

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Friday, January 31, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Stanley Washburn of Coopers Mills.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Order****(Out of Order)**

On motion by Mr. Cross of Kennebec, out of order and under suspension of the rules; it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1947, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. (S. P. 152)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

**Referred to Committees**

The following bills and resolves were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

**Claims**

Mr. Barnes of Aroostook presented "Resolve in Favor of Ralph F. Ellis, of Houlton." (S. P. 153)

Mr. Murchie of Washington presented "Resolve in Favor of Joseph W. Sawyer, of Milbridge." (S. P. 154)

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented "Resolve in Favor of Leon Bemis of Farmingdale." (S. P. 155)  
(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented "Resolve, Closing of Snake Pond, T. 7, R. 11, Piscataquis County to all Fishing except Fly Fishing." (S. P. 156)

The same Senator presented "Resolve, Closing of Carpenter Pond, T. 7, R. 11, Wels, Piscataquis County to all Fishing except Fly Fishing." (S. P. 157)

Mr. Barnes of Aroostook presented "Resolve Relating to Fishing in

Tote Road in Moro Plantation in Aroostook County." (S. P. 158)  
(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Qualifications for Admission to Practice Law." (S. P. 159)

Mr. Ela of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Relating to Service of Writs in Western Somerset Municipal Court." (S. P. 160)

Mr. Welch of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Permitting Soil Conservation Districts to Acquire Surplus Property." (S. P. 161)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Salaries and Fees**

Mr. Murchie of Washington presented Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Calais Municipal Court." (S. P. 162)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**State Lands & Forest Preservation**

Mr. Murchie of Washington presented

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Somerset County to C. Max Hilton, of Greenville." (S. P. 163)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**University of Maine**

Miss Clough of Penobscot presented

Bill "An Act to Create and Establish a Four-Year Medical School in the State of Maine to be Known as 'The Medical College of Maine,' a School of Medicine of the University of Maine." (S. P. 164)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Ways and Bridges**

Mr. Dunbar of Washington presented

Bill "An Act Relating to Permits for Digging Into and Opening Streets and Highways." (S. P. 165)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Order**

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, it was

ORDERED, that 1,000 additional copies of Bill "An Act Relating to Fire, Marine and Inland Marine

Insurance Rate Regulation." (H. P. 64) (L. D. 49) and 500 additional copies of Bill "An Act Relating to Casualty and Surety Insurance Rate Regulation." (H. P. 65) (L. D. 50) be printed.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relative to Night Hunting," (S. P. 59) (L. D. 116) reported that the same ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock, the report and accompanying papers were laid on the table pending consideration.

Miss Clough from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Reinstatement of Dismissed State Employees," (S. P. 33) reported that the same ought to pass.

On motion by Mr. Welch of Aroostook, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration, and the bill was ordered printed.

Mr. Barnes from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Limiting Actions by Depositors to Recover Money Paid on Forged Signatures," (S. P. 84) (L. D. 110) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for a second reading.

Miss Clough from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Right of Safe Deposit Companies to Open Safe or Box (S. P. 83) (L. D. 109) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

Which report was read and adopted and the bill given its first reading. The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to Bill An Act Relating to the Right of Safe Deposit Companies to Open Safe or Box (S. P. 83) (L. D. 109) Amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word 'officer' in the 16th line of that part designated as Section 87 thereof, the underlined words 'or branch manager.'"

Committee Amendment A was adopted and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Majority of the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to

Inspection of Records of Vital Statistics and Issuing Certified Copies Thereof," (S. P. 49) (L. D. 21) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Senators:

BARNES of Aroostook  
CLOUGH of Penobscot

Representatives:

WILLIAMS of Auburn  
HASKELL of Portland  
PEIRCE of Augusta  
SILSBY of Aurora

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

DUNBAR of Washington

Representatives:

McGLAUFILIN of Portland  
PERKINS of Boothbay Harbor  
MILLS of Farmington

On motion by Mr. Ela of Somerset, the reports and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending adoption of either report.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Change of Purposes of Corporations Without Capital Stock." (S. P. 52) (L. D. 24)

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of Mayor of the City of Gardiner." (S. P. 61) (L. D. 37)

Which bills were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would attempt to explain briefly the action of the Committee on Salaries and Fees yesterday on Legislative Document 53. This is a bill introduced by state employees to provide for the continuance of the \$7.20 increase granted by the special session. You will recall that the last regular session in the passage of the Downes Bill granted an increase of \$2.00. You will also recall that at the special session the Downes increase was combined with the \$7.20 bill. And we passed that bill that gave to all of the employees that \$7.20 from the date of the spe-

cial session until February 4, so that next Tuesday that bill expires.

The bill as written provided for \$7.20 over an indefinite period. The Committee Amendment provides that \$7.20 shall be paid only until June 30 of this year and our thinking on that was this: We thought it was a little early in the session to conclude that an item of two and a half millions of dollars was going to be available for wage increases during the next biennium.

The second amendment is a change requested by the State Police Department in that it is their own desire that the two top executives in that department be excluded from this bill.

The third amendment is a change requested by the Health and Welfare Department so as to permit the increase to be paid to those employees in that department whose wages are paid out of federal funds. They were advised by the Attorney General that as the bill was written they could not pay out of the General Fund those employees whose compensation came from the federal funds.

So with those three amendments the committee reported "Ought to Pass" and I would like to inquire of the Chair if the bill is now in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the bill is not in the possession of the Senate at this time but it is expected momentarily.

Mr. HASKELL: And in our action on this bill, Mr. President, I would ask the Senate to consider the confusion that will result if the bill does not have immediate passage so that it may continue beyond next Tuesday until June 30.

#### House Committee Report (Out of Order)

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees," (H. P. 73) (L. D. 53) reported that the same ought to pass with Committee Amendments "A", "B", and "C".

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill read once: Committee Amendments "A", "B", and "C" were read and adopted in concurrence, and under suspension of the rules, the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

#### Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees" (H. P. 73) (L. D. 53)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 24 members of the Senate, and none opposed was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Greeley of Waldo

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 4 at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.