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Tuesday, February 11, 1947

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

Prayer by the Rev. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

From the Senate: Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Pownal State School (S. P. 174) (L. D. 526)

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.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the Augusta General Hospital (S. P. 176) (L. D. 525)

Resolve in favor of L. Archer Weymouth of Clinton (S. P. 177) (L. D. 524)

Resolve in favor of Reginald Olivier, of Lewiston (S. P. 193) (L. D. 589)

Resolve in favor of T. P. Walker, of Bluehill (S. P. 194) (L. D. 588)

Resolve in favor of E. W. Brann, of Ellsworth Falls (S. P. 195) (L. D. 587)

Resolve in favor of Edwin Sprague of Ellsworth (S. P. 196) (L. D. 586)

Resolve in favor of Boyd A. Blaisdell, of Ellsworth (S. P. 197) (L. D. 585)

Resolve in favor of Robert G. Spaulding, of Thomaston (S. P. 198) (L. D. 584)

Resolve in favor of Howard P. Weising, of Sedgwick (S. P. 199) (L. D. 583)

Resolve in favor of Joshua Treat, Jr., of Winterport (S. P. 200) (L. D. 582)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Provide for Compliance with the National School Lunch Act and to Provide for the Establishment, Maintenance, Operation and Expansion of Nonprofit School Lunch Programs in Schools in the State" (S. P. 230) (L. D. 641)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Education.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Veteran's Permit to Hunt and Fish Free" (S. P. 178) (L. D. 523)

Bill "An Act relating to Prohibiting the Use of an Airplane in Driving, Hunting or Molesting any Wild Birds or Animals" (S. P. 179) (L. D. 522)

Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Deer Within State" (S. P. 231) (L. D. 642)

Resolve Closing Coffeelos Lake, T. 6, R. 11, W.E.L.S., Piscataquis County to all Fishing Except Fly Fishing (S. P. 202) (L. D. 581)

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: Bill "An Act relating to the Commitment of Patients to Mental Hospitals" (S. P. 181) (L. D. 539)

Bill "An Act to Create the Augusta Parking District" (S. P. 203) (L. D. 594)

Bill "An Act relating to the Maine Turnpike Authority" (S. P. 204) (L. D. 591)

Bill "An Act to Authorize Fraser Paper Limited to Merge with and into, or to Consolidate with, a Corporation Organized Under the Laws of the State of Maine" (S. P. 205) (L. D. 580)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Saco Bay Company" (S. P. 206) (L. D. 592)

Bill "An Act relative to Hearings Conducted by the Secretary of State" (S. P. 207) (L. D. 579)

Bill "An Act relating to the Van Buren Municipal Court" (S. P. 208) (L. D. 590)

Bill "An Act Amending the Acts Which Constitute the Charter of Colby College, Formerly Colby University" (S. P. 209) (L. D. 578)

Bill "An Act relating to the Waldo County Municipal Court" (S. P. 210) (L. D. 577)

Bill "An Act relating to Insane Criminals" (S. P. 211) (L. D. 576)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership in Teachers' Retirement System" (S. P. 232) (L. D. 643)

Bill "An Act relating to Pensions or Annuities of Deceased Teachers" (S. P. 233) (L. D. 644)

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 Unredeemed Tickets on Pari-Mutuel Pools" (S. P. 212) (L. D. 575)

Bill "An Act relating to Marriage After Intentions are Filed" (S. P. 213) (L. D. 574)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the town of Rumford" (S. P. 214) (L. D. 573)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the city of Augusta by Providing for the Appropriation of School Funds by the City Council" (S. P. 215) (L. D. 572)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salaries of the Police Department of the city of Lewiston" (S. P. 234) (L. D. 648)

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: Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Dealer's Registration" (S. P. 218) (L. D. 571)

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles" (S. P. 219) (L. D. 570)

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

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Create the Waterville Sewerage District" (S. P. 182) (L. D. 521)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Kennebec County" (S. P. 183) (L. D. 521)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Register of Probate in Androscoggin County" (S. P. 221) (L. D. 569)

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.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act for the Better Protection of Herring Weirs in Hancock County" (S. P. 184) (L. D. 519)

