

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, February 18, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Alfred J. N. Henriksen of Augusta.

Journal of Friday, February 14th, 1947 read and approved.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act Relating to Superintendence of Schools Through School Unions." (H. P. 1191) (L. D. 779)

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

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the report and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending reference to a committee.

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**House Committee Reports**

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act to Institute a Land Use Survey," (H. P. 832) (L. D. 481) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Towns.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence.

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 Alvah B. Alexander et al of South Gardiner." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 136) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Stanley J. Hinch, of Danforth," (H. P. 632) (L. D. 412) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Washington County to Hinch and Company, Inc., of Danforth," (H. P. 633) (L. D. 413) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Piscataquis County to Ernest G. Hathorn of Bradford, Maine, and Mabel I. Laffland, as heirs at law of Iva M. Hathorn, deceased, late of said Medford Township," (H. P. 884) (L. D. 496) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Piscataquis County to Mabel I. Laffland, of Medford Township," (H. P. 885) (L. D. 497) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted in concurrence, the resolves read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Ralph M. Robinson, of Sherman Mills," (H. P. 881) (L. D. 493) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence and the resolve read once; Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the resolve as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Interior Waters on Bill "An Act Releasing to the City of Bangor the State's Interest in the Bed of Kenduskeag Stream in Said Bangor," (H. P. 54) (L. D. 43) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1137) (L. D. 683) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and adopted in concurrence, the bill in new draft read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

**Referred to Committees**

The following bills and resolves were received, and on recommenda-

tion by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

#### Claims

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of William Rearson, of Sullivan." (S. P. 329)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Federal Relations

Mr. Willey of Hancock presented Bill "An Act to Effect Certain Changes in Administrative Procedure Under the Unemployment Compensation Law." (S. P. 330)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis presented Bill "An Act Providing for Reciprocal Agreements Relating to Public Assistance Recipients." (S. P. 331)

Mr. Spear of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Reporting of Divorce Statistics." (S. P. 332)

Mr. Blanchard of Aroostook presented "Resolve in Favor of A. K. Gardner, of Orono." (S. P. 333)

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Authorizing the Governor with Advice and Consent of the Council, to Convey Land and Easements Owned by the State." (S. P. 334)

Mr. Morrill of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation, Supervision, Regulation and Dissolution of Medical Service Plan Corporations, and to Prescribe Penalties for Violations." (S. P. 335)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Library

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented "Resolve for the Purchase of Four Hundred Copies of 'The Length and Breadth of Maine.'" (S. P. 336)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Mercantile Affairs

Mr. Morrill of Cumberland presented, by request, Bill "An Act Relating to Protection of Interest of Employees, Beneficiaries or Joint Annuitants Under Group Annuity Contracts and Pension Trusts." (S. P. 337)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Motor Vehicles

Mr. Welch of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Exempting Certain Independent Contractors from the Regulations in re Motor Vehicles Used in Intrastate Traffic." (S. P. 338)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mr. Dube of Androscoggin presented "Resolve Granting a Pension to Mrs. Lucy Nickols, of Lewiston." (S. P. 339)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Health

Mr. Smith of Knox presented Bill "An Act Relating to Persons Handling Food." (S. P. 340)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges

Mr. Willey of Hancock presented "Resolve Providing for Maintenance of a Road in the Town of Lamoine." (S. P. 341)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Regulating Deposits in Banks," (S. P. 75) (L. D. 102) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Blanchard from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Joint Deposits in Banks," (S. P. 76) (L. D. 103) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Exempting Banks from Laws Dealing with Small Loan Agencies," (S. P. 78) (L. D. 105) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Dunbar from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Qualifications for Admission to Practice Law," (S. P. 159) (L. D. 399) reported that the same ought to pass.

Miss Clough from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Payment to Oxford County Law Library," (S. P. 123) (L. D. 287) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Licensing of Motion Picture Operators," (S. P. 110) (L.

D. 235) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Authorizing the City of Gardiner to Permit Extension of Buildings Over a Right of Way Leading from Depot Square to Bridge Street," (S. P. 91) (L. D. 142) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Batchelder from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Licensing of Motion-Picture Theaters," (S. P. 108) (L. D. 234) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and adopted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Blanchard from the Committee on Banks and Banking on Bill "An Act Guaranteeing Loans for Veterans," (S. P. 77) (L. D. 104) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

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

"Committee Amendment A to Bill An Act Guaranteeing Loans for Veterans (S. P. 77) (L. D. 104). Amend that part of said bill designated as Section 86A by inserting in the 3rd line thereof, after the word 'state,' the following underlined words 'or any insurance company authorized to do business in this state'."

Which amendment was adopted, the bill as so amended given its first reading, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Baker from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Licensing of Cinematographs or Other Similar Apparatus," (S. P. 111) (L. D. 237) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

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

"Committee Amendment A to Bill An Act Relating to Licensing of Cinematographs or Other Similar Apparatus. (S. P. 111) (L. D. 237). Amend said bill by inserting in the 9th line of Section 66 thereof, the 8th line of Section 66 of the bill as printed, the deleted underlined words 'or cause to be inspected.'"

Which amendment was adopted, and the bill as so amended given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Time Limit for Adjusting and Paying Fire Losses," (S. P. 66) (L. D. 51)

Which bill was read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended, in concurrence.

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

"Resolve Opening Cushman Pond in the Town of Sumner to Ice Fishing." (S. P. 139) (L. D. 334)

"Resolve Opening Northeast Pond in the Town of Hartford to Ice Fishing." (S. P. 140) (L. D. 335)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to take from the table Bill, An Act Relating to Superintendence of Schools Through School Unions (H. P. 1191) (L. D. 779) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending reference to a committee.

Mr. BISHOP of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I now move you that this bill be referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence and in defense of that motion, permit me to state that this bill is one that deals purely with a school matter designed to amend a present school law, and is similar to one we have had on the Committee on Education. We feel that all these bills should be heard at the same time and before the same committee. This will help the people who wish to appear for it and it will simplify and facilitate the action. I hope the bill will be referred to the Committee on Education.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

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to Union Schools (H. P. 1192) (L. D. 780) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Education in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate:

Mr. BOUCHER of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I want to thank you very sincerely for this fine floral tribute.

I think the defeat I took yesterday was probably worth taking to find out your sentiments toward me. I certainly can take that defeat. It is only the second one I have had in some fifteen years and twenty-seven tries. I think my batting average is still good and I will keep on playing ball for quite a while longer.

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.