

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1955

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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 26, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ralph W. Peterson of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Herman Zimmerman of Presque Isle (S. P. 76)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Roadside Picnic Areas" (S. P. 62) (L. D. 89)

Bill "An Act to Allocate Money from the General Highway Fund for State Aid Construction" (S. P. 63) (L. D. 90)

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 Compensation of Members of the Board of Registration in Medicine" (S. P. 61) (L. D. 88)

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

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Holding Devices for Trailers" (S. P. 68) (L. D. 93)

Bill "An Act relating to Spot, Fog or Auxiliary Lights on Certain Vehicles" (S. P. 69) (L. D. 94)

Bill "An Act relating to Brakes on Trailers" (S. P. 70) (L. D. 95)

Bill "An Act relating to Restricting or Increasing Speed of Motor Vehicles by State Highway Commission" (S. P. 71) (L. D. 96)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Employees of Counties, Cities and Towns Entitled to Membership in State Employees' Retirement System" (S. P. 66) (L. D. 91)

Bill "An Act Revising the Maine State Retirement System" (S. P. 67) (L. D. 92)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

Senate Report of Committee Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act to Provide Credit or Refund for Tobacco Tax Stamps and Correcting Error in Discount for Tobacco Tax Stamps" (S. P. 20) (L. D. 4) reporting "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

In the House, Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 20, L. D. 4, Bill "An Act to Provide Credit or Refund for Tobacco Tax Stamps and Correcting Error in Discount for Tobacco Tax Stamps."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof, before the Emergency Clause, the following: "Sec. 5. Effective date of section 1. The provisions of section 1 of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1955."

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Petitions, 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 Exempting Sales of Mixed Fertilizer to Federal Government from Fertilizer Tax" (H. P. 174) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Aid to Public and Private Hospitals" (H. P. 175) (Presented by Mrs. Michaud of Madawaska)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of "History of Bridgewater Maine" (H. P. 176) (Presented by Mr. Briggs of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Fees Paid to Register of Deeds by the State" (H. P. 177) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Legal Investments of a Town's Sinking Fund" (H. P. 178) (Presented by Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen" (H. P. 179) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Herschel P. Bugbee of Washburn (H. P. 180) (Presented by Mr. Bragdon of Perham)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Palermo (H. P. 181) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Searsmont)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Palmyra (H. P. 182) (Presented by Mr. Cianchette of Pittsfield)

Resolve in favor of Chester Fredricks of Norridgewock (H. P. 183) (Presented by Mrs. Thomas of Anson)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Bill "An Act relating to Exceptions from Outdoor Advertising" (H. P. 184) (Presented by Mr. Carter of Etna)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Designating Part of State Highway Three as "The Acadia Highway" (H. P. 185) (Presented by Mr. Edgar of Bar Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in Town of Boothbay Harbor (H. P. 186) (Presented by Mr. Greenleaf of Boothbay Harbor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Boundaries of Stockholm Game Preserve" (H. P. 187) (Presented by Mr. Briggs of Caribou)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Squa Pan Lake in Aroostook County (H. P. 188) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rattlesnake (Pequawket) Pond, Oxford County (H. P. 189) (Presented by Mr. Olpe of Brownfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Regulating Advertising Relative to Sale or Offering for Sale of Merchandise, Commodities and Service" (H. P. 190) (Presented by Mr. Charles of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates" (H. P. 191) (Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Change the Name of Rumford Falls Trust Company and Amend its Charter" (H. P. 192) (Presented by Mr. MacDonald of Rumford)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Consent for Adoption of Children" (H. P. 193) (Presented by Mr. McGlaulin of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Highway Drains" (H. P. 194) (Presented by Mr. Pullen of Oakland)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Warnings of Possible Loss of Right to Operate a Motor Vehicle" (H. P. 195) (Presented by Mr. Wadleigh of Mount Vernon by request)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Orrington School District to Increase its Borrowing Capacity" (H. P. 196) (Presented by Mr. Hatfield of Orrington)

(Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act relating to Property Held by Trustees of Fryeburg Academy" (H. P. 197) (Presented by Mr. Olpe of Brownfield)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Exemption Under Electricians' Licensing Law" (H. P. 198) (Presented by Mr. Stanley of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re Obligations to be Incurred by the Superintending School Committee" (H. P. 199) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Auburn)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re the City Planning Board" (H. P. 200) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re Compensation of Members of the Council" (H. P. 201) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act to Permit Taverns to Sell Wine and Spirits" (H. P. 202) (Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston)
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Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Resolve Permitting the United States Government to Install a UHF Remote Transmitter on State Owned Property at South Portland, Cumberland County (H. P. 203) (Pre-

sented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Life Rafts by Certain Boats" (H. P. 204) (Presented by Mr. Bernier of Waterville)

(Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act relating to Record of Proceedings before Public Utilities Commission" (H. P. 205) (Presented by Mr. Gilmartin of Portland)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Temporary Public Utility Permits for Buses" (H. P. 206) (Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act Permitting Harold E. Urquhart of Lubec to Build Weir in Cobscook Bay, Washington County" (H. P. 233) (Presented by Mr. Denbow of Lubec)

(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act relating to Rental for Brewer Municipal Court" (H. P. 234) (Presented by Mr. Lindsay of Brewer)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary of Judge of Brewer Municipal Court" (H. P. 235) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)
Bill "An Act relating to Compensation of Councillors of Town of Van Buren" (H. P. 236) (Presented by Mr. Madore of Van Buren)
(Ordered Printed)
Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Stations for Weighing Vehicles" (H. P. 237) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Motor Truck" (H. P. 238) (Presented by same gentleman)
(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Paying of Deficiency of Truck Registration

Fees" (H. P. 239) (Presented by Mr. Madore of Van Buren)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Registration of Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 240) (Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Jennings of Strong, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. George Emery of Methodist Church, Strong, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Tuesday, March 1, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Lindsay of Brewer, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. John H. Miller of the Second Congregational Church, South Brewer, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 9, 1955.

On motion of Mr. McCluskey of Warren, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Curtis Busby of the Second Congregational Church, Warren, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Wednesday, March 2, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Kinch of Livermore Falls, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Frederick Niles of Methodist Church, Livermore Falls, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Thursday, February 17, 1955.

Orders of the Day

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

The Clerk has a notice that he will read without objection at this time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would like to announce at this time that on next Tuesday at 7:30 the junior class in the School for Legislators will be held here in the House. The curriculum contemplated is the budget and intricacies of it and how to wade through it. The Chair believes that the prepared material will be helpful to any member not accustomed to working with figures.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Valley of Sanford,

Adjourned until one o'clock tomorrow afternoon.