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**SENATE**

Tuesday, February 17, 1953.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Walter Kellison of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, February 12, 1953, read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time has been informed that today marks a rather special occasion in the lives of one of our colleagues and his good wife, this being the nineteenth wedding anniversary of Mrs. Weeks and Senator George Weeks of Cumberland. I am quite certain that the Senate will raise no objection to sending to them both our very best wishes today. (Applause)

**House Papers**

Joint Order (S. P. 238) relative to Lists of Hearings scheduled Made Available to Weekly Newspapers.

In Senate on February 11th read and passed.

Comes from the House read and passed as amended by House Amendments "A", "B" and "C" in non-concurrence.

Mr. REID of Kennebec: Mr. President and members of the Senate, with the brief time that I have had to read the amendments and subject matter it has occurred to me that amendments A, B and C restore to the order the original provisions with which it came in here. This Body moved to indefinitely postpone that order after I had presented another order which I thought was all we could properly do for the weekly papers. I don't know whether the members of the House were familiar with the remarks made in this Branch on the same subject but inasmuch as this comes back from the House with these several amendments and inasmuch as I concur with the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Haskell, on the reasons why we postponed the original order that came from the House, and with little thought that we can now do anything at all for the weeklies but with the additional thought never to give up hope I move that this matter now be laid upon the table.

The motion prevailed and the order and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration.

**Referred to Committees**

Bill, "An Act Relating to Disposition of Money Received by Department of Inland Fisheries and Game." (H. P. 575) (L. D. 619)

Mr. WIGHT of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise to support the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Wight. This is a bill that changes the aspect of inland fisheries and game financing from one of dedicated revenues to one of general fund income, the passage of which would require appropriations to be made. I think there are in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate to be presented to us later certain papers relative to this problem and, speaking first as a member of the Committee on Reference of Bills and secondly as a member of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, believing that this and allied problems should properly be considered by the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game I feel that is the more proper reference for this bill and therefore my support of the Senator's motion.

The motion prevailed and the bill was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Training to Organized Fire Companies." (H. P. 576) (L. D. 618)

"Resolve, Providing for Indexing and Filing Old Lincoln Probate Records." (H. P. 577) (L. D. 611)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve for the Relief of Arnold M. Lehman and Abraham Mandelstam, a Partnership Doing Business under the Name of Camp Wigwam." (H. P. 489) (L. D. 573)

"Resolve in Favor of Clyde W. Tibbetts, of Hampden." (H. P. 492) (L. D. 574)

"Resolve in Favor of Claud Nicholson, of Athens." (H. P. 578) (L. D. 620)

"Resolve in Favor of Lowell and Louise Nichols of Dover-Foxcroft." (H. P. 579) (L. D. 621)

"Resolve in Favor of H. W. Flint, of Baldwin." (H. P. 580) (L. D. 622)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Reimbursement to Towns for Snow Removal." (H. P. 581) (L. D. 623)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Plymouth." (H. P. 582) (L. D. 624)

"Resolve in Favor of the City of Belfast." (H. P. 583) (L. D. 625)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting from Highways." (H. P. 510) (L. D. 575)

Bill "An Act Relating to Limitation of Methods of Hunting Deer." (H. P. 511) (L. D. 576)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Orange and Rocky Lakes in Washington County." (H. P. 515) (L. D. 578)

Bill "An Act Relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow in York County." (H. P. 584) (L. D. 626)

Bill "An Act Regulating the Trapping of Marten." (H. P. 585) (L. D. 627)

Bill "An Act Relating to Disposal of Wild Animals Damaging Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 586) (L. D. 628)

"Resolve Opening Certain Waters in Sagadahoc County to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 587) (L. D. 612)

Bill "An Act Relating to Bulldozing of Streams." (H. P. 588) (L. D. 629)

"Resolve Closing Big Benson Pond, County of Piscataquis, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 589) (L. D. 630)

"Resolve Opening Big Greenwood Pond, Piscataquis County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 590) (L. D. 631)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Webb Lake Tributaries." (H. P. 591) (L. D. 613)

