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STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Thursday, March 6, 1947.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Cymbrid Hughes of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House referred in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Education on "Resolve Abolishing Commission for Promotion of International Good Will in Education," (H. P. 601) (L. D. 370) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Education of Physically Handicapped Children," (H. P. 972) (L. D. 619) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Provide Driver Education in Secondary Schools," (H. P. 483) (L. D. 316) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Returns to Commissioner of Education of Towns Having seventy-five or More Teachers," (H. P. 600) (L. D. 339) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Service in Divorce Cases," (H. P. 921) (L. D. 617) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the County Law Library at Rumford in the County of Oxford," (H. P. 968) (L. D. 619) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Lincoln County Law Library," (H. P. 1072) (L. D. 702) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of Rumford Falls Village Corporation," (H. P. 969) (L. D. 623) 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 North Berwick School District," (H. P. 929) (L. D. 622) 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 Lincolnville School District," (H. P. 927) (L. D. 561) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Repeal the Incorporation of the Madison Village Corporation," (H. P. 247) (L. D. 174) 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 Van Buren School District," (H. P. 612) (L. D. 377) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Freeport Sewer District," (H. P. 684) (L. D. 440) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Yarmouth Sewerage District," (H. P. 946) (L. D. 562) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A."

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Enfield Water District," (H. P. 874) (L. D. 486) 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.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve to Provide for Repair of Fish Screen at Porter Lake," (H. P. 437) (L. D. 299) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1574) (L. D. 1217) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Appropriating Money to Improve the Approach to the Fish Way at Aroostook Falls," (H. P. 436) (L. D. 268) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1573) (L. D. 1216) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Non-Resident Deer Hunting Licenses," (H. P. 655) (L. D. 453) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1575) (L. D. 1215) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to the Charter of Lucerne-in-Maine Village Corporation," (H. P. 930) (L. D. 547) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1582) (L. D. 1225) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Communication

STATE OF MAINE

House of Representatives

Office of the Clerk

Augusta

March 5, 1947

Honorable Chester T. Winslow,
Secretary of the Senate
of the 93rd Legislature.
Sir:

This is to advise that in the House of Representatives today, the Minority Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought Not to Pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to the Commitment of Patients to Mental Hospitals," (S. P. 181) (L. D. 539) was accepted in non-concurrence, the Senate having previously passed the Bill to be engrossed.

Respectively,

HARVEY R. PEASE

Clerk of the House.

Which communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Referred to Committees

Pursuant to Joint Order, the following bills were transmitted by the Revisor of Statutes, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc presented "Resolve to Create an Interim Committee to Study the Indian Problem" (S. P. 444)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Health

Miss Clough of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to

Control of Tuberculosis." (S. P. 445)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolution

Miss Clough of Penobscot presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

"Be it resolved, the House concurring, that the State of Maine through its legislature assembled deeply sympathizes with its able ex-governor William Tudor Gardiner, and with his family in their sorrow at the untimely death of Sylvester Gardiner, and be it further

Resolved, that an expression of sympathy and regret be extended to the members of the Gardiner family from this legislature, and be it further

Resolved, that an engrossed copy of these Joint Resolutions be sent to the family by the Secretary of State."

The Resolution was adopted and on further motion by the same Senator, was sent forthwith to the House.

Reception of Resolve

(By unanimous consent)

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

Mr. BOUTIN of Androscoggin: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would like to introduce a resolve in favor of Sacred Heart Convent of Jackman, Maine. I shall try briefly to explain what the resolve is. On February 24th the Sacred Heart Convent burned down and was a total loss. In this resolve I am asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 to help them rebuild. As you all know the total loss was \$250,000 and to rebuild the Convent will cost approximately half a million dollars. With your kind approval, I would like to present this Resolve and move its acceptance.

Unanimous consent was thereupon granted for the introduction of "Resolve in Favor of Sacred Heart Convent of Jackman," which was received and on further motion by the same Senator was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Haskell from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the County Attorney of Washington County," (S. P. 63) (L. D. 38) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of Hancock County," (S. P. 88) (L. D. 114) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge and Recorder of Western Washington Municipal Court," (S. P. 115) (L. D. 231) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" attached herewith.

Which report was read and adopted and the bill read once. The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to Bill An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge and Recorder of Western Washington Municipal Court, (S. P. 115) (L. D. 231). Amend said bill by striking out in the 8th line thereof, the second figure '\$1800' and inserting in place therefor the figure '\$1500'."

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

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Calais Municipal Court," (S. P. 162) (L. D. 401) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" attached herewith.

Which report was read and adopted and the bill read once. The Secretary read Committee Amendment A:

"Committee Amendment A to Bill An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Calais Municipal Court, (S. P. 162) (L. D. 401). Amend said bill by striking out in the 7th line thereof the last figure '\$1800' and inserting in place thereof the figure '\$1500'."

