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OF THE

Ninety-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1951

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HOUSE

Thursday, January 25, 1951

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. M. G. Kirschbaum of Yarmouth.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Octave Daphin, of Arrowsic (S. P. 88)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve appropriating Moneys for Promotion of Highway Safety (S. P. 56) (L. D. 110)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Highways.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Incurable Insanity as a Cause for which a Divorce may be Granted" (S. P. 82) (L. D. 107)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Appeals to Liquor Commission from Decisions of Municipal Officers Disapproving License Applications" (S. P. 83) (L. D. 108)

Bill "An Act relating to Retail Store Liquor License in Unincorporated Places" (S. P. 84) (L. D. 111)

Bill "An Act relating to Interlocking Interests in Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 85) (L. D. 109)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Liquor Control.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to the Practice of Optometry" (S. P. 86) (L. D. 112)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Health.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health 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 creating the Maine Frozen Dairy Products Law" (H. P. 254) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Maine Milk Commission Law" (H. P. 255) (Presented by Mr. Parker of Sebec)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act to provide for the Annual Salary of the Members of the Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 256) (Presented by Mrs. Fay of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Working Capital for Institutional Farms (H. P. 257) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Cecil Packard, of Unity (H. P. 258) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

Resolve in favor of Kendall Hodgdon, of Blue Hill (H. P. 259) (Presented by Mr. Dunham of Ellsworth)

Resolve in favor of Elwood N. Grant, of Brewer (H. P. 260) (Presented by Mr. Grover of Brewer)

Resolve in favor of Don C. Herick, of Harmony (H. P. 261) (Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland)

Resolve in favor of Clarence G. Ricker, of Clinton (H. P. 262) (Presented by Mr. Keene of Clinton by request)

Resolve to reimburse the Town of North Yarmouth for Support of Marion Edna Polk (H. P. 263) (Presented by Mr. Knapp of Yarmouth by request)

Resolve to reimburse the Town of Columbia for Hospitalization and support of Albert B. Reynolds (H. P. 264) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

Resolve in favor of Edith J. Paten, of Augusta (H. P. 265) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

Resolve in favor of Roy Stanley, of Salisbury Cove (H. P. 266) (Presented by Mr. Peterson of Bar Harbor)

Resolve in favor of Benjamin H. Gowen, of South Portland (H. P. 267) (Presented by Mr. Spear of South Portland)

Resolve in favor of Knowlton & Hewins, of Hallowell (H. P. 268) (Presented by Mr. Vaughan of Hallowell)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Teachers' Contracts" (H. P. 269) (Presented by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls) (Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve in favor of the Town of Vinalhaven (H. P. 270) (Presented by Mr. Barton of Vinalhaven)

Resolve in favor of the Town of North Haven (H. P. 271) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of North Haven (H. P. 272) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Orono (H. P. 273) (Presented by Mr. Bates of Orono)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Stockholm (H. P. 274) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

Resolve in favor of Westmanland Plantation (H. P. 275) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Caswell Plantation (H. P. 276) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Alton (H. P. 277) (Presented by Mr. Chaples of Hudson)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bradford (H. P. 278) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Charleston (H. P. 279) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Hudson (H. P. 280) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Springfield (H. P. 281) (Presented by Mr. Cobb of Lee)

Resolve in favor of Prentiss Plantation (H. P. 282) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Carroll Plantation (H. P. 283) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Northport (H. P. 284) (Presented by Mr. Cole of Liberty)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Greenbush (H. P. 285) (Presented by Mr. DeBeck of Holden)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Amherst (H. P. 286) (Presented by Mr. Dunham of Ellsworth)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Mariaville (H. P. 287) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Aurora (H. P. 288) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Lowell (H. P. 289) (Presented by Mr. House of Lincoln)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Newburg (H. P. 290) (Presented by Mr. Jacoby of Dixmont)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Etna (H. P. 291) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Kenduskeag (H. P. 292) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Dixmont (H. P. 293) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Rumford (H. P. 294) (Presented by Mr. Kelly of Rumford)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Rumford (H. P. 295) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Addison (H. P. 296) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Columbia (H. P. 297) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Harrington (H. P. 298) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Milbridge (H. P. 299) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Cherryfield (H. P. 300) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Steuben (H. P. 301) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Hampden (H. P. 302) (Presented by Mr. Nowell of Hermon)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Chelsea (H. P. 303) (Presented by Mr. Perry of Chelsea)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Chelsea (H. P. 304) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Farmingdale (H. P. 305) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bucksport (H. P. 306) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

