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Legislative Record
of the
Ninety-first Legislature

Second Special Session

September 18, 1944

SENATE

Tuesday, September 19, 1944.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Weston Holman of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Communication**MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Sept. 19, 1944.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature, met in Special Session:

The Maine Development Commission transmits herewith, a second progress report on post-war planning.

Very truly yours,

EVERETT F. GREATON,
Executive Secretary.

Which communication with accompanying report was read and accepted and ordered placed on file

Paper from the House referred in concurrence.

Senate Papers:

Mr. HANOLD of Cumberland presented "Resolve Providing for Certain Construction of Fish Hatcheries and Rearing Stations." (S. P. 518)

Mr. BROWN of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that this bill be referred to the next legislature and I wonder if a few remarks would be in order.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may proceed.

Mr. BROWN: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I feel, and I feel that a lot more of the members of the legislature feel the same as I do, that we should do only one thing at this special session of the legislature and that is to pass on the revision of the statutes and go home. I do not feel that this is any time for policy-making. I do not feel that this is any time for making appropriations when the regular session is only three months away.

I understand that this bill is introduced with the idea that it is helping out with post-war planning and is a plan to allocate a part of the million dollars that we have set aside to be used when the boys come back home. I submit to you

that we do not know what the boys are going to want when they come home or what their needs will be or when they will need it, but if this money is appropriated I expect that the hatcheries will be built whether the war is over or not.

Now, most of us hope that there will be a change in administration on January 1st and if there is the whole war picture is going to change. I mean by that, reconversion is going to change. I believe that if the shackles are taken off small business and big business that private industry in this country will take up the slack in the next few years. The boys are not all coming back at once; they will not all be here next spring, but thousands of them when they do come will go back to their homes and to schools, which they should do, and I am not in favor at this time of adopting a policy that we have got to provide manual jobs for the boys when they come home.

I do not believe that, with the next regular session convening in four months, we should appropriate large sums of money for such purposes or that the people of the state of Maine should be asked to give mature consideration to matters of this kind.

In the Aroostook delegation there are six members not at present in the House and one in the Senate. The Aroostook delegation is going back home in a few days and if you want us here you will have to send the Sergeant-at-Arms after us because our whole work, our whole living depends on the work we do at home on our farms during the next three or four weeks.

I believe that such matters as this should be referred to the next regular session of the legislature and I move, Mr. President, that this bill be so referred.

Mr. HANOLD of Cumberland: Mr. President and fellow members of the Senate, again I rise with great reluctance and I do so only because, as I have said on the floor of this Senate at times in the past, I am a believer in making plans ahead of time when real progress might be needed.

I will concur with my good friend, the Senator from Aroostook (Senator Brown), that perhaps this problem could be handled fully as well by the next regular session of the legislature but the question comes to my mind, have we the right to put it off when we consid-

er what it may mean to the state of Maine in the post-war period, not only affecting labor in Maine but also affecting one of our natural resources which I believe, and I think you all believe, is something that must be perpetuated, something that must be kept up to par for certainly, it seems to me, it is in line with the experience of many of you men who have ever fished with a worm in a stream or in a lake or river.

Now, the question was brought up on this bill by several men last week, what will it do for the returning veterans? The first answer to that question is that it will mean legitimate jobs. Of course you all realize that these jobs would mostly be manual labor at first, pick and shovel jobs, but in the long run by increasing our facilities in the state of Maine hundreds of returning veterans, and I say this advisedly, will be workers in sporting camps who will all be looking ahead three or four or five years.

I will also grant that the Department has \$270,000 with which to build some of these stations which will take care of a certain number of them but do you men realize that the fishing has been going down and down in the state of Maine and we have been going up and up and up on our advertising trying to bring people into the state, and the ultimate result in my considered opinion will be that after the war, if we have not previously entered upon a program of artificial propagation in our streams and lakes and ponds, we are all going to be disappointed.

I believe, as perhaps my good friend Senator Brown does, that we should give consideration to this bill at some time. He and I differ as to when that time should be. He also says that we should know more about it in order to give it deliberate consideration. I maintain, however, that in all fairness to the head of one of our departments, Mr. Stobie, of the Inland Fish and Game Department, that we should be willing to let him have his day in Court.

I don't know all the answers and perhaps Mr. Stobie doesn't know all the answers but certainly he knows them as well as anyone else and I think we owe it to him, as one who is interested in the further development of the state, to

give him an opportunity to explain his proposition.