Bill "An Act relating to the Canning and Shipping of Clams" (S. P. 235) (L. D. 645)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Hancock County to Malcom P. Noyes, of Franklin (S. P. 222) (L. D. 568)

Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lot and Building in Somerset County to H. S. Lorenz, of Seboomook (S. P. 236) (L. D. 646)

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

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

From the Senate: Resolve Permitting Central Maine Power Company to Erect Pole Line Across Property of Western Maine Sanatorium, in Hebron (S. P. 185) (L. D. 518)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on State Sanatoriums.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Eligibility of Certain Clubs for Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 223) (L. D. 567)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Temperance.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a

Bridge Across the Kennebec River” (S. P. 186) (L. D. 517)

Bill “An Act to Provide for Re-issuance of State Highway Bonds” (S. P. 227) (L. D. 566)

Bill “An Act to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1948, and June 30, 1949” (S. P. 228) (L. D. 593)

Bill “An Act to Provide for the Reconstruction or Enlargement of the International Bridge at Calais, in the county of Washington, known as the Ferry Point Bridge” (S. P. 229) (L. D. 565)

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 Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Manufactures on Bill “An Act relating to the Inspection of Oils” (S. P. 45) (L. D. 19) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting “Ought to pass” on Bill “An Act relating to Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Indians” (S. P. 27) (L. D. 1)

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.

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Resolve Appropriating a Fund to Repair and Recondition the Lot and Monument of a Former Maine Governor (H. P. 1016) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Wayne) (Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of Belfast Home for Aged Women (H. P. 1017) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast) (Ordered printed) Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Stacyville Plantation (H. P. 1018) (Presented by Mr. Boulier of Stacyville Pl.) (Ordered printed)

Resolve in favor of George P. Milne and Jesse B. Lewis, both of Hallowell (H. P. 1019) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Hallowell by request) (Ordered printed)

Resolve to Reimburse the town of Whiting for Transportation of State Children (H. P. 1020) (Presented by Mr. Prout of Lubec) (Ordered printed) Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Olin R. Beal, of Durham (H. P. 1021) (Presented by Mr. Turner of Leeds) Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill “An Act relating to Trapping of Foxes” (H. P. 1022) (Presented by Mr. Ames of Northport) (Ordered printed)

Resolve Closing Lily Lake in Washington County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 1023) (Presented by Mr. Prout of Lubec by request) (Ordered printed) Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill “An Act relating to Inheritance Taxes” (H. P. 1024) (Presented by Mr. Legard of Bath) (Ordered printed) Sent up for concurrence.

Library

Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of “History of the town of Wayne” (H. P. 1025) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Wayne) Sent up for concurrence.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Bill “An Act relating to the Licensing of Life Insurance Agents” (H. P. 1026) (Presented by Mr. Bowker of Portland) (Ordered printed) Sent up for concurrence.

Pensions

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charles W. A.

Scott, of Peak's Island, Portland (H. P. 1027) (Presented by Mr. McGlauffin of Portland)

Sent up for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Sheriff of York County" (H. P. 1028) (Presented by Mr. Adams of Kennebunkport)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in County Offices in Somerset County" (H. P. 1029) (Presented by Mr. Lessard of Skowhegan)

(Ordered printed)

Resolve Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to Increase Certain Salaries (H. P. 1030) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to the Packing of Sardines Caught Outside the Territorial Waters of the State of Maine" (H. P. 1031) (Presented by Mr. Prout of Lubec)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to John Westleigh, of Mason (H. P. 1032) (Presented by Mr. Rollins of Greenville)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of the town of Lincolnville (H. P. 1033) (Presented by Mr. Ames of Northport)

Resolve in favor of the town of Farmingdale (H. P. 1034) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of Hallowell)

Resolve in favor of the city of Hallowell (H. P. 1035) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Manchester (H. P. 1036) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Lincoln (H. P. 1037) (Presented by Mr. House of Lincoln)

Resolve in favor of the city of Saco (H. P. 1038) (Presented by Mr. Jordan of Saco)

Resolve in favor of Trescott Plantation (H. P. 1039) (Presented by Mr. Prout of Lubec)