"Resolve Opening Scraggly Lake, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 592) (L. D. 632)

"Resolve Opening Jerry Pond, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 593) (L. D. 633)

"Resolve in Favor of Flying Pond Improvement Association." (H. P. 594) (L. D. 634)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement of Certain Members of State Police." (H. P. 520) (L. D. 560)

Bill "An Act Relating to Additional Appeal from Liquor Commission." (H. P. 595) (L. D. 635)

Bill "An Act Relating to Voting in Elections by Employees." (H. P. 596) (L. D. 636)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election." (H. P. 597) (L. D. 637)

"Resolve in Favor of a Retirement Allowance for Doris D. Ladd, of Hallowell." (H. P. 598) (L. D. 638)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Dependency Allowances Under Employment Security Law." (H. P. 525) (L. D. 563)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Ratify and Confirm the Incorporation of Servantes du Coeur Immacule de Marie, in York County." (H. P. 529) (L. D. 566)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Act Providing for the Incorporation of the Town of Chelsea School District." (H. P. 530) (L. D. 567)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Town of Brunswick to Provide for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish." (H. P. 532) (L. D. 569)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Bangor Relative to Change in Election Date and Budget Calendar." (H. P. 535) (L. D. 581)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell Relating to the Election of the City Marshal and Street Commissioner

by the City Council." (H. P. 537) (L. D. 570)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Issuance of Liquor Licenses to Places Selling Gasoline." (H. P. 602) (L. D. 639)

Bill "An Act Prohibiting Live Entertainment on Licensed Liquor Premises." (H. P. 603) (L. D. 640)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

"Resolve Closing Georges River, Knox County, to Taking of Smelts." (H. P. 605) (L. D. 604)

Which was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Homes for Children and the Aged from the Sales and Use Tax." (H. P. 546) (L. D. 572)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of Members of Boards of Registration." (H. P. 606) (L. D. 605)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Sheriff of Waldo County." (H. P. 607) (L. D. 606)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salaries of County Attorney and Register of Deeds, Waldo County." (H. P. 608) (L. D. 607)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Judge of Probate of Waldo County." (H. P. 609) (L. D. 608)

Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of County Officers in Aroostook County." (H. P. 610) (L. D. 609)

Bill "An Act Relating to Salaries of County Officers and Clerk Hire in Piscataquis County." (H. P. 611) (L. D. 610)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Use of Certain Chemicals in Preground Hamburg." (H. P. 604) (L. D. 616)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Petition of Re. Ellis J. Holt of Auburn and 24 others in Favor of (H. P. 2) (L. D. 2) Bill "An Act Relating to Bookmobile Service." (H. P. 528)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of Wilbur Harris, of Augusta." (H. P. 635)

"Resolve in Favor of Henry J. Frye, of Georgetown." (H. P. 636)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Liberty." (H. P. 637)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Knox." (H. P. 638)

"Resolve in Favor of Robert T. Harvey, of East Corinth." (H. P. 639)

"Resolve in Favor of Chester E. Brown, of Southwest Harbor." (H. P. 640)

"Resolve in Favor of Joseph A. DiDonato." (H. P. 641)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Billboard Liquor Advertising." (H. P. 601) (L. D. 617)

Which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Width of Motor Vehicles and Trailers." (H. P. 555) (L. D. 535)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Census of Penobscot Indians." (H. P. 599) (L. D. 614)

Bill "An Act Relating to Election of Penobscot Tribal Officers." (H. P. 600) (L. D. 615)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Barbara Thompson, of Gorham." (H. P. 697)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Arthur Denihan of Bangor." H. P. 698)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Cyrias Marquis of Hamlin Plantation." (H. P. 699)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Louis Soucie of Hamlin Plantation." (H. P. 700)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Lida Blood of Northport." (H. P. 701)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Albert Fuller of Searsmont." (H. P. 702)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Annette Chasse, of Van Buren." (H. P. 703)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Therese Jacques of Van Buren." (H. P. 704)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Lucille Marquis of Van Buren." (H. P. 705)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for James Arthur McAnaney of Van Buren." (H. P. 706)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Gertrude L. Parent of Augusta." (H. P. 707)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Stanley Bolstridge of Portage Lake." (H. P. 708)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Owen Robinson of Ashland." (H. P. 709)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Fern Frances French of East Corinth." (H. P. 710)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for John B. Decker of Lagrange." (H. P. 711)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