Another factor; don't forget that these boys who are fighting abroad today are also fishermen. I know of eleven letters received by one member of the Senate in which the question was asked, how is the fishing in Grand Lake and other lakes? These boys are thinking of the time when they can come home and go fishing and if they remain away two or three years more and during that time our fishing is going down and down, what will we have to offer them?

I know most all the arguments pro and con on this proposition. I only ask that you give Mr. Stobie a chance to be heard so that at least we can act more intelligently on this proposition. I think it is not only our right but our duty to do so. I hope that the motion of the Senator from Aroostook (Senator Brown) does not prevail.

THE PRESIDENT: The question before the Senate is on the motion of the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Brown, that this resolve be referred to the next session of the legislature. Is the Senate ready for the question?

A viva voce vote was had, the Chair being in doubt.

A division of the Senate was had. Fourteen having voted in the affirmative and fifteen opposed, the motion to refer to the next legislature did not prevail.

Thereupon the resolve was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs jointly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. BISHOP of Sagadahoc, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to procure the services of a Folder and the services of a Doorkeeper for this special session.

On motion by Mr. HARVEY of York, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes be and is hereby authorized and directed to supervise the completion of the cross reference tables and the index to the Revised Statutes with power to accept the same. (S. P. 520)

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

On motion by the same Senator, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that all excess copies of the paper bound 1944 revision be turned over to the Revisor of Statutes for research purposes. (S. P. 521)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. ELLIOT of Knox, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member and officer of the Senate and House to the number of ten (10) calls of reasonable duration from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member and officer of the Senate and House be provided with a card to be certified to by the Secretary of State or his Deputy; the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates. (S. P. 522)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. ELLIOT of Knox,

Recessed to the sound of the gavel.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Additional papers from the House referred in concurrence.

Passed to be Engrossed

Mr. HARVEY of York presented, Bill, An Act to Revise and Consolidate the Public Laws of the State. (S. P. 523)

Which was received under suspension of the rules and without reference to a committee was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

(Two hundred copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator presented Bill, An Act to Repeal the Acts Consolidated in the Revised Statutes of the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Four. (S. P. 524)

Which was received under suspension of the rules and without reference to a committee was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bill and resolves were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. DOW of Oxford presented Resolve Appropriating Money for the Completion of the Eighth Revision of the Public Laws. (S. P. 525)

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Mr. GOOD of Aroostook presented Bill, An Act Appropriating Monies to Provide for Carrying on the Activity of Aid to Dependent Children for the Remaining Months of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945. (S. P. 526)

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. SANBORN of Cumberland presented Bill, An Act to Amend Chapter 76 of the Private and Special Laws of 1941 providing for a State Office Building Authority. (S. P. 527)

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Providing for Sale and Distribution of Revised Statutes." (S. P. 529)

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Mr. EMERY of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act Authorizing the With-holding of the Federal Income Tax." (S. P. 528)

(Five hundred copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Report

Mr. HARVEY of York presented the following report:

"Report of the Committee on Re-

vision of Statutes." (S. P. 512) (L. D. 920)

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives for mileage, the amounts included in lists certified to the State Controller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively. (S. P. 531)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill or resolve be hereafter received at this Special Session unless by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced, except such as pertain to:

Revision of Statutes and their sale and distribution

Construction at the Pownal State School

Fish Rearing Stations

State Office Building Authority

AND IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED the House concurring, that any bill or resolve which shall be received in either branch of this legislature by unanimous consent shall be referred to the 92nd Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other

body in concurrence. These Orders shall not apply to such bills or resolves as are intended only to facilitate the business of 91st Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: For the benefit of the members of the Senate the Chair would announce that the Committee on Reference of Bills is trying to plan for the future. Following this session there will be a short recess, if it is agreeable to the Senate, to make sure that we are caught up with the House on the transfers of all papers. We will then meet and we will plan to adjourn until nine-thirty tomorrow morning. The idea of meeting at nine-thirty is that we may be in a position that if something comes up which the legislature feels is necessary it could be handled. Actually the day would be devoted to committee hearings until four o'clock at which time the legislature would meet with the idea of acting on committee reports and trying to complete its business by some time tomorrow evening. That is the plan we are now working on. Following this recess there will be a short meeting of the Committee on Reference of Bills and if anyone has anything on his mind we would be very glad to hear from him.

Additional papers from the House referred in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, Recessed to the sound of the gavel.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock.