

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

Monday, April 14, 1947.

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

Prayer by the Rev. David R. Hickland of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair notes in the balcony at this time the presence of the Senior Class of Mattanawcook Academy of Lincoln, Maine, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook, Teachers, accompanying the class; and on behalf of the members of this House I bid you welcome here this afternoon. (Applause)

### Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft Tabled and Assigned

Report of the Committee on Temperance on Bill "An Act relating to Local Option Provisions Concerning Malt Liquor" (S. P. 352) (L. D. 984) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 503) (L. D. 1382) under title of "An Act relating to Local Options" and that it "Ought to pass"

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

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Peirce of Augusta, tabled pending acceptance of committee report in concurrence, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th)

### Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Alfred Winick of Boston, Massachusetts (S. P. 489) (L. D. 1353)

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

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Resolve read once, and tomorrow assigned.

### Non-concurrent Matter

From the Senate: Bill "An Act Setting Aside Certain Lands for Settlement by Displaced Persons of Baltic Origin" (H. P. 1543) (L. D. 1173) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 27th

as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A."

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A," House Amendment "A" and Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House: The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

### Non-concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

From the Senate: Resolve Providing for an Additional State Pension for George H. Babb, of Augusta (H. P. 1449) (L. D. 1322) which was finally passed in the House on April 2nd and passed to be engrossed on March 26th.

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor, tabled pending consideration, and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th)

### Non-concurrent Matter Tabled

From the Senate: Bill "An Act Limiting the Weight, Length, Width and Height of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 1194) (L. D. 782) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on March 19th as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

Came from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A" and as amended by Senate Amendment "B" as amended by Senate Amendment "A" thereto.

(In the House, on motion by Mr. Fitch of Sebago, tabled pending consideration)

### Orders

On motion by Mr. McKeen of Lovell, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Douglas Harwood of Center Lovell, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, April 23rd.

### House Reports of Committees Divided Report Tabled

Majority Report of the Committee on Labor on Bill "An Act to Protect the Public Interest in and to Facilitate the Settlement of Controversies Between Employers

and Employees" (H. P. 1625) (L. D. 1299) reporting same in a new draft (H. P. 1688) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. Hopkins of Kennebec  
—Of the Senate  
Brown of Unity  
Sharpe of Anson  
Chase of Cape Elizabeth  
Collins of Caribou  
Marshall of York

—Of the House

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

Report was signed by the following member:

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot  
—Of the Senate

(On motion by Mr. Brown of Unity, the two Reports, with accompanying papers, were tabled pending acceptance of either Report, and the new draft ordered printed)

#### First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Convictions Affecting Credibility and Constituting Criminal Records" (H. P. 1682) (L. D. 1399)

Bill "An Act to Regulate Public Dance Halls" (H. P. 1685) (L. D. 1400)

Resolve Authorizing Maine State Park Commission to Lease Mount Blue State Park to town of Weld (H. P. 1683) (L. D. 1401)

Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory and in the city of Bangor (H. P. 1684) (L. D. 1402)

Bills were read twice, Resolves read once, and tomorrow assigned.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Defining a Fish Weir" (S. P. 500) (L. D. 1370)

Bill "An Act relating to Trapping of Foxes" (H. P. 1022) (L. D. 653)

Bill "An Act relating to Meetings of Certain School Districts" (H. P. 1654) (L. D. 1347)

Bill "An Act to Permit the town of Scarborough to Take Advantage of a Proposed Government Project" (H. P. 1657) (L. D. 1352)

Resolve in favor of the Maine Historical Society (H. P. 152) (L. D. 145)

Resolve in favor of the Belfast

Home for Aged Women (H. P. 153) (L. D. 118)

Resolve relating to Teachers' Pensions for Certain Persons (H. P. 237) (L. D. 166)

Resolve Appropriating a Fund to Repair and Recondition the Lot and Monument of a Former Maine Governor (H. P. 1016) (L. D. 649)

Resolve in favor of Procuring Testimonials for the Purpose of Marking the Unmarked Graves of the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War (H. P. 1497) (L. D. 1122)

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 Bill

Bill "An Act Creating a School District for the Oakfield-Merrill-Smyrna-Dyer Brook Community" (H. P. 1627) (L. D. 1301)

Was 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

Resolve to Authorize a Forest Survey for the State of Maine (H. P. 1047) (L. D. 686)

(Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, and on motion by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed)

Resolve Providing Water Facilities for the Passamaquoddy Indians at Pleasant Point (H. P. 1535) (L. D. 1166)

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)

Resolve relating to a State-wide Planning Survey by the State Highway Commission (S. P. 353) (L. D. 985)

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

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Burgess of Limestone, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fifth tabled and unassigned matter, House

Report "Ought to Pass" in a New Draft and New Title of Bill "An Act Providing Additional Highway Funds" (H. P. 1678) (L. D. 1394) of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Reducing Real Estate Taxes and Providing Additional Highway Funds." (H. P. 634) (L. D. 414) tabled on April 11th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report.

Mr. BURGESS: Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention to discuss or debate this measure at this time because of its major importance, but, because of the many items that are now on the table; and because I firmly believe that every member of the House, be he for or against this measure, should have ample notice of the time that it will be discussed or debated. I would now ask unanimous consent that the report be made a special order of the day, Wednesday, April 16th, to have precedence over all other matters under Orders of the Day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Limestone, Mr. Burgess, requests unanimous consent that the report be made a special order of the day, Wednesday, April 16th, to have precedence over all other Orders of the Day. Is there objection?

The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

On motion by Mr. Collins of Caribou, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-seventh tabled and unassigned matter, Committee Amendment "A" to "Resolve, in Favor of the University of Maine for General Operations." (H. P. 79) (L. D. 67) (In the House read once) tabled on April 11th by that gentleman pending adoption; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the matter was retabled pending adoption of Committee Amendment "A" and specially assigned for Wednesday, April 16th.

On motion by Mr. Elliott of Corinth, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-fourth tabled and unassigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought to pass in a New Draft" (H. P. 1686) (L. D. 1395) and House Minority Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Imposing a Personal Income Tax and a Sales and Use Tax to Raise Additional Revenue and Equalize the Tax Burden." (H. P. 1596) (L. D. 1252)

tabled on April 11th by that gentleman pending acceptance of either report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: The reason for taking this matter from the table now is to specially assign it. I would like to have it assigned for a time when all will know that it is coming up, so that they will have an opportunity to be here to discuss the matter which we regard as one of the important matters of this Legislature. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the two reports be made a special order of the day for Thursday, April 17th, and have precedence over all matters under Orders of the Day.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Corinth, Mr. Elliott, requests unanimous consent that the reports be made a special order of the day, Thursday, April 17th, and have precedence over all other matters under Orders of the Day. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Additional paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

From the Senate, the following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to deposit with the Secretary of State the initiative petitions proposing to the Legislature "An Act to Protect the Right to Work and to Prohibit Secondary Boycotts, Sympathetic Strikes and Jurisdictional Strikes" (I. B. 1); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of the report from the Committee on Judiciary relating to (I. B. 1) "An Act to Protect the Right to Work and to Prohibit Secondary Boycotts, Sympathetic Strikes and Jurisdictional Strikes," be transmitted to the Governor and that I. B. 1, with accompanying papers be transmitted to the Secretary of State. (S. P. 507)

Came from the Senate, in that body read and passed.

In the House, the order received passage in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Farmington, the House voted to take

from the table the tenth tabled and unassigned matter, House Majority Report "Ought not to pass" and House Minority Report Ought to pass in a New Draft" (H. P. 1674) (L. D. 1385) of the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act Relating to the Registration and Licensing of Dogs." (H. P. 1256) (L. D. 928) tabled on April 9th by that gentleman pending motion of Mr. Prout of Lubec to accept Majority Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Farmington, Mr. Mills.

Mr. MILLS: Mr. Speaker, I move the pending question.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is upon the motion of the gentleman from Lubec, Mr. Prout, that the House accept the majority report of the Committee, the majority report being "Ought not to pass." Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed, and the majority "Ought not to pass" report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. McKeen of Lovell, the House voted to take from the table the twenty-first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Bill "An Act Relating to Repairs of Roads in Deorganized Towns." (H. P. 785) (L. D. 500) tabled on April

10th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the matter was retabled pending acceptance of report and specially assigned for Thursday, April 17th.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. The House may be at ease.

#### House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion by Mr. Ames of Northport, the House voted to take from the table the first tabled and unassigned matter, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill "An Act Relating to Measurement of Herring." (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 707) tabled on April 8th by that gentleman pending acceptance of report; and, on further motion by the same gentleman, the "Ought not to pass" report of the committee was accepted.

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

If there no further business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Gray of Orrington,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.