

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Monday, March 24, 1941.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Tom Akeley of Gardiner.

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

At this point the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Friend, was escorted to the Chair, the President retiring amidst the applause of the Senate.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**House Committee Reports**  
**Ought Not to Pass**

Committee Report "Ought Not to Pass," from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on "Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land to Maine Peat Moss Inc., of Portland," (H. P. 1212) (L. D. 430)

(In the Senate on March 20th, report read and accepted in non-concurrence.)

In the House, that body insisted on its action of March 19th, whereby the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, and asked for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House:

Representatives:

Hinckley of South Portland  
Preble of Millinocket  
Dutton of Bingham

In the Senate:

Mr. SANBORN of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the report together with the resolve be laid upon the table.

Mr. HILDRETH of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to take advantage of this moment to say that this Maine Peat Moss, Inc. of Portland is a company in which I am in no way connected or interested whatsoever. I have had so many people speak to me asking what this is all about that I should like to take this opportunity to say publicly that I am not remotely interested in this, one way or another.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn that the bill and accompanying report be laid upon the table. Is that the pleasure of the Senate?

Thereupon, the bill and the report were laid upon the table pending consideration.

The Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act Relating to Signs on Pumps Dispensing Internal Combustion Fuels" (H. P. 1165) (L. D. 461) Reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate:

Mr. SANBORN of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move we accept the report of the committee in non-concurrence, and in support of the motion I have to say that there was a very extended hearing participated in by a large number of people presenting their views on both sides, or I might say more correctly, on all side of this question. I can conceive of no further information that the committee could receive in another hearing, and at this late day I feel that the Senate should take the position that the action of the committee be sustained.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Sanborn, moves that the report of the committee "Ought Not to Pass" be accepted.

Mr. BROWN of Aroostook: Mr. President, I am not particularly interested in this matter but a very good friend of mine in the House came to me regarding this bill and in the light of some new facts or new arguments that have come up on the bill he is very much in favor of the bill and therefore I would move that it be laid on the table.

Thereupon the bill and the report were laid upon the table pending motion to accept the report of the committee "Ought Not to Pass" in non-concurrence.

The Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance on Bill "An Act Relating to Fire Protection," (H. P. 1452) (L. D. 764) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Emergency Aid on Hospital Cases," (H. P. 1420)

(L. D. 729) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Appropriating Money to Build Fishway on Meduxnekeag River," (H. P. 241) (L. D. 80) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve For Screening Outlet of Minnehonk Lake," (H. P. 809) (L. D. 322) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Acting under Authority of Joint Order (H. P. 1618) ask leave to report a bill under the title of Bill "An Act Relative to Increase of the State Debt Limit," (H. P. 1706) (L. D. 1026) and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill read once, and under suspension of the rules read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Relative to Fees of Referees," (H. P. 102) (L. D. 57) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1635) (L. D. 983) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

In the House, the bill was substituted for the report, and the original bill passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Sanborn of Cumberland, the bill and report were laid upon the table pending acceptance of the report.

#### Petition

Mr. Emery of Hancock presented Petition of George W. Brewster and 12 others of Dedham favoring passage of L. D. 769. (S. P. 513)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### First Reading of Printed Bill

Bill "An Act Providing for the Regulation of the Use of the Highways Transporting Property for Hire." (S. P. 501) (L. D. 1032)

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

#### Senate Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Hildreth from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Dover-Foxcroft," (S. P. 227) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Atkinson," (S. P. 288) reported that the same ought not to pass as covered by other legislation.

Mr. Bridges from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to Bounty on Bears," (S. P. 378) (L. D. 697) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

Mr. Bridges from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to Rabbits in Waldo County," (S. P. 240) (L. D. 395) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Libby from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to Inductive Interference," (S. P. 406) (L. D. 640) reported that the same ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Libby of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report)

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relative to the Regulation of the Highways by Motor Vehicles Transporting Property and for the Supervision and Control of Such Motor Vehicles," (S. P. 297) (L. D. 507) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

The Committee on Bills in Second Reading reported the following Bills:

Bill "An Act Relating to Apportionment of School Funds." (S. P. 143) (L. D. 195)

Bill "An Act Relating to Commitment of Persons of Unsound Mind

to the State Hospitals for Observation." (S. P. 346) (L. D. 663)

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Needy Children." (S. P. 367) (L. D. 681)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

At this point the President resumed the Chair, Mr. Friend of Somerset retiring amidst the applause of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Friend of Somerset

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.