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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 10, 1951

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

Prayer by the Reverend Edna L. Knowlton of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Paper From The Senate

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that there be paid to the members of the Senate and House as advances on account of compensation established by statute, the amount of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) fortnightly, according to lists certified to the State Comptroller by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, respectively; and that the final payrolls bear the approval of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. (S. P. 20)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to a Consumer on Maine Milk Commission" (H. P. 8) (Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Licensed Operators of Cinematograph Apparatus" (H. P. 9) (Presented by Mr. Berry of So. Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Registration of Business Names" (H. P. 10) (Presented by Mr. Larrabee of Westbrook by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Christian M. Jensen of Westbrook (H. P. 11) (Presented by Mr. Larrabee of Westbrook)

Resolve in favor of Oscar Pinette of Portland (H. P. 12) (Presented by Mr. McGlauffin of Portland)

Resolve in favor of Ralph Cooper of Buckfield (H. P. 13) (Presented by Mr. Stewart of Paris)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve in favor of the City of Presque Isle (H. P. 14) (Presented by Mr. Jamieson of Presque Isle)

Resolve in favor of the City of Presque Isle (H. P. 15) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Industry (H. P. 16) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

Resolve in favor of the Town of New Vineyard (H. P. 17) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Strong (H. P. 18) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Phillips (H. P. 19) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Weld (H. P. 20) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Lisbon (H. P. 21) (Presented by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Boothbay (H. P. 22) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Boothbay (H. P. 23) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Boothbay Harbor (H. P. 24) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Southport (H. P. 25) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Boothbay (H. P. 26) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Withdrawal of Southport from the Boothbay Region Community School District" (H. P. 27) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to amend the Charter of the Boothbay Region Community School District" (H. P. 28) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Surry School District" (H. P. 29) (Presented by Mr. Dunham of Ellsworth)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to the Taking and Sale of Clams in the town of Boothbay" (H. P. 30) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act to Provide for a Self-Imposed Tax on Sardines for an Industry Development Fund" (H. P. 31) (Presented by Mr. Hanson of Machiasport)

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Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Validating a Certain Deed Given by the City of Saco to Saco-Lowell Shops" (H. P. 32) (Presented by Mr. Hawkes of Saco)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Fire Chiefs and Their Deputies" (H. P. 33) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve providing for State Pension for Mrs. Eva Goodwin of Lisbon Falls (H. P. 34) (Presented by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Irene Dorothy Ferrence, of Lisbon Falls (H. P. 35) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Bubar of Blaine presented the following Order and moved its passage

Ordered, That the Speaker of the House appoint a Committee

composed of 1 member from each county, whose duty it shall be to investigate the needs of the old people, the sick, the blind, the physically incapacitated and the dependent children and report their findings to the 95th Legislature within 60 days.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar.

Mr. **BUBAR**: Mr. Speaker, as I have talked with the Members of this House on the needs of the old people and the dependent children, the sick and the blind, I have had various answers and I am surprised at the answers I get. Some say there are not very many old and needy in the State of Maine; others say, there are some; others say, we know the old people need more and the children more, but we can't give it to them. And others say, we will admit there is a need but there isn't any way—a man told me this, this morning: "There isn't any way, that I can see, that we can raise the money."

Now, the reason that I put in this order is to see if we cannot clear this up and furnish this Legislature with the evidence that there is a need.

I stand exactly where I stood back in 1925 when the first old age pension bill was presented to this House by Clyde Smith. We were not getting enough then. I stand where I stood back in '35 when all through the Session I tried to get more for the old people and the dependent children; and also in '35 and again in '37, when I felt the need and I ran for the Governorship on the Townsend Plan, a plan to live and let live. I stand where I stood two years ago in the Special Session, that our old people and our dependent children shall not suffer.

The Governor said that we must have more money or we must repeal some of the laws on the Statute Books. But I tell you I go farther than that: We must have more money or we must shut up the shop. I am not for folding up while there is the cry of the needy. I tell you I have had about 2100 letters in the last two years during the last session, the Ninety-fourth Session, up until now from the old people crying for something to relieve

their suffering and our old people and our children who go to bed hungry at night and get up hungry in the morning. At night they say, "Would to God it were morning" and, in the morning, they say, "Would to God it were night," hoping against hope for something to turn up to relieve their suffering.

Now, Members, this is the most serious hour in the history of our Nation. More so than back in 1775 or '61 or either World War. You and I know; there isn't anyone fooling us. You and I know the war is coming to us and they have got the bombs in the sky and the clouds will drop down bombs upon us that will kill a million in a single blast.

I have discovered this, that any Nation or community or any individual who crowded the poor and the needy and closed their ears to the cries of the hungry have gone down; they have suffered defeat. And do you suppose that a just God who said: "The earth is mine and the fullness thereof, the cattle on a thousand hills are mine and the gold and the silver are mine and the beasts of the forests are mine and if I were hungry I would not ask you." Do you suppose he is going to take this in this land of plenty? Back in the days of the old Civil War, when this House was in session, when the darkest days came, they turned this House into a prayer meeting. They were not ashamed of it.

Members of the House, I am telling you now that unless we receive the favor of Almighty God, we shall perish like our boys are perishing on the frozen fields of a foreign land. I say we must do something.

Now, we cannot get the money unless we have taxes; I know that. Well, I am not in favor of taxing the loaf of bread the poor mother eats and the bottle of milk that her hungry baby drinks. That isn't taxation. No, that is starvation, legislative suicide. But, Members, the money is here. We know where it is and, by the Grace of God, we are going to get it.

I don't belong to any bloc; I don't belong to any of your no-taxation blocs. I belong to my six children, to Aroostook County and to the State of Maine. I am going

to do the best, under God, I can do for them. I not only stand for the well-to-do and the well-fed but I stand for the common people and the poor. God helping me, I can't change my position.

Members, I was sent down here to this House to tell the people how my district feels and how I feel. That is also your privilege, but I move that this bill lie on the table and that we take time to consider it. Thank you, Members.

Mr. Chase (of Cape Elizabeth):
Mr. Speaker —

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. CHASE: Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman from Blaine assign a date for the consideration of the Order?

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, assign a date for the consideration of the Order?

Mr. BUBAR: Mr. Speaker, one week from today.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Blaine, Mr. Bubar, moves that the Order be tabled and especially assigned for one week from today, January 17th. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

On Motion of Mr. Phillips of Southwest Harbor, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Edward L. Manning of Southwest Harbor be invited to officiate as chaplain of the House on Thursday, January 11, 1951.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, pursuant to the authority of the 1944 Revised Statutes, Chapter 9, will appoint the gentleman from Brewer, Roscoe J. Grover, Jr., to the Maine Commission on Interstate Cooperation to fill the vacancy caused by the Honorable Wendell R. Atherton of Bangor no longer being a Member of this Legislature.

If there is no further business to come before the House, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.