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SENATE

Wednesday, March 5, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Herbert Aldrich of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

At this point, by request of the President, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross was escorted by the Sergeant at Arms to the rostrum.

The PRESIDENT: Senator Cross, the Chair designates you as President Pro Tem of the Senate.

Mr. Cross of Kennebec thereupon assumed the Chair.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relative to Transportation of Deer," (H. P. 828) (L. D. 478) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer Relative to Election Date and Filing of Petitions," (H. P. 1288) (L. D. 942) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Granting Additional Powers to the South Paris Village Corporation," (H. P. 1288) (L. D. 942) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Granting Additional Powers to the South Paris Village Corporation," (H. P. 1281) (L. D. 881) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Authorizing South Paris Village Corporation to Levy a Special Sewer Tax," (H. P. 1280) (L. D. 939) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Creating a Council-Manager Form of Government for the City of Bath," (H. P. 1272) (L. D. 952) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Rockland," (H. P. 845) (L. D. 501) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate Old Town Great Works School District," (H. P. 249) (L. D. 190) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Imported Cigarettes," (H. P. 23) (L. D. 13) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Revocation of Hunting Licenses," (H. P. 975) (L. D. 633) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Designating Through Ways," (H. P. 977) (L. D. 631) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Houlton School District," (H. P. 614) (L. D. 379) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate Georgetown School District," (H. P. 847) (L. D. 503) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Camden," (H. P. 852) (L. D. 515) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Easton School District," (H. P. 853) (L. D. 508) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills read once; Committee Amendments "A" were severally read and adopted in concurrence and the bills as amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Referred to Committees

Pursuant to joint order, the following bills and resolves were transmitted by the Revisor of Statutes and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills,

were referred to the following committees:

Claims

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of the George Green Estate." (S. P. 435)
(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Creating the State Board of Education." (S. P. 436)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented "Resolve Authorizing the George Green Estate to Sue the State of Maine." (S. P. 437)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Military Affairs

Mr. Dube of Androscoggin presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue to Pay a Bonus Not to Exceed Three Hundred Dollars to Maine Veterans of World War II." (S. P. 438)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus not to Exceed \$300 to Maine Veterans of World War II." (S. P. 439)

Mr. Batchelder of York presented Bill "An Act to Clarify the Military Law." (S. P. 440)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented Bill "An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Clerk of Courts in Hancock County." (S. P. 441)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Mr. Cleaves of Cumberland presented "Resolve to Continue the Interim Commission to Study Methods to Assure Greater Productivity of the Forest Lands of the State." (S. P. 442)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, it was

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send flowers to Senator William T. Smith of Thomaston who is still very ill.

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Committee on Welfare be empowered to study the services of the Department of Health and Welfare especially those services pertaining to the Welfare Department, and be given the power to subpoena witnesses, to hire counsel, clerical assistants and other help necessary to carry out this study. Such expenses shall be taken from the legislative appropriation and be approved by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Penobscot: Mr. President and Senators, as you all probably know the Committee on Welfare has been quietly looking into some of the functions of the services of the Department of Health and Welfare pertaining to welfare. We have received a lot of information from overseers of the poor, from welfare workers within the Department, from citizens of the State who are interested and also from many members of both branches of this legislature. It would appear that in order to do a thorough job in looking into the services of this department that at this time counsel and other necessary clerical help should be employed by this committee. This is not because the department has not cooperated because they have, I believe, in every respect you could expect them to, but because of the interest in the cost of the services of this department it would appear that a widespread study of its functions and laws under which it operates should be made by this session of the legislature at this time while the legislature is in session, so that if recommendations are made, this legislature can do something about it. I believe with these brief words I will ask that this order lie on the table and be especially assigned for tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the order was laid upon the table pending passage and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented the following order:

ORDERED that Senate Rule 27 be amended to read as follows: "Every member who shall present a bill,

resolve or a petition shall place his signature thereon and a brief descriptive title of its contents.

Mr. BISHOP: Mr. President, I am advised that any order seeking to amend a Senate Rule must lie upon the table at least one day. I therefore move that this order be laid upon the table pending passage until tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the Order was laid upon the table pending passage and especially assigned for tomorrow.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

"Resolve, Providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Molasses Pond in the Town of Eastbrook." (S. P. 415) (L. D. 1201)

Which was read once, and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

At this point, the President resumed the Chair, the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Cross, retiring, amid the applause of the Senate.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Noyes from the Committee on Motor Vehicles on Bill "An Act Relating to Reserved Numbers," (S. P. 263) (L. D. 725) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Cross from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Lost Number Plates," (S. P. 323) (L. D. 839) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. McKusick from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles," (S. P. 262) (L. D. 724) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of Superintendents of Schools." (H. P. 111) (L. D. 95)

(On motion by Mr. Cleaves of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Local Option Provisions." (H. P. 355) (L. D. 225)

(On motion by Mr. Davis of York, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Penalty for Failure to Report After Motor Vehicle Accidents." (H. P. 831) (L. D. 480)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Westbrook Municipal Court." (H. P. 915) (L. D. 543)

Bill "An Act Relating to Passing Motor Vehicles on the Right." (H. P. 922) (L. D. 545)

Bill "An Act Relating to Passing of Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 976) (L. D. 632)

Bill "An Act Relating to Determination of Valuation of Property with Relation to Inheritance Tax." (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 700)

Mr. Dunbar of Washington presented Senate Amendment A and moved its adoption.

"Senate Amendment A to Bill An Act Relating to Determination of Valuation of Property with Relation to Inheritance Tax" (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 700). Amend said bill by striking out the underlined figure '30' in the 9th line thereof and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure '60'."

Senate Amendment A was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the bill as amended was laid upon the table pending passage to be engrossed.

Bill "An Act Relating to Liquor Commission Inspectors." (H. P. 1073) (L. D. 670)

Bill "An Act to Prevent the Employment of Minors on Premises Where Liquor to be Consumed on the Premises is Sold." (H. P. 1227) (L. D. 751)

Bill "An Act Relating to Transfer of Liquor Licenses." (H. P. 1229) (L. D. 753)

Bill "An Act Compensating Gardiner G. Deering, of Bath, for Duties as Recorder." (H. P. 1530) (L. D. 1112)

Bill "An Act Relating to Civil Service Rules for Police and Fire Departments." (H. P. 1532) (L. D. 1113)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Northern Aroostook Municipal Court." (H. P. 660) (L. D. 436)

Bill "An Act Relating to Manufacturing Liquor." (H. P. 1228) (L. D. 752)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Parkman School District." (S. P. 147) (L. D. 342)

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Edwards of Oxford the Senate voted to take from the table Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Incorporation of the Norway Village Corporation" (S. P. 413) (L. D. 1162) tabled by that Senator on March 4th pending passage to be engrossed.

Mr. EDWARDS of Oxford: Mr. President, to correct an error in this bill I would like to present Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment "A":

"Senate Amendment 'A' to S. P. 413, L. D. 1162, Bill, An Act to Repeal the Incorporation of the Nor-

way Village Corporation. Amend said bill by striking out in the first and second lines of Section 4 thereof of the words 'upon its approval by the Governor' and inserting in place thereof the following '90 days after the adjournment of this legislature'."

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Denny of Lincoln, the Senate voted to take from the table, Bill, "An Act Relating to Billboards" (H. P. 1390) (L. D. 1009) tabled by that Senator on February 21st pending reference, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Maine Publicity in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Willey of Hancock,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.