Resolve in favor of the Plantation of Moose River (H. P. 307) (Presented by Mr. Watson of Moose River Pl.)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Cushing (H. P. 308) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Friendship (H. P. 309) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Thomaston (H. P. 310) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Owls Head (H. P. 311) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Closing the Town of Vinalhaven to Trapping of Muskrats and Mink" (H. P. 312) (Presented by Mr. Barton of Vinalhaven)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Estates of Persons Killed in Hunting" (H. P. 313) (Presented by Mr. Bubar of Blaine)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting and Fishing by Certain Persons" (H. P. 314) (Presented by Mr. March of Bridgton)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relative to Game Preserve on Munroe Island" (H. P. 315) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve closing Limestone Stream to Fishing (H. P. 316) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve providing for a Fish Screen at Outlet of Highland Lake in the Town of Bridgton (H. P. 317) (Presented by Mr. March of Bridgton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of La Mennais College" (H. P. 318) (Presented by Mr. Bradeen of Waterboro)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Town Finance Corporation (H. P. 319) (Presented by Mr. Maguire of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Licenses in Drunken Driving Cases" (H. P. 320) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act to Create an Industrial Safety Code Commission" (H. P. 321) (Presented by Mr. Peterson of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Greely Institute (H. P. 322) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Falmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act amending the Charter of the Sweetser Orphan Asylum" (H. P. 323) (Presented by Mr. Hawkes of Saco)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Incorporating the Brighams Cove Corporation in the Town of West Bath" (H. P. 324) (Presented by Mrs. Moffatt of Bath by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Malt Liquor in Glass Containers" (H. P. 325) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Sunday Sales of Liquor" (H. P. 326) (Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Health

Bill "An Act relating to the Importation of Poisonous Snakes" (H. P. 327) (Presented by Mrs. Moffatt of Bath)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Employed Persons in Paper Mills" (H. P. 328) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Chelsea Water District" (H. P. 329) (Presented by Mr. Perry of Chelsea)

(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 Westport" (H. P. 330) (Presented by Mr. Gay of Damariscotta)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Digging of Clams in the Town of Harrington (H. P. 331) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act relative to Use Fuel Tax" (H. P. 332) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Bethel)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Request for Tax Exemption" (H. P. 333) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Belgrade)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act for the Assessment of a State Tax for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-One and for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Two" (H. P. 334) (Presented by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Abatement of Taxes" (H. P. 335) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Falmouth)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation" (H. P. 337) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemptions from Taxation" (H. P. 336) (Presented by Mr. Perry of Chelsea)

