

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, February 15, 1945.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Edna Knowlton of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate**

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Apprenticeship Council, to provide funds for its expense and program (S. P. 194) (L. D. 712)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Resolve relating to Old Bay Bridge Road in the County of Sagadahoc (S. P. 232) (L. D. 728)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to State Normal School and Teachers' College Board" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 727)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Relief During the Emergency for Businesses in Financial Distress Because of Wartime Conditions" (S. P. 284) (L. D. 726)

Bill "An Act relating to Evidence of Death or Other Status" (S. P. 285) (L. D. 724)

Bill "An Act relating to Responsibility of Parents for Juvenile Delinquency" (S. P. 286) (L. D. 723)

Bill "An Act relating to Service Retirement Benefits for Legislative Employees" (S. P. 288) (L. D. 725)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to State Racing Commission and Pari Mutual" (S. P. 289) (L. D. 722)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Drugs or Appliances in Horse Racing" (S. P. 290) (L. D. 721)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Augusta State Hospital (S. P. 291) (L. D. 720)

Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (S. P. 292) (L. D. 719)

Came from the Senate referred to the Joint Select Committee on Postwar Planning.

In the House, referred to the Joint Select Committee on Postwar Planning in concurrence.

Resolve Providing for Purchase of Land for the Pownal State School (S. P. 293) (L. D. 718)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Pownal State School.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Pownal State School in concurrence.

Resolve Providing for a Special Interim Commission for the Study of Growing Wood and Timber and Measurer to Conserve and Increase the Forest and Water Resources of the State (S. P. 294) (L. D. 717)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses to Hotels, Restaurants and Clubs" (S. P. 295) (L. O. 716)

Bill "An Act relating to Transfer of Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 296) (L. D. 715)

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Consumption of Liquor" (S. P. 297) (L. D. 714)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to General Public Assistance" (S. P. 299) (L. D. 713)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Welfare.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

**Non-Current Matter**

Bill "An Act to Increase Teachers' Pensions" (H. P. 811) (L. D. 504) which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the House on February 7th.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to recede from its former action, and concurred with the Senate in the reference of the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

The following thirteen Bills and Resolves, which were transmitted by the Revisor of Statutes in accordance with Joint Order S. P. 124, were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act to Remove Floating Islands in Corundell Lake in Corinna" (H. P. 1255) (Presented by Mr. Smith of Newport)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Claims**

Resolve in favor of Fred U. Waltz, of Rockland (H. P. 1256) (Presented by Mr. Bird of Rockland)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Albion (H. P. 1257) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Clinton)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Education**

Bill "An Act to Increase State Aid to Towns for the Support of Schools to Establish Minimum Salaries for Teachers" (H. P. 1238) (Presented by Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Voters" (H. P. 1258) (Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Labor**

Bill "An Act relating to Hours of Labor for State Employees" (H. P. 1259) (Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Maine Publicity**

Bill "An Act relating to Billboards" (H. P. 1260) (Presented by Mrs. Roberts of Westbrook)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Pensions**

Resolve Providing for a Pension for Clara Nowell of Hermon (H. P. 1261) (Presented by Mr. Leathers of Hermon)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Salaries and Fees**

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Clerk of the Lewiston Municipal Court" (H. P. 1262) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston by request)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of Certain Oxford County Officials" (H. P. 1263) (Presented by Mr. Morrison of Rumford)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Taxation**

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Exempt all Intangible Property from Taxation (H. P. 1264) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Greenville)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Temperance**

Bill "An Act relating to Requirement for Restaurant Licenses" (H. P. 1265) (Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Ways and Bridges**

Bill "An Act relating to Purchase of Certain Equipment by the State for Use by Towns" (H. P. 1266) (Presented by Mr. True of Rangeley)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Palermo (H. P. 1267) (Presented by Mr. Ames of Northport)

Sent up for concurrence.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Webber of Mapleton, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. L. L. Dunn of Belgrade be invited to act as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, February 27, 1945.

On motion by Mr. Sweetser of Cumberland, it was

ORDERED, that there be printed 500 additional copies of the following Public Bill:

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Hunting" (H. P. 945) (L. D. 574)

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston be excused from attending the session today.

#### House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass Tabled

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Regulating Fishing in East Grand Lake (H. P. 146) (L. D. 48) as subject matter is covered in general law.

(On motion by Mr. Springer of Danforth, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report).

Mr. MacKinnon from same Committee reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve Opening No Name Pond, in Lewiston, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 196) (L. D. 65) as subject matter is covered in general law.

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Property and Money of Intestate Inmates of State Institutions" (H. P. 517) (L. D. 252)

Mr. Peirce from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for the Record of Unacknowledged Discharges of Mortgages on Real Estate, in Certain Cases" (H. P. 635) (L. D. 312)

Mr. Perkins from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Constables" (H. P. 638) (L. D. 292)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Use of Gill Net in Taking White Fish" (H. P. 321) (L. D. 108)

Mr. Connellan from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Town Clerks as to Discharges of Soldiers and Sailors" (H. P. 647) (L. D. 298)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Expense Fund

of the State Employees' Retirement System" (H. P. 421) (L. D. 191)

Mr. Ward from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Providing for the Proof of Wills Where Subscribing Witnesses are Unavailable, by reason of Service in the Armed Forces of the United States" (H. P. 650) (L. D. 299)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Simplify Payments by Employees' Retirement System" (H. P. 420) (L. D. 190)

Mr. Payson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Bangor" (H. P. 659) (L. D. 267)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Bangor" (H. P. 528) (L. D. 209)

Mr. Rankin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Rules and Regulations of Nasson College" (H. P. 654) (L. D. 264)

Mr. Snow from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Fire Department of the city of Portland" (H. P. 531) (L. D. 211)

Mr. Warren from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Municipal Planning and Zoning" (H. P. 553) (L. D. 212)

Mr. Welch from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Make Valid the Acts and Doings of River-side Cemetery Association of Cape Elizabeth and to Authorize the Transfer by that Association and the Acceptance of the Inhabitants of the town of Cape Elizabeth of that Association's Cemetery and Trust Funds" (H. P. 651) (L. D. 317)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills having already been printed were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

#### Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Ward from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to the Registration of Voters" (H. P. 526) (L. D. 257) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill having already been

printed was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 426—L. D. 257, Bill "An Act Relating to the Registration of Voters."

Amend said bill by restoring in the eighth line of the second paragraph thereof the word "residing" by eliminating the deletion therefrom, and by striking out the underlined word "living" in the same line.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and tomorrow assigned for third read of the Bill.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Members of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 427) (L. D. 235)

Bill "An Act relating to Solicitation from city of Lewiston Employees and Officials" (H. P. 430) (L. D. 238)

Bill "An Act relating to Nomination Papers in the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 431) (L. D. 239)

Bill "An Act relating to Expense Accounts of State Officers" (H. P. 527) (L. D. 258)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**Orders of the Day**

The gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. POULIN: Mr. Speaker, as I expect to be absent tomorrow, I have arranged with the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, to take from the table the matters I tabled yesterday, and he will do so tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there is no further business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.