Resolve in favor of the town of Webster (H. P. 1040) (Presented by Mr. Turner of Leeds)

Resolve in favor of the town of Leeds (H. P. 1041) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Durham (H. P. 1042) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Leeds (H. P. 1043) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Rollins of Greenville, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the State Controller submit to the Legislature a list of all state employees together with the salary of each employee, and that 2,000 copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form. (H. P. 1044)

The Order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Tabb of Gardner, it was

ORDERED, that there be printed 1000 additional copies of H. P. 448, L. D. 242, An Act Protecting the Right of Non-members of Labor Organizations to the Opportunity to Work.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Wayne, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Warren E. Mesler of Wayne be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 20th.

On motion by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth, it was

ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to enter in "Appendix A" of the House Journal, which shall be a part of the Journal, the information contained in the communications from the Secretary of State required by Section 4 of Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes; also appointments made by the Speaker when the Legislature is not in session.

On motion by Mr. Rich of Detroit, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Donald Hinckley of Pittsfield be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, February 19th.

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Benn from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to Myron E. Morrill of Bethel (H. P. 472) (L. D. 304)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Gerard Albert of St Agatha (H. P. 130) (L. D. 86)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Woodbury L. Berce, of Washburn (H. P. 131) (L. D. 87)

Mr. Brown of Wayne, from the same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Franklin County to Richard S. York of Wilton (H. P. 474) (L. D. 306)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Land in Franklin County to Timberlands, Inc., of Dixfield (H. P. 190) (L. D. 154)

Mr. Brown of Milford, from same Committee reported same on Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to Calvin Cummings of Bethel (H. P. 270) (L. D. 193)

Mr. Sharpe from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Alice Cassidy of Oxbow, Maine (H. P. 473) (L. D. 305)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Harvey F. Sprague, of Dennysville (H. P. 136) (L. D. 92)

Mr. Webber from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Nelson Myrick of Lowell (H. P. 352) (L. D. 221)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Penobscot County to Carl J. Kennedy of Milford (H. P. 269) (L. D. 192)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Lincoln County to Chester Poland of Loudville (H. P. 354) (L. D. 224)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Sylvio Guerette of Guerette (H. P. 132) (L. D. 88)

Mr. Burton from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Abatement of Taxes" (H. P. 39) (L. D. 30)

Mr. Jordan from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Taxation" (H. P. 192) (L. D. 137)

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

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Rollins from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation on Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Harry L. Wheelden of Bangor (H. P. 268) (L. D. 191) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve having already been printed, was read once under suspension of the rules.

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

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 268, L. D. 191, "Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Harry L. Wheelden, of Bangor."

Amend said Resolve by striking out the figure "\$400", in the fifth

line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the figures '\$453'.

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and tomorrow assigned for second reading of the Resolve.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Resolve Granting a Pension to Annie M. Adams of North Edgecomb (H. P. 6) (L. D. 637)

Resolve in favor of George E. Leatherbarrow of Saco (H. P. 112) (L. D. 638)

Resolves were read once, and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the South Freeport Water District" (H. P. 124) (L. D. 99)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Mechanical Equipment in Schools by Children" (H. P. 166) (L. D. 149)

Bill "An Act relating to Probation Period for Members of the State Police" (H. P. 168) (L. D. 122)

Bill "An Act relating to Audit of Certain Private Educational Institutions" (H. P. 236) (L. D. 165)

Bill "An Act relating to Farm Bureau Assistance in Piscataquis County" (H. P. 334) (L. D. 207)

Bill "An Act relating to the Bangor Municipal Court" (H. P. 335) (L. D. 208)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of Emergency Municipal Fin-

ance Board" (H. P. 339) (L. D. 212)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of Farm Lands Loan Commissioners" (H. P. 340) (L. D. 213)

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 relating to Jurisdiction of Supreme Judicial Court" (S. P. 70) (L. D. 64)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Night Hunting" (H. P. 32) (L. D. 27)

Bill "An Act relating to Appeal from Orders for Judging Dangerous Buildings to be Nuisances" (H. P. 242) (L. D. 170)

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

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

On motion by Mr. Sterling of Caratunk,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.