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HOUSE

Thursday, March 10, 1955

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Robert Plummer of Methodist Church, Wal-doboro.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Providing for the Uniform Trust Receipts Act" (S. P. 438) (L. D. 1211)

Bill "An Act relating to Registration as Voters of Physically Disabled Persons" (S. P. 439) (L. D. 1209)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Repealing the Position of Director of Licensing and Enforcement Under Liquor Commission" (S. P. 440) (L. D. 1210)

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

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

Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on bill "An Act relating to Peremptory Challenges in Criminal Cases" (S. P. 217) (L. D. 558)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Cases of Forcible Entry and Detainer of Records of Municipal Courts" (S. P. 220) (L. D. 561)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

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

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Browne.

Mr. BROWNE: Mr. Speaker, I now move that Legislative Document 561 be placed on the table pending first reading until Wednesday of next week.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Browne, kindly approach the rostrum?

(Conference at rostrum)

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Browne, withdraws his motion to table.

Thereupon, the Bill was given its two several readings and assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Abstracts of Criminal Records for State Bureau of Identification" (S. P. 248) (L. D. 680)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, by unanimous consent I move that we take up out of order today's matters which are on the calendar for enactment.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that the three bills on today's calendar on their passage to be enacted as emergency measures be taken up out of order. Does the Chair hear objection? The Chair hears none.

Thereupon, the following three bills on their passage to be enacted as emergency measures were taken up out of order by unanimous consent.

Passed to Be Enacted Emergency Measure

An Act Amending the Charter of the Caribou Hospital District (S. P. 264) (L. D. 692)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 116 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Thereupon, on further motion of Mr. Childs of Portland by unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mexico School District (H. P. 366) (L. D. 403)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 116 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Thereupon, on further motion of Mr. Childs of Portland by unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

Emergency Measure

An Act relating to the Lisbon Water Department (H. P. 709) (L. D. 777)

Was reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as truly and strictly engrossed. This being an emergency measure and a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the House being necessary, a division was had. 114 voted in favor of same and none against, and accordingly the Bill was passed to be enacted, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Thereupon, on further motion of Mr. Childs of Portland by unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered sent forthwith to the Senate.

The following paper from the Senate not on the Advance Journal:

From the Senate: The following Order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 15, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 453)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, the Order was read and passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House may be at ease.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

On motion of the gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Senate Reports of Committees (cont'd)

Ought to Pass

Report of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of State Courts after Federal Court Disposed of Criminal Case" (S. P. 252) (L. D. 684)

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Bill read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Architects" (S. P. 224) (L. D. 565) 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, the 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. 224, L. D. 565, Bill "An Act relating to Registration of Architects."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 1 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 81, Sec. 1, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The Board shall be composed of 3 5 practicing architects, or 2 4 practicing architects and 1 professor of architecture, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve for 3 years and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Each member of the Board shall receive a certificate of his appointment from the Governor and shall serve without pay.'

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

Petitions, Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves (transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Order S. P. 25) were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following Committees:

Agriculture

Bill "An Act relating to Packaging and Marketing of Rabbit Meat" (H. P. 1089) (Presented by Mr. Needham of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Buyers and Sellers of Rabbits" (H. P. 1090) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Commercial Slaughterhouse Requirements for Rabbits" (H. P. 1091) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act providing for Medical Aid to Indians" (H. P. 1092) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Creating Hospital Service for the Indigent" (H. P. 1093) (Presented by Mr. Ross of Bath)

(1,500 copies Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act relating to Number of Employees under Group Life Insurance Policies" (H. P. 1094) (Presented by Mr. Seaward of Kittery)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Providing Free Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses to Indians on Census List" (H. P. 1095) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act Creating a Maine Rivers Authority" (H. P. 1096) (Presented by Mr. Bernier of Waterville by request)

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Sent up for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Movement on Highways of Rubber Mounted Cranes" (H. P. 1097) (Presented by Mr. Needham of Orono)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Bill "An Act Placing Indians Under Jurisdiction of Governor and Council" (H. P. 1098) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing Appointment of Director of Indian Affairs by Governor and Council" (H. P. 1099) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for a Land Claim Commissioner for Indians" (H. P. 1100) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. McCluskey of Warren, it was

ORDERED, that a Committee be appointed by the Speaker to represent the House of Representatives at the funeral services at Machiasport of the late Honorable William C. Hanson.

The SPEAKER: To this Committee, the Chair appoints the gentleman from Warren, Mr. McCluskey; the gentleman from Raymond, Mr. Edwards, and all of the Representatives in the Washington County delegation.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Cote from the Committee on Claims reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve to Reimburse Cecil Merrill of Dixfield for Damage done by State Ward (H. P. 338) (L. D. 379)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Marie A. Fongemie of Madawaska (H. P. 227)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud.

Mrs. MICHAUD: Mr. Speaker, having talked with the House Chairman on this item, I now move that it lie on the table pending acceptance of the committee report.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud, moves that the report and resolve lie on the table unassigned pending acceptance of the committee report.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, through the Chair, may I request

the gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud, if she would specially assign this for some day next week.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud, care to answer the request of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs?

Mrs. MICHAUD: Mr. Speaker, may this be assigned to next Thursday, March 17?

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Madawaska, Mrs. Michaud, now moves that the report and resolve lie on the table pending acceptance of the committee report and be specially assigned for Thursday, March 17. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Resolve were so tabled and assigned.

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Bernard Dumond of Aroostook County (H. P. 230)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Charles H. Nutter of Newport (H. P. 242) (L. D. 296)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Carter of Newport, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Esther Genthner of Thomaston (H. P. 325)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the "Ought not to pass" report was accepted, and on further

motion of the same gentleman, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.

Mr. Albert from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Edith Levesque of Caribou (H. P. 446)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing State Pension for Emma A. Ulmer of Bucksport (H. P. 502)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Rachel Lussier of Lewiston (H. P. 603)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Laura A. Lee of Turner Center (H. P. 605)

Miss Cormier from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Louize Bernice Hunt of Parkman (H. P. 46)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Miss Cormier from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Helen Lindsay of Damariscotta (H. P. 72)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Hilton of Bremen, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Miss Cormier from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Stella M. Williams of Winthrop (H. P. 160)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Leland Small of Lewiston (H. P. 218)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension of Isaiah Barker of Ludlow (H. P. 232)

Same member from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Evelyn Irvine of Winthrop (H. P. 244)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Recommitted

Mr. Flynn from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Alice Sirois of Old Town (H. P. 76)

Report was read.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker, since additional information has come to the attention of the committee and with the permission of the House Chairman and also the Senate Chairman, I would like to recommit House Paper number 76 to the committee.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves that the Resolve with accompanying papers be recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Resolve were recommitted to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Flynn from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Camille Lachapelle of Winthrop (H. P. 162)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Herman Leroy Archer of Mapleton (H. P. 397)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for John Kidder of Dixfield (H. P. 555)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Bar-

bara Anne Parlin of Norway (H. P. 556)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Bertha F. Foster of Auburn (H. P. 559)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for a State Pension for Beulah Tucker of Smyrna Mills (H. P. 794)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for a State Pension for Frank Moore of Norridgewock (H. P. 796)

Mr. Lindsay from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Velma Lawlor of Oakfield (H. P. 48)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Carroll E. Patrick of Buxton (H. P. 74)

Mr. Olpe from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Ava Carter of Belfast (H. P. 319)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Burleigh M. F. Esancy of Union (H. P. 321)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Olpe from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Arthur Glidden of Howland (H. P. 385)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Rich of Charleston, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Olpe from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Mrs. Adie Lavoie of Milford (H. P. 390)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Needham of Orono, the Report and Resolve were

tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Mr. Olpe from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Sadie Crush of Wilton (H. P. 396) which was recommitted.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for John Sirois of Caribou (H. P. 445)

Mr. Sansoucy from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Gertrude B. Thompson of Chelsea (H. P. 207) (L. D. 292)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Sansoucy from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Annie McEntee of Westfield (H. P. 213)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Foss of Chapman, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Message from the Executive

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

March 10, 1955

Honorable Willis A. Trafton, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Augusta, Maine
Sir:

This is to advise you that I have, today, appointed the following to represent the executive branch of State government as members of the Joint Select Committee to study utilization by the State of the Marine Hospital at Portland:

Dr. Dean Fisher
Herbert G. Espy
Norman U. Greenlaw
Irving W. Russell

My Administrative Assistant, Maurice Williams, will gladly serve as

Clerk of the Committee if you so desire.

