senate of the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of Maine:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a petition of Louis B. Lausier of Biddeford and others to initiate a bill entitled "An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Biddeford."

This bill is initiated in accordance with Section 18 of Chapter XXXI of the Constitution of Maine and is proposed by what is purported to be not less than 12,000 electors, namely, 12,402, as shown by the signatures on the petitions accompanying this communication, which were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on March 8, 1941.

There is also transmitted herewith additional petitions in reference to the same bill purporting to be signed by 251 electors, which were filed on March 10, 1941.

There has been no check in this office as to the sufficiency of the signatures on said petitions.

Respectfully yours,

FREDERICK ROBIE

Secretary of State (S. P. 487)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Biddeford." (I. B. 1)

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, the communication and the accompanying bill were tabled pending consideration.

Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Dow of Oxford from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Lincoln-Chester Bridge District, (S. P. 252) (L. D. 700) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Recommitted

Mr. Sanborn from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Providing State Services for the Blind," (S. P. 328) (L. D. 954) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Dow of Oxford from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Evasion of Fares over Toll Bridges," (S. P. 335) (L. D. 624) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Probation Officers." (H. P. 1203) (L. D. 423)

Bill "An Act to Determine Quality of Farm Products." (H. P. 1251) (L. D. 534)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Indian Representative." (H. P. 1553) (L. D. 844)

"Resolve in Favor of George W. Pettingill, of Livermore Falls." (H. P. 1642) (L. D. 992)

Bill "An Act Changing the Name of Bangor Gas Light Company to Bangor Gas Company." (H. P. 1643) (L. D. 993)

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

Bill "An Act Establishing the Willow Water Game Preserve in the Town of Perry." (S. P. 375) (L. D. 695)

Bill "An Act Relating to Local Option Provisions." (S. P. 417) (L. D. 656)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Round Pond." (S. P. 484) (L. D. 1001)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Forestry Department Saturday morning, March the 22nd at 8:45 A. M. for the purpose of holding examinations on tree surgery.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Committee on Federal Relations Thursday afternoon, March the 13th at 2:00 P. M.

Orders of the Day

Upon motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act Limiting the Amount of Inventory of the State Liquor Commission (H. P. 611) (L. D. 284) tabled by that Senator on March 7th pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A", and on further motion by the same Senator Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act Relating to Falsely Assuming to be a Justice or

Officer (S. P. 94) (L. D. 98) tabled by that Senator on February 2nd pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the Senate voted under suspension of the rules to reconsider its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Upon motion by Mr. Friend, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in concurrence. House Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Piscataquis, the Senate voted to take from the table, Senate Report from the Committee on Claims, "be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs" on Resolve in favor of the town of Dover-Foxcroft (S. P. 227), tabled by that Senator on March 11th pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the Resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for Concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Piscataquis, the Senate voted to take from the table, Senate Report from the Committee on Claims "be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Resolve in Favor of the Town of Atkinson (S. P. 288), tabled by that Senator on March 11th pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was accepted and the resolve referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. CHASE of Washington: Mr. President, the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs are very anxious to present their report this morning but the report has not come up as it is being typed. I had expected it would be here by ten o'clock but it may be a few minutes before it arrives. I would respectfully ask the Senate to remain in session until I can get the report and the accompanying bill.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate will be glad to accede to the request of the Senator from Washington, Senator Chase.

The Senate will recess for ten minutes.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Mr. Chase of Washington, out of order and under suspension of the rules presented Senate Report from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on bill, An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1942 and June 30, 1943, "Ought to Pass in New Draft". (S. P. 488)

Which report was laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report and 1000 copies of the new draft ordered printed.

The same Senator presented a communication relating to the Appropriation Bill and on motion by that Senator, the communication was laid upon the table pending consideration and 1000 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.