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HOUSE

Friday, February 23, 1945.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

Bill "An Act relating to Intrastate Air Commerce" (S. P. 369) (L. D. 955)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Aeronautics.

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

Bill "An Act to Correct Typographical and Clerical Errors in the Revision" (S. P. 370) (L. D. 954)

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 Operation and Use of Slot Machines" (S. P. 371) (L. D. 953)

Bill "An Act Permitting Religious, Charitable, Fraternal or Benevolent Societies or Associations to Operate Lotteries" (S. P. 372) (L. D. 952)

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 relating to Farm to Market Roads" (S. P. 373) (L. D. 951)

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 to Pass In New Draft**

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to the Hunting and Trapping of Foxes" (S. P. 74) (L. D. 69) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 362) (L. D. 902) under

same title and that it "Ought to pass."

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

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bill read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate in Washington County" (S. P. 81) (L. D. 75)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary for Clerks in the Office of Register of Probate in Washington County" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 76)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of Clerks in the Offices of Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and Clerk of Courts in Piscataquis County" (S. P. 158) (L. D. 362)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Piscataquis County" (S. P. 165) (L. D. 368)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Piscataquis Municipal Court" (S. P. 166) (L. D. 369)

Came from the Senate the Reports read and accepted and the Bills passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Reports were read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bills read twice and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Non-concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to White Pine Blister Rust Control" (H. P. 1295) (L. D. 941) which was referred to the Committee on Towns in the House on February 20th.

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of the Bill to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 27th, 1945, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Came from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, it was

ORDERED, that there be printed 250 additional copies of the following Public Bill:

Bill "An Act to Revise the Laws relating to Inland Fisheries and Game" (H. P. 1307) (L. D. 958)

Mr. Williams of Clifton presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that there be prepared after final adjournment under the direction of the Clerk of the House a Register of all Bills and Resolves acted upon by the Legislature showing titles, paper numbers and document numbers if printed, names of members introducing same, committees to which referred and the final disposition of each; and that there be printed 600 copies of the same for distribution under the direction of the Clerk of the House (H. P. 1310)

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams.

Mr. **WILLIAMS**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like to just say a word to explain this order. We have had at the beginning of this week's session this register of bills and resolves, and this order would make it possible for us to receive this same book at the end of the session, showing just what disposition was made of each bill and resolve introduced in this session of the Legislature. Because of the fact that under the present method of printing it takes a long time to get out the Legislative Record, it would be very desirable, it seems, for each of us to have a copy of this book, showing just what did happen to each bill and resolve placed before the Legislature. It will not incur a lot of extra expense, as everything used in this book can be used in the other one. It would

just mean placing on this same record the final disposition of each bill and resolve. It would be about a day's work, as the Clerk's office informs us, to do this job.

Thereupon the order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, it was

ORDERED, that the Official Reporter of the House be authorized to procure the services of an Assistant Reporter, also the services of a typist for the Assistant Reporter, to aid in the preparation and completion of the legislative record.

On motion by Mr. McFee of Richmond, it was

ORDERED, that the following members be excused from attendance today because of business:

Mr. Savage of Mt. Desert
Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston
Mr. Pratt of Windham
Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick
Mr. Berry of Livermore Falls.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report

Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to School Committee in town of Rumford" (H. P. 831) (L. D. 444)

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. **BATCHELDER** of York
LEAVITT of Cumberland
GOULD of Aroostook
—of the Senate.

PAYSON of Portland
WEEKS of Waterville
WARREN of Westbrook
WELCH of Mars Hill
—of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting "Ought to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. **DONAHUE** of Biddeford
RANKIN of Bridgton
SNOW of Auburn

—of the House.

(On motion by Mr. Snow of Auburn, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report.

Ought to Pass

Printed Bills

Mr. Hamilton from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting the Department of Education to Cooperate in Establishing University Extension and Correspondence Courses" (H. P. 940) (L. D. 570)

Mrs. Roberts from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Teacher Assistance in Rural Areas" (H. P. 631) (L. D. 304)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Create a Division of Special Education for Physically Handicapped Children" (H. P. 417) (L. D. 187)

Mr. Lord from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Towns Placed Under Supervision of Agents of the Commissioner of Education" (H. P. 416) (L. D. 186)

Mr. Ward from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act Enabling Board of Managers of the Jefferson Cary Hospital Fund to Accept Gifts or Legacies" (H. P. 521) (L. D. 206)

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Town By-laws and Ordinances for Trailer Camps" (H. P. 1081) (L. D. 774)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on Public Utilities reported same on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Brunswick and Topsham Water District" (H. P. 846) (L. D. 447)

Mr. Brown from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Resolve, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to John Sharpe, of Argyle (H. P. 443) (L. D. 195)

Mr Williams from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Resolve, Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Albert Ouellette, of Sinclair (H. P. 349) (L. D. 156)

Reports were read and accepted, and the Bills and Resolves, having already been printed, under suspension of the Rules the Bills were

read twice, the Resolves read once and assigned for the next legislative day.