Respectfully,

(Signed) EDMUND S. MUSKIE
Governor

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Sansoucy from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for State Pension for Mrs. Agnes Bourgoin of Madawaska (H. P. 225)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mrs. Michaud of Madawaska, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Mr. Sansoucy from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Maurice Albert of Madawaska (H. P. 226)

Mr. Shaw from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Perry J. Caldwell of Winthrop (H. P. 161)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Albert Wilfred Lachapelle of Winthrop (H. P. 163)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Alfred Ouellette of Augusta (H. P. 451)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Fredolin Poulin of Augusta (H. P. 452)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve providing for State Pension for Herbert W. Grindle of Bucksport (H. P. 503)

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. Shaw from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions reported "Ought not to pass" on Resolve providing for an Increase in State

Pension for Elizabeth Kavanaugh of Millinocket (H. P. 560)

Report was read.

(On motion of Mr. Walls of Millinocket, the Report and Resolve were tabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for Thursday, March 17.)

Mr. Reed from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Certain Data in Possession of State Tax Assessor" (H. P. 686) (L. D. 754)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Gilmartin from the Committee on Public Utilities reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Financing by Brunswick Sewer District" (H. P. 623) (L. D. 629)

Mr. Walsh from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Biennial Assessment of State Property Taxes" (H. P. 723) (L. D. 787)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

THE SPEAKER: At this time, the Chair requests the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, to the rostrum for the purpose of presiding as Speaker pro tem.

Thereupon, Mr. Childs assumed the Chair as Speaker pro tem amid the applause of the House and Speaker Trafton retired from the Hall.

Mr. Willey from the Committee on Taxation reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Exempting Persons Seventy Years of Age from Poll Tax" (H. P. 685) (L. D. 753)

Mr. Hilton from the Committee on Towns and Counties reported same on Bill "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Raise Money for Christmas Decorations" (H. P. 457) (L. D. 492)

Mr. Staples from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mount Desert to Give the Selectmen

Authority to Make Ordinances" (H. P. 281) (L. D. 265)

Mr. Greene from the Committee on Transportation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Height of Letters on Signs on School Buses" (H. P. 283) (L. D. 267)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and assigned the next legislative day.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Jack from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of the George Green Estate (H. P. 290) (L. D. 303) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Resolve read once.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 290, L. D. 303, Resolve In Favor of the George Green Estate.

Amend said Resolve by striking out in second line in said resolve "\$10,000" and inserting therefor "\$1,500"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Resolve assigned for second reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Cook from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Kennebunk" (H. P. 67) (L. D. 72) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 67, L. D. 72, Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of Kennebunk."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 24th line of "Sec. 22" the figures "10" and inserting in place the figures "20"

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last paragraph of "Sec. 22"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Mr. Osborne from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of York Sewer District" (H. P. 380) (L. D. 423) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 380, L. D. 423, Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of York Sewer District."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the 14th line of "Sec. 3" the following underlined words and punctuation "whether or not improved,"

Further amend said Bill by inserting the following underlined words and punctuation before the period at the end of "Sec. 3" 'whether or not said real estate is improved'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading the next legislative day.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Coordinate Development and Regulatory Activities Relating to the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy" (S. P. 266) (L. D. 697)

Bill "An Act relating to Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles" (S. P. 268) (L. D. 699)

Resolve Designating New Bridge at Dresden as "Dresden Memorial Bridge" (H. P. 528) (L. D. 587)

Resolve Designating Certain Bridge in Oxford County as "Martin Memorial Bridge" (H. P. 586) (L. D. 642)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bills read the third time, Resolves read the second time, all passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Amended Bills Tabled and Assigned

Bill "An Act relating to Trapping for Bear" (H. P. 413) (L. D. 460)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

THE SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne.

Mr. OSBORNE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to trap this bear trap bill by moving that it be tabled and specially assigned for consideration next Tuesday, March 15.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Osborne, moves that this Bill with accompanying papers be tabled and specially assigned for next Tuesday, March 15. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was so tabled and assigned.

Bill "An Act relating to Meridian Lines and Standards of Length in Kennebec County" (S. P. 156) (L. D. 350)

Resolve Continuing Unexpended Balances for Repairs and Construction in Certain State Institutions and State Teachers' Colleges (S. P. 177) (L. D. 429)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, Bill read the third time, Resolve read the second time, both passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER pro tem: Under Orders of the Day, the Chair lays before the House the first item of unfinished business, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates", House Paper 191, Legislative Document 196, tabled on March 2 by the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, pending third reading; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, Mr. Totman of Bangor offered House Amendment "B" and moved its adoption.

House Amendment "B" was read by the Clerk as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H. P. 191, L. D. 196, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates."

Amend said Bill by inserting in the Title thereof after the word "by" the word "Certain"

Further amend said Bill by striking out the 8th, 9th and 10th lines

thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

'State Senator or Representative in the Legislature, but with the clerk of the municipality in which he resides, if he was a candidate at large for a municipal office in a city of over 30,000 inhabitants, for a city, ward or town office an itemized, sworn statement setting'

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I hope the House votes against this Amendment "B". When I presented this bill to force the municipal officer to abolish the law, to force the municipal officer to oppose the law to make them account for their expenses, the Deputy Secretary of State was much in favor of my bill. In fact he supported my bill at a hearing. Now until this year we never knew there was such a law on the books. I have been a municipal officer for the last ten years, either Alderman or Mayor, and this year it is the first time that I am going to be obliged to make a report of my expenses. This law is going to hurt the reputation of the candidates. Now, if a man that runs for public office, we will say mayor or alderman at large, if he spends, we will say, \$800 or \$900 in order to be elected, the people are going to say "Why does he spend so much money to be elected?". They are going to say "Well, he must expect to get that money back somewhere." They are going to think he might steal money if he is elected. That is going to hurt the reputation of the candidate and that has stopped many of our friends to contribute to our campaigns because they are going to be afraid that their name might be mentioned on the report. Now I call that a foolish law. When they passed that law they did not happen to think of that, how hard it is going to be for a candidate. I am going to repeat again that it is going to hurt the reputation of a candidate. The money that he spends, his own money or if his friends contribute to his campaign, that does not hurt anybody but the people are going to have a bad idea, they are going to think that he is going to steal money.

Now I am going to ask the House, to save the reputation of the municipal officers, to vote against this amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House: The effect of this amendment is to recognize Mr. MacDonald's desire, the Deputy Secretary of State, in having removed from our statutes the requirement that every municipal officer in a city or a town or in a ward of a town, be relieved from filing with the city clerk, but not with the Deputy Secretary of State, his expenses for his campaign. But my amendment quite frankly would still require those municipal officers who run at large in a city of over 30,000 still be required to explain or show where the money came from that elected them to office.

I want to make it very clear the reason and the intent of my putting in this amendment. Quite obviously, this amendment will affect only the cities of Portland, Lewiston and Bangor. I want my good friend, the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, whom you have just heard speak, understand and sincerely believe me that it was not aimed at Lewiston. As a matter of fact, I was thinking more of my own community, Bangor. I perhaps could be entirely wrong in presenting this amendment. I may be accused of being an idealist in thinking that it is a protection for the people to know where a candidate in a big city when he is elected at large, where his funds come from that elect him.

Apparently when this law was first passed, someone felt that the public should be safeguarded and should have a right to know where all candidates who are elected by a large number of people and consequently, being elected by a large number of people, are not known first-hand or by first name as you would know a person in a small community. Consequently, no one is disturbed or upset that you and I, State Representatives or State Senators, or U. S. Congressmen or U. S. Senators must still file expenses. I am simply suggesting that I still think it would be a wise safeguard

for a man who runs for example, as a mayor, or as a councilman or as an alderman or for any position in a large community, where familiarity is not obvious, still explain, if people are interested. It is not published in the newspapers; it is filed with the city clerk and it is there on record for those who wish to find it out, declare where he received his campaign contributions, because I very frankly feel that some day some machine might decide to put a candidate in a large city and with radio and television expenses and newspaper advertising expenses, I am cynical enough to believe that a large amount of money goes a long, long ways towards electing a candidate. If people want to spend the money, that is fine, but I still think the people in a large community are entitled to be able to go to one source and find out where the money came from. I want to assure the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, that quite the contrary of embarrassing his contributors, I think that the people should have no quarrels whatsoever about having it known that they helped a candidate run. I consider it an honor to have my friends contribute to my campaign if they so wish.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