#### House Committee Report:

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game Bill "An Act Relating to Field Trials for Retrieving Dogs," (H. P. 163) (L. D. 162) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

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

#### Senate Papers

The following bills and resolves were received, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

#### Business Legislation

Mr. Dennett of York presented Bill "An Act Relating to Refusal by Insurance Commissioner to Grant or Renew Licenses and Revocation of Licenses." (S. P. 269)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Mr. Jamieson of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Teams Under Motor Vehicle Laws." (S. P. 270)

Mr. Dennett of York presented "Resolve in Favor of Nellie K. Freeman of Kittery." (S. P. 271)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mr. Fuller of Oxford presented Bill "An Act to Clarify Issuance of Harness Horse Racing Licenses." (S. P. 272)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Long Meets in Harness Racing." (S. P. 273)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Pari Mutuel Pool Contributions to Stipend Fund." (S. P. 274)

Mr. Dennett of York presented Bill "An Act Prohibiting Games of Beano on Sunday and Playing of Game by Minors." (S. P. 275)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Natural Resources

Mr. Butler of Franklin presented Bill "An Act Amending the Mining Law." (S. P. 276)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Brown of Washington presented, by request Bill "An Act Relating to the Legal Length of Lobsters." (S. P. 277)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Towns and Counties

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Repealing Laws on Inspection of Leather." (S. P. 278)

Mr. Dennett of York presented Bill "An Act Increasing Salaries of Sheriff, County Commissioners and

Judge of Probate, York County." (S. P. 279)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Transportation

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to a Revolving Fund to Satisfy Judgments from Motor Vehicle Accidents." (S. P. 280)

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented Bill "An Act Relating to Operation of School Buses." (S. P. 281)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Welfare

Mr. Hanson of Washington presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Gertrude Hanscom of Machias." (S. P. 282)

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken earlier in today's session whereby bill, An Act Repealing Certain Laws Relating to Teams Under Motor Vehicle Laws (S. P. 270) was referred to the Committee on Judiciary; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was laid upon the table pending reference to a committee.

### Senate Committee Reports New Draft

Mr. Squire from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Relating to Recording of Contracts for Conditional Sale of Railroad Equipment," (S. P. 64) (L. D. 133) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 283) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill in new draft laid upon the table for printing under the Joint Rules.

### Ought to Pass

Mr. Butler from the Committee on Natural Resources on "Resolve Naming the Myron H. Avery Peak of Mt. Bigelow," (S. P. 28) (L. D. 16) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Collins from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act

Relating to Railroad Grade Crossings," (S. P. 65) (L. D. 132) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Ward from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Relating to Payment to Kennebec County Law Library," (S. P. 91) (L. D. 196) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

### Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Bass in Inland Waters of Cumberland County." (H. P. 14) (L. D. 8)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Power of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation to Install Parking Meters." (H. P. 75) (L. D. 71)

Bill "An Act Relating to Material Borrowed from State Library." (H. P. 108) (L. D. 110)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Protection of Alewives in the Town of East Machias." (H. P. 119) (L. D. 120)

Bill "An Act Relating to Classification of Coastal Wardens." (H. P. 149) (L. D. 146)

"Resolve Authorizing State Librarian to Dispose of Certain Newspapers." (H. P. 115) (L. D. 117)

"Resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Adams Pond, Cumberland County." (H. P. 174) (L. D. 169)

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

Bill "An Act Authorizing City of Old Town to Use Certain Lands of State of Maine." (H. P. 109) (L. D. 111)

Bill "An Act Relating to Financial Provisions of Rockland School District." (H. P. 32) (L. D. 26)

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

### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.