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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 20, 1945.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McElhiney of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Tabled**

From the Senate: the following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that 2500 additional copies be printed of List of Salaries of State Officials and Employees as of December 31, 1944 (S. P. 353)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read, and on motion by Mr. Bird of Rockland, tabled pending passage in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the Enrichment of Flour and Bread to Meet Certain Standards of Vitamin and Mineral Content" (S. P. 354) (L. D. 909)

Bill "An Act Governing the Production of Milk and Cream" (S. P. 355) (L. D. 908)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

Bill "An Act relating to State Aid for Agricultural Societies" (S. P. 301) (L. D. 848)

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.

Bill "An Act relating to Registration or Renewal of Registration of Dealers in Securities" (S. P. 302) (L. D. 847)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Alphonso S. Dube of Togus (S. P. 341) (L. D. 898)

Resolve in favor of Archie E. MacLeod of Orrington (S. P. 356) (L. D. 907)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

Bill "An Act relating to Teachers' Pensions" (S. P. 287) (L. D. 250)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Bill "An Act to Aid Towns in Controlling Forest Fires" (S. P. 317) (L. D. 890)

Bill "An Act relating to the Determination of Mentally Defective Children" (S. P. 318) (L. D. 833)

Bill "An Act Concerning Agricultural Cooperative Associations" (S. P. 343) (L. D. 897)

Bill "An Act relating to Refunding of Washington County Bonds" (S. P. 344) (L. D. 896)

Bill "An Act relating to Presumption of Death" (S. P. 345) (L. D. 895)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation" (S. P. 347) (L. D. 893)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Renouf of Biddeford, tabled pending reference in concurrence)

Resolve Authorizing Preparation of a Digest of the Opinions of the Law Court (S. P. 346) (L. D. 894)

Resolve Proposing a Constitutional Amendment to Increase the Tenure of Sheriffs to Four Years (S. P. 319) (L. D. 832)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Auctioneers" (S. P. 322) (L. D. 829)

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

In the House, on motion by Mr. Allen of Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Licensing Steam Engineers and Firemen for the Pro-

tection of Life and Property" (S. P. 357) (L. D. 906)

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

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

Bill "An Act Permitting Members of the Armed Forces to Receive Operators' Licenses Without Payment of Fee" (S. P. 325) (L. D. 826)

Bill "An Act relating to Weight and Width of Busses on Highways" (S. P. 327) (L. D. 824)

Bill "An Act relating to Examinations for Operators' Licenses" (S. P. 328) (L. D. 823)

Bill "An Act relating to Operating Motor Vehicles at Grade Crossings" (S. P. 329) (L. D. 822)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the County Commissioners of Knox County" (S. P. 349) (L. D. 900)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Register of Deeds and Clerks in the Office of Register of Deeds in Androscoggin County" (S. P. 358) (L. D. 905)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney of Androscoggin County" (S. P. 359) (L. D. 904)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the State School for Girls" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 814)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories.

In the House, referred to the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to the Assessment of Taxes" (S. P. 338) (L. D. 813)

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Express Companies" (S. P. 350) (L. D. 899)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

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

Bill "An Act to Create the Town Road Improvement Fund" (S. P. 352) (L. D. 891)

Bill "An Act relating to Culverts Crossing Under Roads, Streets and Ways" (S. P. 361) (L. D. 903)

Resolve in favor of the town of Canaan (S. P. 351) (L. D. 892)

Resolve in favor of the town of Swan's Island in Hancock County (S. P. 360)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to Establish a South Portland Park and Recreation Commission" (S. P. 38) as it is covered by other legislation.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Intoxication" (S. P. 101) (L. D. 180)

Came from the Senate the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Senate Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Creating a Division of Community Recreation Under the State Park Commission" (S. P. 50) (L. D. 13) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. BATCHELDER of York
LEAVITT of Cumberland
GOULD of Androscoggin
—of the Senate.
PAYSON of Portland

RANKIN of Bridgton
 WEEKS of Waterville
 SNOW of Auburn
 WELCH of Mars Hill
 —of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. DONAHUE of Biddeford
 WARREN of Westbrook
 —of the House.

Came from the Senate the Majority Report read and accepted, Committee Amendment "A" read and adopted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Donahue of Biddeford, tabled pending acceptance of either report)

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

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to Dumping of Waste Potatoes" (H. P. 1285) (Presented by Mr. Gowell of Poland)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Resolve in favor of the town of Ashland (H. P. 1286) (Presented by Mr. Anderson of Oxbow Pl.)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Cora Porter of Mapleton (H. P. 1287) (Presented by Mr. Webber of Mapleton)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Order of Names of Candidates on Ballots in Primaries and Elections" (H. P. 1299) (Presented by Mr. Webber of Mapleton)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Sanitary Water Board" (H. P. 1288) (Presented by Mr. Collins of Caribou)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Pollution in Cobbosseecontee and Annabessacook Lakes and Tributaries" (H. P. 1289) (Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to the Powers and Duties of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry" (H. P. 1300) (Presented by Mr. Jones of Waterville)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Minimum Wages and Maximum Hours" (H. P. 1301) (Presented by Mr. Renouf of Biddeford)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs
 Tabled**

Bill "An Act Creating a Board of Examiners for Electricians" (H. P. 1303) (Presented by Mr. Connellan of Portland)

(On motion by Mr. Payson of Portland, tabled pending reference to a Committee and ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Enforcement and Collection of Dog Licenses" (H. P. 1290) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Military Affairs

Memorial to Memorialize Congress upon Universal Military Training (H. P. 1291) (Presented by Mr. Southard of Bangor)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Motor Vehicles

Bill "An Act to Promote Public Safety with Snow Removal Equipment" (H. P. 1292) (Presented by Mr. Coombs of Belfast)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Resolve to Create a Commission to Study the Atlantic Salmon (H. P. 1302) (Presented by Mr. Baker of Scarborough)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve relating to Taking of Salmon in Machias River (H. P. 1293) (Presented by Mr. Hayward of Machias by request)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Piscataquis County to Bertha M. Blanchard, of Greenville (H. P. 1294) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Greenville)

(Ordered printed)
 Sent up for concurrence.

