

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Friday, March 21, 1941

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend A. N. Bickmore of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday, read and approved.

**Order  
(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

**ORDERED**, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, March 24th, 1941, at four o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 506)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports  
Ought Not to Pass**

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve to Dredge Austin Stream in the County of Somerset." (H. P. 1510) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Relating to Interest on Small Loans." (H. P. 1119) (L. D. 371) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Savings Bank Life Insurance." (H. P. 1338) (L. D. 795) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Scott Robert of Camden." (H. P. 1291) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Hazel P. Adams, of Readfield." (H. P. 1289) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of E. J. Bither of Houlton." (H. P. 1079) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to the Digging Out of Foxes." (H. P. 1128) (L. D. 377) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve for Screening Outlet of Moosehead Lake at Indian Pond." (H. P. 820) (L. D. 292) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on "Resolve Relating to Trapping in the County of York." (H. P. 473) (L. D. 209) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relative to Training of Fox Hounds." (H. P. 1369) (L. D. 715) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Trapping of Muskrats in Corundel Lake." (H. P. 417) (L. D. 166) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Training of Hunting Dogs." (H. P. 1515) (L. D. 857) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Trapping in Washington County." (H. P. 1380) (L. D. 809) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Muskrats in Kennebec County." (H. P. 1383) (L. D. 573) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on "Resolve Relating to Plug Fishing in Belgrade Chain of Lakes." (H. P. 1382) (L. D. 811) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Trapping." (H. P. 1365) (L. D. 711) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Trapping Season." (H. P. 799) (L. D. 312) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on "Resolve Regulating Muskrat Trapping in Sebacook Lake." (H. P. 418) (L. D. 167) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relative to Trapping Muskrats in Aroostook County." (H. P. 804) (L. D. 317) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The Committee on Judiciary on

Bill "An Act Relating to Expense of Patients in State Institutions," (H. P. 1393) (L. D. 771) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Preference in State Examinations for Selective Service Inductees," (H. P. 1579) (L. D. 930) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Limiting the Hours of Labor," (H. P. 643) (L. D. 279) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Game of Beano, etc.," (H. P. 1442) (L. D. 756) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Registration of Vital Statistics," (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 867) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Correction of Vital Records," (H. P. 1526) (L. D. 865) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Establishing a Board of Well Diggers," (H. P. 1533) (L. D. 872) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Town Reports," (H. P. 1271) (L. D. 541) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Zina N. Witham," (H. P. 227) (L. D. 73) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1673) (L. D. 1019) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Vernon A. Soule," (H. P. 228) (L. D. 74) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1672) (L. D. 1020) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Expense of Pauper Support," (H. P. 1441) (L. D. 755) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Overseers of the Poor," (H. P. 1449) (L. D. 761) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commission-

er to Convey Certain Land in Perkins Plantation," (H. P. 1211) (L. D. 429) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, the bills and resolves were severally read once and under suspension of the rules read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Exempt Soldiers and Sailors from Poll Taxes," (H. P. 1484) (L. D. 613) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

In the House, the report read and accepted, Committee Amendment "A" indefinitely postponed, House Amendment "A" read and adopted, and the bill as amended by House Amendment "A" passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading. Committee Amendment "A" was read and on motion by Mr. Chamberlain the bill was laid upon the table pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

From the House:

The Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Regulate the Practice of Architecture and to Create a Board to Provide for the Examination and Registration of Architects," (H. P. 647) (L. D. 283) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

(Signed) Senators:

SANBORN of Cumberland  
MORSE of Waldo

Representatives:

SYLVIA of Danforth  
SHESONG of Portland  
LAFLEUR of Portland  
DWINAL of Camden

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Senator:

DOW of Oxford

Representatives:

SLOSBERG of Gardiner  
DONAHUE of Biddeford  
SOUTHARD of Augusta.

In the House, the Minority report read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Dow of Oxford, the Minority report was read and accepted in concurrence.

### Orders

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the communications and accompanying petitions in relation to legislation regarding Bill, "An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Biddeford," (I. B. 1) be referred to the Committee on Judiciary for investigation and report as to the sufficiency of the petitions with power to summons witnesses. (S. P. 507)

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the communications and accompanying petitions in relation to legislation regarding Bill "An Act Relating to Elections in the City of Biddeford," (I. B. 2) be referred to the Committee on Judiciary for investigation and report as to the sufficiency of the petitions with power to summons witnesses. (S. P. 508)

Thereupon on further motion by the same Senator the above orders were ordered transmitted forthwith to the House by special messenger.

### Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Dow of Franklin from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Clyde H. Smith," (S. P. 39) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of Charles Murray of Bangor," (S. P. 230) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Chamberlain from the Committee on Interior Waters on Bill "An Act Relating to Water Level of Lake Torsey," (S. P. 449) (L. D. 887) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act Limiting Hours of Labor to Forty-eight in any week" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 20) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating

to Minimum Fair Wages for Women and Minors," (S. P. 41) (L. D. 37) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Standards of Employment," (S. P. 40) (L. D. 36) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Sanborn from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Injurious Substance not to be Placed on Any Way or Bridge," (S. P. 439) (L. D. 893) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Morse from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Registration and Regulation of Watchmakers," (S. P. 43) (L. D. 38) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Ought to Pass

Miss Laughlin from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Needy Children," (S. P. 367) (L. D. 681) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Hodgkins from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Apportionment of School Funds," (S. P. 143) (L. D. 195) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once, and Monday next assigned for second reading.

Mr. Dow of Franklin from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Certain Agricultural Societies," (S. P. 183) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Hodgkins from the Committee on Education on "Resolve Granting a Pension to Eva Mae McShea," (S. P. 122) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, and the resolves laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Farris from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Commitment of Persons of Unsound Mind to the State Hospitals for Observation," (S. P. 346) (L. D. 663) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill read once;

Committee Amendment "A" was read as follows: "Committee Amendment A. Amend said bill by inserting after the word 'over' in the 4th line thereof the words 'accused of a crime'."

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was Monday next assigned for second reading.

Mrs. Sanborn from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Preservation of the Records of the Department of Health and Welfare," (S. P. 336) (L. D. 625) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 509) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating the Caribou Utilities District," (S. P. 165) (L. D. 227) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 510) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Batchelder from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Business of Letting or Leasing for Hire of Motor Vehicles to be Used by any Other Person, Firm or Corporation," (S. P. 324) (L. D. 526) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 511) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Stilphen from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relating to Mileage of State Employees," (S. P. 107) (L. D. 149) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 512) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, and the bills laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

"Resolve in Favor of the Propagation of Lobsters." (S. P. 190) (L. D. 290)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Collection of County Taxes on Unincorporated Lands." (S. P. 303) (L. D. 510)

Bill "An Act Relative to Stations for Weighing Trucks." (S. P. 317) (L. D. 880)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Reef Point Gardens Corporation." (S. P. 481) (L. D. 998)

"Resolve in Favor of Miss Leila C. Gaines of Saco." (S. P. 495) (L. D. 1022)

"Resolve in Favor of the Heirs of Charles H. Scott."

Bill "An Act Providing for the Regulation of the Use of the Highways by Motor Vehicles Transporting Property for Hire." (S. P. 502) (L. D. 1025)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Bill "An Act Creating the Newport Water District." (H. P. 1670) (L. D. 1018)

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

#### Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Insurance Companies." (S. P. 382) (L. D. 620)

Bill "An Act Relating to Foreign Insurance Companies." (S. P. 384) (L. D. 622)

Bill "An Act Relative to Taxation of Street Railroad Corporations." (H. P. 1238) (L. D. 499)

Bill "An Act Relative to Guides' Licenses." (H. P. 1359) (L. D. 705)

Bill "An Act Relative to Game Preserve in Caswell Plantation." (H. P. 1381) (L. D. 810)

Bill "An Act Relating to State Aid for Libraries." (H. P. 1652) (L. D. 1004)

#### Finally Passed

"Resolve Relating to the Maine Commission on Interstate Cooperation." (H. P. 114) (L. D. 1005)

"Resolve in Favor of Procuring Testimonials for the Purpose of Marking the Unmarked Graves of Soldiers of the Revolutionary War." (H. P. 1115) (L. D. 1006)

"Resolve in Favor of Fort McClary." (H. P. 1116) (L. D. 1007)

"Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Albertha Williams of Bath." (H. P. 1653) (L. D. 1008)

"Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Estella M. Littlefield of Hampden." (H. P. 1654) (L. D. 1009)

"Resolve in Favor of Mrs. Inez T. Fogg of Readfield." (H. P. 1655) (L. D. 1010)

"Resolve in Favor of Florence Dennison of Whiting." (H. P. 1656) (L. D. 1011)

"Resolve in Favor of a Fish Screen in Cathance Lake." (H. P. 1657) (L. D. 1012)

### Emergency Measure

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

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate and none opposed, was passed to be enacted.

### Order

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Committee on Public Health on Thursday afternoon, March 27, 1941.

### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve Freeing the Carlton Bridge of Tolls (H. P. 1650) (L. D. 999) tabled by that Senator on March 20th pending first reading; and on further motion by the same Senator, under suspension of the rules the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Chase of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act Limiting the Amount of Inventory of State Liquor Commission (H. P. 611) (L. D. 284) tabled by that Senator on March 20th pending enactment and today assigned; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was passed to be enacted.

Mr. FRIEND of Somerset: Mr. President, I would like to ask if H. P. 1703, Resolution Memorializing the Congress of the United States to Enact a Law which will Provide Adequate National Old Age Pensions is now in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that it is in the possession of the Senate.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset, the Senate voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolution was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act to Exempt Soldiers and Sailors from Poll Taxes (H. P. 1484) (L. D. 613) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" in non-concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator, Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in concurrence; House Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment "A" was laid upon the table pending assignment for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until next Monday afternoon, March 24th at four o'clock.