Tabled

Mr. Williams from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought to Pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Portable Sawmills" (H. P. 682) (L. D. 275)

(On motion by Mr. Bowker of Portland, tabled pending acceptance of Committee Report)

Mr. Conant from the Committee on Towns reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Provide for the Surrender by Moro Plantation of its Organization" (H. P. 356) (L. D. 104)

Mr. Edwards from the same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Permit Direct Payments of State School Funds and Dog License Fees" (H. P. 552) (L. D. 219)

Mr. McFee from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Notice of Election of Town Treasurer" (H. P. 551) (L. D. 262)

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

First Reading of Printed Bill

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to a Pension Plan for Employees of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 1309) (L. D. 956)

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time wishes to point out to the members that the only item under this heading, Bill "An Act relating to a Pension Plan for Employees of the city of Lewiston" (H. P. 1309) has not been printed and distributed, therefore the gentlewoman from Bath, Miss Deering, moves that this bill lie on the table pending first reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Church" (S. P. 177) (L. D. 385)

Bill "An Act relating to the Organization of Plantations" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 383)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Islesboro Associates" (H. P. 827) (L. D. 442)

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

Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to Sellers and Weighers of Coal and Coke" (H. P. 829) (L. D. 434)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and on motion by Mr. Carpenter of Augusta, tabled pending third reading)

Bill "An Act relating to Exception to the Licensing of Steam Engineers and Firemen" (H. P. 830) (L. D. 435)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration for Professional Engineers" (H. P. 957) (L. D. 584)

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

Amended Bills

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Lincoln Academy" (S. P. 143) (L. D. 349)

Bill "An Act relating to Town Manager Form of Government" (H. P. 971) (L. D. 548)

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.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Bowker, of Portland, the House voted to take from the table Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Portable Sawmills" (H. P. 682) (L. D. 275), tabled by that gentleman earlier in today's session; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought to Pass" report of the committee was accepted.

This being a printed bill, under suspension of the rules the bill was given its two several readings and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward.

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, which was tabled on February 21st by the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin. I wish to state that Mr. Poulin is unable to be present this morning, and it is at his special request that I make this motion, as he would like to have it disposed of this morning.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves that the House now take from the table the seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Senate Report "Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment "A" of the Committee on Military Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Local Rehabilitation of Veterans" (S. P. 147) (L. D. 353), which came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended; in the House tabled on February 21st by the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Poulin, pending acceptance of the "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" report of the committee. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the "Ought to pass" with Committee Amendment "A" report of the committee was accepted in concurrence.

Thereupon the bill was given its two several readings.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to S. P. 147, L. D. 353 Bill "An Act Relating to Local Rehabilitation of Veterans"

Amend said bill by striking out in the 14th and 15th lines of that part designated as "Sec. 91" after the word "schools", the words "and a sum not exceeding \$5,000 in any one town for erecting a suitable monument or memorial" and inserting in place thereof the words, 'to erect suitable monuments or memorials'

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward.

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, I move that this committee amendment be indefinitely postponed. In making this motion, I wish to state that if the motion prevails I have House Amendment "A" which I propose to offer in lieu of it.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves that Committee Amendment "A" be

indefinitely postponed. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and Committee Amendment "A" was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Thereupon Mr. Ward presented House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

House Amendment "A" to S. P. 147, L. D. 353, Bill "An Act Relating to Local Rehabilitation of Veterans."

Amend said bill so that the 14th and 15th lines of that part of said bill designated as 'Sec. 91.' shall read as follows: 'schools; and a sum not exceeding \$5,000 in any one town for erecting a suitable monument or memorial to erect suitable monuments or memorials in'.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clifton, Mr. Williams.

Mr. WILLIAMS: Mr. Speaker, I do not want to appear to be critical this morning, but, on the desks down here, there are none of these amendments. They may have been passed out and destroyed.

The SPEAKER: House Amend-

ment "A," filing No. 21, was placed on each desk yesterday. If any member wishes a copy of House Amendment "A", the Clerk will supply it.

Thereupon House Amendment "A" was adopted in non-concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment "A" was assigned for third reading on the next legislative day.

On motion by Mr. Rollins, of Greenville, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby Resolve Permitting Fox & Ginn, Inc. to Sue the State of Maine" (H. P. 1308) was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was tabled pending reference and ordered printed.

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

On motion by Mr. Webber, of Mapleton,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 27th, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.