Towns

Bill "An Act relating to White Pine Blister Rust Control" (H. P. 1295) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Elliot)

(Ordered printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield (H. P. 1296) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg (H. P. 1297) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Topsham)
Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve Authorizing Purchase of Jefferson Camps (H. P. 1298) (Presented by Mr. Peirce of Augusta)

(Ordered printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Burton of Milo, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Ross of Brownville Junction be excused from attendance this week because of illness.

Mr. Payson of Portland, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. PAYSON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: You have something unusual on your desks this morning; someone has left something worth while on them. I refer to this blue book, Register of Bills and Resolves and action thereon until February 16, 1945. You will find the book most useful in checking these bills and knowing where they are at this moment.

But that is not the reason I wish to speak to you. I am not trying to instruct you as to how to be a Legislature; but I want to congratulate this House on the loyal, able, efficient clerical force in the office of the Clerk of the House.

It might be interesting to you to look behind the scenes and see what makes this Legislature tick. One of the things that makes it tick is this group of girls in the Clerk's office who worked the greater part of fifty-seven and a half hours, from Friday morning until Sunday night, to get this book out and get it down to date and get it as complete as possible. If there are slight errors

or omissions in it, you still ought to be very thankful to them for all they have done, because there is a solid week's work in this book if done on ordinary time.

And because they are such a loyal, able, efficient and hardworking group, I suggest, and I move you, Mr. Speaker, that the House give the clerical force of the House a rising vote of thanks at this time. (Applause, members rising)

House Reports to Committees Ought to Pass

Tabled

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Assessment and Collection of State Taxes on Certain Corporations" (H. P. 445) (L. D. 171)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Clifton, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Jordan from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Assessment and Collection of Potato Tax" (H. P. 447) (L. D. 197)

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Burton from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to the Assessment and Collection of the Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax" (H. P. 448) (L. D. 172) 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. 448, L. D. 172, Bill "An Act Relating to the Assessment and Collection of the Gasoline Tax and the Use Fuel Tax."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 9 thereof.

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

Tabled

Mr. Burton from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act re-

lating to the Assessment and Collection of State, County and Forestry District Taxes in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 446) (L. D. 173) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

(On motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Adoption of Persons Twenty-one Years of Age or Over" (H. P. 1283) (L. D. 910)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebec Water District" (H. P. 1284) (L. D. 911)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Repeal of Ordinances in city of Lewiston" (S. P. 144) (L. D. 350)

Bill "An Act to Confer Jurisdiction upon the United States District Court of Maine" (H. P. 327) (L. D. 110)

Bill "An Act to Increase the State Contingent Account" (H. P. 405) (L. D. 161)

Bill "An Act relating to the Deposit of Bonds, Notes, Etc., of the United States of America" (H. P. 408) (L. D. 163)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Penobscot County Water Company to Supply the Inhabitants of the town of Eddington with Water for Domestic and other Purposes" (H. P. 439) (L. D. 193)

Bill "An Act relating to Castine Game Preserve" (H. P. 510) (L. D. 246)

Resolve Authorizing Kennebec Towage Company to Bring Suit at Law Against the State of Maine (H. P. 331) (L. D. 146)

Resolve in favor of John H. Perkins of Brunswick (H. P. 507) (L. D. 248)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Members of the Industrial Accident Commission" (H. P. 20) (L. D. 9)

Bill "An Act relating to the Educational Requirements for Chiropractic Qualifications" (H. P. 155) (L. D. 52)

Bill "An Act relating to Termination on Certification for the

Practice of Chiropractic" (H. P. 156) (L. D. 53)

Bill "An Act relating to Outdoor Advertising" (H. P. 325) (L. D. 105)

Bill "An Act relating to the Chief Engineer and Assistant of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 428) (L. D. 236)

Bill "An Act relating to the Redemption of United States Bonds and Certificates Issued in the Name of Minors" (H. P. 520) (L. D. 254)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Licenses for the Carrying of Concealed Weapons" (H. P. 525) (L. D. 256)

(Former title Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Licenses for Firearms")

(Report of the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was accepted, and on motion by Mr. Wight of Bangor, tabled pending third reading)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Downs, of Rome, the House voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session, whereby Bill "An Act to Require the Enrichment of Flour and Bread to Meet Certain Standards of Vitamin and Mineral Content" (S. P. 354) (L. D. 909) was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Ward, of Millinocket, the House voted to take from the table the second tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Police Department of the City of Lewiston" (S. P. 270) (L. D. 617), tabled by that gentleman on February 14th, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in non-concurrence, and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. If there is no further business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Brunswick,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.