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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Third Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1947

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AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Thursday, January 30, 1947

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

Prayer by the Rev. Martin T. Storms of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Clayton Tucker, of Cherryfield (S. P. 104) (L. D. 222)

Resolve in favor of Harold G. Wymen of Pittston (S. P. 119)

Resolve in favor of Ralph A. Leavitt, of Portland (S. P. 120)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate: Resolve Establishing the Opening Date for Open Water Fishing in Somerset County (S. P. 106) (L. D. 239)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Virginia Lake (S. P. 105) (L. D. 240)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Additional Signers in Petitions for Referendum (S. P. 107) (L. D. 238)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Licensing of Motion-Picture Theaters" (S. P. 108) (L. D. 234)

Bill "An Act relating to Fire Extinguishers" (S. P. 109) (L. D. 236)

Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Motion Picture Operators" (S. P. 110) (L. D. 235)

Bill "An Act relating to Licensing of Cinematographs or Other Similar Apparatus" (S. P. 111) (L. D. 237)

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

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

From the Senate: Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Gertrude Craig, of Glenburn (S. P. 131)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Maggie Powers, of Chapman (S. P. 132)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Pensions.

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

From the Senate Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of Register of Deeds in Knox County" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 230)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of the Clerk of Courts in Knox County" (S. P. 113) (L. D. 233)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Clerks in the County Offices of Knox County" (S. P. 114) (L. D. 232)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge and Recorder of Western Washington Municipal Court" (S. P. 115) (L. D. 231)

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.

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Tenure of Office of Civil Officers Appointed by the Governor" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 16)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Amending the Small Claims Law" (S. P. 40) (L. D. 14)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act Providing for Procedure for Eminent Domain for Park Commission" (S. P. 28) (L. D. 2)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Collection of Unpaid Personal Property Taxes in Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 44) (L. D. 18)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Publication of Delinquent State, County and Forestry District Taxes" (S. P. 43) (L. D. 17)

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 tomorrow assigned.

The following Communication:
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
STATE OF MAINE
AUGUSTA

January 20, 1947.
To the Honorable John F. Ward,
Speaker of the House of Represent-
atives of the Ninety-Third Legis-
lature:

In compliance with the constitu-
tion and laws of the State of Maine,
I have the honor to herewith trans-
mit the returns of the votes cast for
Representative to the Legislature in
the City of Augusta at a special
election held January 27, 1947, to
fill the vacancy caused by the resig-
nation of Frank S. Carpenter.

Respectfully,
(Signed) HAROLD I. GOSS
Secretary of State

STATE OF MAINE
Office of Secretary of State

January 29, 1947
To Harvey R. Pease, Clerk of the
House of Representatives of the
Ninety-third Legislature:

In compliance with Section 1 of
Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes,
I hereby certify that in accordance
with the provisions of Section 58 of
Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes, a
special election was held in the
City of Augusta on January 27,
1947, for the purpose of electing a
representative to the Ninety-third
Legislature to fill the vacancy
caused by the resignation of Frank
S. Carpenter; that at said election
Burtis F. Fowler, having received
a plurality of all votes cast in said
election according to a canvass of
the returns received from the City
of Augusta made by the Governor
and Council under date of January
29, 1947, appears to have been
elected a representative to the
Ninety-third Legislature.

IN WITNESS WHERE-
OF, I have caused the
Seal of the State to be
hereto affixed this
twenty-ninth day of
January in the year of
our Lord one thousand
nine hundred and forty-
seven and of the Inde-
pendence of the United
States the one hundred
and seventy-first.

(SEAL)
(Signed)
HAROLD I. GOSS
Secretary of State.

The communications were read
and ordered placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Marsans of
Monmouth, the following Resolu-
tion:

RESOLVED that Burtis F. Fowler
of Augusta is hereby declared duly
elected representative to the Ninety-
third Legislature.

Was read and adopted.

Mr. Marsans announced the pres-
ence in the hall of the House of
Mr. Fowler of Augusta and the
Speaker appointed that gentleman
to conduct Mr. Fowler to the Gov-
ernor and Council to take and sub-
scribe the oaths necessary to qual-
ify him as a member of the House.

Mr. Marsans subsequently re-
ported that he had attended to the
duty assigned him.

Mr. Fowler was then assigned to
seat No. 4.

The following Bills and Resolves
were received, and upon recommen-
dation of the Committee on Refer-
ence of Bills, were referred to the
following Committees:

Claims

Resolve in favor of Ada Tarbell,
of Smyrna Mills (H. P. 476) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve to Reimburse Caswell
Plantation for Support of LeRoy O.
Thompson (H. P. 477) (Presented
by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve to Reimburse Caswell
Plantation for Support of Sybil
Hendrickson (H. P. 478) (Presented
by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve to Reimburse the town of
Rangeley for Support of a Child of
Mrs. Alton Brown (H. P. 479) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Carville of Eustis)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve to Reimburse the city of
Eastport for Hospital Care of Wil-
liam John Price (H. P. 480) (Pre-
sented by Mr. Hall of Eastport)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve in favor of Lewis W.
Philbrick, of Kenduskeag (H. P.
481) (Presented by Mr. McGown of
Carmel)

(Ordered printed.)

