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OF THE

Ninety-second Legislature



Special Session

July 8, 1946

HOUSE

Wednesday, July 24, 1946

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clough of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Paper From The Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the Clerks and Clerical Assistants of Committees the amounts included in lists certified to the State Controller by the several Committee Chairmen, and bearing the approval of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (S. P. 478).

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House:

The order was read and passed in concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Downs of Rome, it was

ORDERED that Mr. Cyr of Grand Isle, be excused from attendance the remainder of the session because of business; and that Mr. Knight of Clinton, be excused from attendance today because of business.

On motion by Mr. Bell of Thomaston, it was

ORDERED that Mrs. Ellingwood of Rockland, be excused from attendance because of illness, and that the Clerk be directed to send flowers and express to her the hope of the members of the House that she will have a speedy recovery.

**Passed to be Enacted
Emergency Measure
(Tabled)**

An Act Providing for Construction of Dormitories at the University of Maine and Appropriating Moneys Therefor (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 1246)

(On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, tabled pending enactment)

**Emergency Measure
(Tabled)**

An Act relating to Control of Rentals (H. P. 1527) (L. D. 1242).
(On motion by Mr. Brown of Brunswick, tabled pending enactment)

**Finally Passed
(Tabled)**

Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Payment of a Bonus to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Members of the Military and Naval Forces in World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for the Payment of Such Bonds by a Sales Tax (H. P. 1529) (L. D. 1244).

(On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, tabled pending final passage).

Orders of the Day

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

Mr. **WARD**: Mr. Speaker, it is suggested at this time that it might be proper for the House to be at ease until it can be determined, if it can be determined, what is going to take place in the other body this morning. I therefore move that the House be at ease until the sound of the gong.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves that the House be at ease until the sound of the gong.

The motion prevailed.

House at Ease

10.20 A. M. (E. S.T.)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Millinocket. Mr. Ward.

Mr. **WARD**: Mr. Speaker, I now move that we recess until three o'clock Eastern Standard Time this afternoon.

The **SPEAKER**: The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves that the House do now recess until three o'clock Eastern Standard Time this afternoon.

The Chair wishes to say this to the Members of the House: You have a good many matters on the calendar on the table which will require at least a two-thirds majority of the entire elected membership of the House, and, irrespective of what may happen to the main bill, your presence is badly needed here for other matters, so the Chair hopes that every member that is here will be here this afternoon, and the Chair hopes that the absentee members who are not here now will be here this afternoon because it is very important that they should be here.

The gentleman from Millinocket, Mr. Ward, moves that the House recess until three o'clock Eastern Standard Time this afternoon.

The motion prevailed and the House so recessed.

After Recess
3 P. M. (E. S. T.)

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

Order
(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, that there be printed in pamphlet form two thousand copies of the remarks in the House yesterday of Mr. Haskell of Bangor on Bill "An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus to or Insurance Premiums for Maine Veterans of World War II and for the Payment of Other Veterans' Benefits and to Provide for Such Payments by a Sales Tax" (H. P. 1528) (L. D. 1245)

The following papers from the Senate were taken up out of order under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate:

The following Report:

Report of the Committees on Military Affairs and Appropriations and Financial Affairs reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Authorizing Maine Development

Commission to Promote New Industries" (S. P. 457) (L. D. 1192)

Came from the Senate with the Bill substituted for the Report and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

In the House, Senate Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Senate Amendment "A" to S. P. 457, L. D. 1192, Bill "An Act Authorizing Maine Development Commission to Promote New Industries."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 35, Sec. 2, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 2 of chapter 35 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: "Twenty-five **Thirty-seven and one-half** per cent of the total appropriation shall be expended in equal proportions for the purpose of advertising and promoting the agricultural products of the state, and advertising and promoting the sea and shore fishing products of the state, and **advertising and promoting industries in the state.**"

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$25,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund; such sum to be in addition to the amount appropriated for industrial advertising and development.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved."

The **SPEAKER**: The question before the House is on the substitution of the bill for the report in concurrence.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. **CARPENTER**: Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of information. Do I understand that the committee reported that this ought not to pass, —this amendment or the bill?

The **SPEAKER**: The report was made to the Senate. It is a Senate bill and the report was unanimous "Ought not to pass."

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Haskell.

Mr. **HASKELL**: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: As Chairman of the Maine Development Commission I opposed this bill before the committee. The bill as originally presented provided that the Maine Development Commission

should expend the sum of one million dollars in promoting and attracting industries. I opposed that bill because I did not think that was a sound way of promoting our industrial development. The amendment, however, simply earmarks twelve and a half percent of those dollars which you appropriate each year for the Maine Development Commission to expend, earmarking that twelve and one-half percent for industrial development work, and adds to that twelve and one-half percent the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

If it is the pleasure of the House to accept this amendment, I can assure the members that the Development Commission will wisely expend those dollars in promoting industrial development in our State.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is whether or not the House will recede and concur with the Senate in substituting the bill for the committee report, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment "A". Is this the pleasure of the House?

It is a vote unless doubted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Dorsey.

Mr. DORSEY: Mr. Speaker, I understand someone in this section objected.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fort Fairfield, Mr. Dorsey, asks for a division. All those in favor of the motion to recede and concur with the Senate in substituting the bill for the committee report will rise and stand in their places until counted and the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-two having voted in favor of the motion and 11 against, the bill was substituted for the report.

Thereupon, the bill had its two several readings.

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence. Under suspension of the rules the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A", in concurrence.

P. 1536 which was finally passed in the House July 23rd.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Rollins of Greenville, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the resolve.

Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. JACOBS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: There appeared on your desks this morning an amendment called House Amendment "C" to L. D. 1244, Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution, and Providing Means for Payment. It relates to miscellaneous taxes. I am not the author of this amendment in any way whatsoever, and I did not know anything about it until I found it on my desk. Many of the members asked me why I put this in. It was an error in somebody's office in this capitol, in the office of the Revisor of Statutes, I believe. I have no amendment whatsoever except the two hundred dollar amendment which I offered some time ago and which was not in proper form.

I make this explanation so the House may know that I was not the author of this amendment.

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

Mr. WARD: Mr. Speaker, out of order I present an order and move its passage, and I believe if this order receives passage, it may overcome similar situations to which Mr. Jacobs has referred.

The order was read by the Clerk as follows:

ORDERED, that House Rule 36 be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

'All amendments presented or filed with the Clerk for printing or reproduction shall bear the signature of the member presenting or filing the same.'

The SPEAKER: Under the House Rules the order is tabled until tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket.

Adjourned until nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time tomorrow morning.

Non-Concurrent Matter

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the town of Greenville H.