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Taxation of Imported Cigarettes." (H. P. 23) (L. D. 13)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Old Town Great Works School District." (H. P. 249) (L. D. 193)

Bill "An Act Relative to Transportation of Deer." (H. P. 828) (L. D. 478)

(On motion by Mr. Welch of Aroostook, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Rockland." (H. P. 845) (L. D. 501)

Bill "An Act Creating a Council-Manager Form of Government for the City of Bath." (H. P. 1272) (L. D. 952)

Bill "An Act Authorizing South Paris Village Corporation to Levy a Special Sewer Tax." (H. P. 1280) (L. D. 939)

Bill "An Act Granting Additional Powers to the South Paris Village Corporation." (H. P. 1281) (L. D. 881)

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)

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Houlton School District." (H. P. 614) (L. D. 379)

(On motion by Mr. Barnes of Aroostook, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Camden." (H. P. 852) (L. D. 515)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Easton School District." (H. P. 853) (L. D. 508)

Bill "An Act Relating to Revocation of Hunting Licenses." (H. P. 975) (L. D. 633)

Bill "An Act Designating Through Ways." (H. P. 977) (L. D. 631)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Motor Vehicles." (S. P. 262) (L. D. 724)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reserved Numbers." (S. P. 263) (L. D. 725)

Bill "An Act Relating to Lost Number Plates." (S. P. 323) (L. D. 869)

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

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

Bill "An Act Relating to the Amortization of Premiums and the Accumulation of Discounts on Bonds or Other Obligations Held in Trust." (S. P. 85) (L. D. 111)

Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of Town Collectors and Treasurers in Attending Meetings." (S. P. 103) (L. D. 202)

Bill "An Act Relating to Regulation of Employment Agencies." (S. P. 128) (L. D. 285)

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

"Resolve, in Favor of the Town of Sullivan." (S. P. 64) (L. D. 39)

Bill "An Act Declaring Maine Maritime Academy as a State Agency." (H. P. 57) (L. D. 44)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Litchfield School District." (H. P. 250) (L. D. 176)

Bill "An Act Relating to Bank Accounts and Deposit of Town Treasurers." (H. P. 273) (L. D. 185)

(On motion by Mr. Williams of Penobscot, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Board of Commissioners of Pharmacy." (H. P. 611) (L. D. 376)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of The Chestnut-street Methodist Society in Portland." (H. P. 613) (L. D. 378)

Bill "An Act Relating to Freedom Academy." (H. P. 658) (L. D. 456)

Bill "An Act Relating to Appointment of Directors of Corporations by Court." (H. P. 663) (L. D. 460)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Treasurer and County Commissioners of Lincoln County to Procure a Loan, and Issue Bonds of Said County Therefor for the Purpose of Building a Court House or Adding to the Present Court House." (H. P. 664) (L. D. 437)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the City of Belfast School District." (H. P. 667) (L. D. 438)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Norway to Acquire Property." (H. P. 671) (L. D. 466)

Bill "An Act Relative to Penalties." (H. P. 837) (L. D. 534)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Farm Lands Loan Act and Disposing of Assets." (H. P. 841) (L. D. 484)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of Lights in the Operation of Motor vehicles." (H. P. 1364) (L. D. 961)

(On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, tabled pending passage to be enacted.)

Bill "An Act Relating to Proceedings to Bar Action on Undischarged Real Estate Mortgages." (H. P. 1457) (L. D. 1041)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to Verne E. Mills of Bethel." (H. P. 353) (L. D. 223)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Arcostook County to Wilfred Rossignol (Nightingale) of Stockholm (Guerrette RFD). (H. P. 985) (L. D. 640)

"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) (L. D. 668)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to Dr. W. B. Twaddle, of Bethel." (H. P. 1089) (L. D. 734)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Wilfred Rossignol of Guerette (P. O. Stockholm)". (H. P. 1090) (L. D. 735)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Oxford County to Dr. W. B. Twaddle, of Bethel." (H. P. 1091) (L. D. 736)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Fred Marquis, of Sinclair." (H. P. 1092) (L. D. 737)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Jules St. Peter, Guerette." (H. P. 1093) (L. D. 738)

"Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Lands in Aroostook County to Fred B. Simpson, of Bangor." (H. P. 1094) (L. D. 739)

Orders of the Day

The President laid before the Senate the 1st tabled and today assigned matter, Joint Order Relative to Hearings before Joint Committee on Welfare (S. P. 443) tabled by Mr. Williams of Penobscot on March 5th pending passage.

Mr. Cross of Kennebec presented Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment 'A' to Senate Paper 443. Amend said order by adding at the end thereof the following: 'The committee shall report its findings to the legislature not later than April 15, 1947.'

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was adopted and the joint order as so amended received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate the second tabled and today assigned matter, Senate Order Relative to Amending Senate Rule No. 27, tabled by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc on March 5th pending passage.

On motion by Mr. Bishop, the order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report "Ought to Pass" from the Committee on Public Utilities on bill, An Act to Incorporate the Brownville Junction Water District (H. P. 623) (L. D. 333) tabled by that Senator on February 20th pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report "Ought to Pass" from the Committee on Public Utilities on bill, An Act to Incorporate the Brownville Water District (H. P. 685) (L. D. 441) tabled by that Senator on February 20th pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Davis of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act Relating to Local Option Provisions (H. P. 355) (L. D. 225) tabled by that Senator on March 5th pending passage to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to take from the table, bill, An Act Relating to Determination of Valuation of Property with Relation to Inheritance Tax (H. P. 1069) (L. D. 700) tabled by that Senator on March 5th pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill as previously amended by Senate Amendment "A" was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Davis of York Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.