(750 copies ordered printed.)
Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Powers and Duties of County Commissioners Regarding Civil Defense" (H. P. 338) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Judge of Probate of Kennebec County" (H. P. 339) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Boards of Registration in Towns Under Three Thousand Five Hundred Inhabitants" (H. P. 340) (Presented by Mr. Vaughan of Hallowell)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of St. Agatha (H. P. 341) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Frenchville)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Turning Vehicles at Intersections" (H. P. 342) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Opaque Substances for Windows in Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 343) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Veterans and Military Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to the Military Law" (H. P. 344) (Presented by Mr. Jennings of Strong)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Rita Lebel, of Hamlin Plantation (H. P. 345) (Presented by Mr. Burgess of Limestone)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Alfred Wik of Stockholm (H. P. 346) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John B. Ayotte of Stockholm (H. P. 347) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Elise Ayotte of Stockholm (H. P. 348) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Dennis Rossignoll of Stockholm (H. P. 349) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edith Rossignoll of Stockholm (H. P. 350) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Henry McCullough of Hudson (H. P. 351) (Presented by Mr. Chaples of Hudson)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Evelyn M. Moody, of Belfast (H. P. 352) (Presented by Mr. Clements of Belfast)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charlotte E. Armstrong, of Belmont (H. P. 353) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Melvin Belden, of Palermo (H. P. 354) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Ellis, of Monroe (H. P. 355) (Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lillian Goodrich of Brewer (H. P. 356) (Presented by Mr. Grover of Brewer)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold L. Weymouth, of St. Albans (H. P. 357) (Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for George W. Rines, of North Newburg (H. P. 358) (Presented by Mr. Jacoby of Dixmont)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for LeRoy Clewley, of Etna (H. P. 359) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Desmond A. Kennedy of Pea Cove (H. P. 360) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Alice Sirois, of Old Town (H. P. 361) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Choinard, of Old Town (H. P. 362) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Rolande Tondreau, of Augusta (H. P. 363) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lida Nickerson, of

Orland (H. P. 364) (Presented by Mr. Pierce of Bucksport)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Mitchell, of Patten (H. P. 365) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway by request)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bertha Hodge, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 366) (Presented by Mr. Ricker of Turner)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Margaret McLean, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 367) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Curtis Bragdon, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 368) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Jabez Coffin, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 369) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Charles C. Pullen, of Thomaston (H. P. 370) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)
Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. House of Lincoln, it was

ORDERED, the Senate concurring that the State Controller supply for use of the Legislature four hundred sixty-eight (468) copies of a list of State Employees with their salaries as of December 31, 1950, and be it further

ORDERED, that said lists be distributed, two (2) to each member of the Senate, House and Council; one to each Officer of the Senate and House; ten (10) each to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House for exchange purposes; thirty (30) to the State Librarian for exchange purposes (H. P. 371)

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon, House Rule Number 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

On motion of Mr. Bradeen of Waterboro, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Katie MacNeil of No. Waterboro be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, February 21, 1951.

**House Reports of Committees
Ought not to Pass
Tabled**

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to retirement of Teachers" (H. P. 89) (L. D. 35)

Report was read and, upon motion of Mrs. Moffatt of Bath, the Report with accompanying papers was tabled pending acceptance.

**Ought to Pass
Printed Bill**

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Disclosure Commissioners" (H. P. 59) (L. D. 25)

Report was read and accepted and the Bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Woolwich, Mr. Bailey, moves that the House reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it referred Resolve in favor of the Town of Woolwich (H. P. 223) to the Committee on Highways. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and, on further motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve was referred to the Committee on Claims and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there is no further business for the House to consider this day, the Clerk will read the notices.

The CLERK: The Maine State Bar Association, Office of the Secretary, Notice: The members of the House are invited by the Maine State Bar Association to hear an

address by United States Senator Richard M. Nixon of California at about 3:30 P. M. this afternoon in the House Chambers. The Bar Association is holding its meeting at the State House and the Augusta House, today. Their afternoon session is in the House of Representatives Chambers starting at 2:30 P. M. Senator Nixon will address them at about 3:30 P. M., subject "The Case for Congressional Investigation." The Bar Association requests the presence of the members of the House to hear this interesting speaker on a timely subject. The communication is signed by Herbert E. Locke, Secretary of the Maine State Bar Association.

Order

On motion of Mr. Burgess of Limestone, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, that the members of the House express their appreciation to the State Bar Association for the invitation to attend their meeting in the Hall of the House this afternoon; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that members of the House extend to the Bar the courtesy of using their seats during the meeting.

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, requests the Members of the House to give their attention to the Register. The Chair believes all the members have been in the Clerk's office and have acquired a copy. The Chair wishes they would examine it very carefully to see if it is correct and if there are any errors or omissions, will the members please get in touch with the Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth,

Adjourned until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.