Resolve in favor of the city of
Biddeford (H. P. 482) (Presented
by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Guy R. Baker, of Wells (H. P. 483) (Presented by Mr. Randall of No. Berwick)
(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Clyde Spaulding, of Caratunk (H. P. 484) (Presented by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk)
(Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Robert J. Greig, of Portland (H. P. 485) (Presented by Mr. Sweetser of Cumberland)

(Ordered printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act to Provide Driver Education in Secondary Schools" (H. P. 486) (Presented by Mr. Bird of Rockland)

(Ordered printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Limington Academy (H. P. 487) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Limington)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relative to Live Bait Dealer's License" (H. P. 488) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Three-day Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 489) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative of Resident Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 490) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Non-resident Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 491) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Junior Non-resident Hunting Licenses" (H. P. 492) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Resident Fishing Licenses" (H. P. 493) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Fees for Registered Guides" (H. P. 494) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of the Maine Universalist Convention" (H. P. 495) (Presented by Mr. Allen of Portland)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee" (H. P. 496) (Presented by Mr. Rankin of Bridgton)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to System of Records and Accounting by Maine Teachers' Retirement Board" (H. P. 497) (Presented by Mr. Thomas of Hampden)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of the Deputy Treasurer of State" (H. P. 498) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

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

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Lincoln-Chester Bridge District" (H. P. 499) (Presented by Mr. House of Lincoln)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Pensions

Resolve Providing for an Increase in Retirement Pension for Oscar F. Williams (H. P. 500) (Presented by Mr. Bell of Thomaston)

Resolve Granting a Pension to John Smith of Caswell Plantation (H. P. 501) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for John Gravel of Ridlonville (H. P. 502) (Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford)

Resolve Granting a Pension for Gilbert Bragdon, of Portage Lake (H. P. 503) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for James Bowden of Ashland (H. P. 504) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Neville N. Faulkner, of Houlton (H. P. 505) (Presented by Mr. Robbins of Houlton)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Patten Water and Power Company" (H. P. 506) (Presented by Mr. Poulin of Waterville by request)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Vanceboro Water Company" (H. P. 507) (Presented by same gentleman by request)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District" (H. P. 508) (Presented by Mr. Violette of Van Buren)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Recorder of Eastport Municipal Court" (H. P. 509) (Presented by Mr. Hall of Eastport)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Judge and Clerk and Clerk Hire of the Bangor Municipal Court" (H. P. 510) (Presented by Mr. Thomas of Hampden)

(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 Aroostook County to Burton Porter of Mapleton (H. P. 511) (Presented by Mr. Ellis of Castle Hill)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Temperance

Bill "An Act relating to Liquor Licenses in Unorganized Territory Where no Elections are Held" (H. P. 512) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns

Bill "An Act relating to Election of Town Auditors" (H. P. 513) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Hollowell)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of a Bridge Across the Penobscot River (H. P. 514) (Presented by Mr. Dicker of Lakeville Pl.)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Oakfield (H. P. 515) (Presented by Mr. Benn of Smyrna)

Resolve in favor of the town of Oakfield (H. P. 516) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Merrill (H. P. 517) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Smyrna (H. P. 518) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Dyer Brook (H. P. 519) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of New Limerick (H. P. 520) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Ludlow (H. P. 521) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Littleton (H. P. 522) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Connor (H. P. 523) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

Resolve in favor of Westmanland Plantation (H. P. 524) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Hamlin Plantation (H. P. 525) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Cyr Plantation (H. P. 526) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Caswell Plantation (H. P. 527) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the city of South Portland (H. P. 528) (Presented by Mr. Dean of So. Portland)

Resolve in favor of Prentiss Plantation (H. P. 529) (Presented by Mr. Dicker of Lakeville Pl.)

Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Fairfield (H. P. 530) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of the town of Wesley (H. P. 531) (Presented by Mr. Hayward of Machias)

Resolve in favor of the town of Machias (H. P. 532) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Northfield (H. P. 533) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of East Machias (H. P. 534) (Presented by Mr. Hayward of Machias)

Resolve in favor of the town of Roque Bluffs (H. P. 535) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Marshfield (H. P. 536) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Burlington (H. P. 537) (Presented by Mr. House of Lincoln)

Resolve in favor of the town of Passadumkeag (H. P. 538) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Somerville Plantation (H. P. 539) (Presented by Mr. Johnston of Jefferson)

Resolve in favor of the town of Whitefield (H. P. 540) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Cambridge (H. P. 541) (Presented by Mr. Laughton of Ripley)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hartland (H. P. 542) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Harmony (H. P. 543) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of S. Albans (H. P. 544) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Canaan (H. P. 545) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Ripley (H. P. 546) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Chapman (H. P. 547) (Presented by Mr. MacPherson of Easton)

Resolve in favor of the town of

New Portland (H. P. 548) (Presented by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk)
Sent up for concurrence.

**House Report of a Committee
Ought to Pass
Printed Bill**

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Permitting the Building of a Bridge Between Burnt Island and Spruce Head Island" (H. P. 117) (L. D. 81)

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

Orders of the Day

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

On motion by Mr. Legard of Bath, Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.