Mr. MALENFANT: Mr. Speaker: I would like to say a few more words if the House will give me the privilege. Municipal officers always run for office on different platforms than county and state officers. My friend, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, mentioned that a certain one might come with a large sum of money and contribute to elect the wrong candidate. Well those things might happen in Boston or New York, but believe me that will never happen in Lewiston or Bangor or Portland. Now he takes Lewiston, Portland and Bangor for his victim. Why exempt all the towns in the State of Maine and keep Bangor and Portland and Lewiston for the victim? If he wants the people to know how much money all the municipal officers spend, he ought to include every town and city.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The question before the House is on the motion of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, that House Amendment "B" to Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates," House Paper 191, Legislative Document 196, be adopted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I simply want to request the same as the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair did not understand the request.

Mr. TOTMAN: Mr. Speaker, I want to concur with the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. Malenfant, in asking for a division.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Totman, requests a division.

All those in favor of the adoption of House Amendment "B" to House Paper 191, Legislative Document 196, Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates" will please rise and remain standing until the monitors have made and returned the count.

A division of the House was had.

Sixty-nine having voted in the affirmative and seventeen in the negative, the motion prevailed and House Amendment "B" was adopted.

Mr. QUINN (of Bangor): Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tem: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. QUINN: On the matter that we have just discussed, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, now that the House has adopted the amendment, it would seem to me that the matter should be further amended to take care of the last line of the section in which the words "of the clerk" have been stricken out because it would appear now with the amendment that they should remain in the act.

The SPEAKER pro tem: Does the Chair understand the gentleman

from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, wishes to offer an amendment?

Mr. QUINN: I do, Mr. Speaker. In other words, to adopt the remainder of the section to apply to the amendment that has just been made.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair will state that the rules of the House are that the gentleman must reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. QUINN: Mr. Speaker, I move that this matter be tabled at this time and specially assigned for Tuesday of next week.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Quinn, moves that Bill "An Act Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates," House Paper 191, Legislative Document 196, be retabled pending third reading and specially assigned for Tuesday next, March 15. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the second item of unfinished business, House Order requesting information from the Department of Health and Welfare on A.D.C. cases, tabled on March 8 by the gentleman from Strong, Mr. Jennings, pending passage; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of the same gentleman, the Order received passage.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the third item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Muskrats in Oxford County," House Paper 294, Legislative Document 306, tabled on March 8 by the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald, pending acceptance of the Report; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. MacDonald: Mr. Speaker: I tabled this matter day before yesterday in order to read the bill. I have done that and I have talked to the gentleman from Brownfield, Mr.

Olpe, who filed this bill and I have talked to a number of others and some members of this Committee, and to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, and now I move that the bill be retabled until Wednesday of next week, because there may at that time be a motion to send it back to Committee.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The gentleman from Rumford, Mr. MacDonald, moves that the Report and Bill be retabled pending acceptance of the Committee Report and specially assigned for next Wednesday, March 16. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Report and Bill were so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the fourth item of unfinished business, House Report "Ought not to pass" of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Deer in Vinalhaven," House Paper 7, Legislative Document 6, tabled on March 8 by the gentleman from North Haven, Mr. Baird, pending acceptance of the report and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Baird of North Haven, the "Ought not to pass" Report of the Committee was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the first tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Retail Sale Under Sales Tax Law," Senate Paper 138, Legislative Document 330, tabled on March 3 by the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, pending third reading.

The House will be at ease.

House at Ease

Called to order by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Roundy, moves that the Bill lie upon the table pending third reading and be specially assigned for next Wednesday, March 16. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was so tabled and assigned.

The SPEAKER pro tem: The Chair lays before the House the second tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Gouldsboro School District," House Paper 618, Legislative Document 625, tabled on March 8 by the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Butler, pending third reading and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Thereupon, Mr. Butler of Franklin offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 618, L. D. 625, Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Gouldsboro School District."

Amend said Bill by striking out the first 5 sentences of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentences:

"There shall be 5 trustees, one of whom shall always be a member of the school board and one of whom shall be a selectman. The school board and the board of selectmen shall each appoint their respective member within 2 weeks after each annual town meeting, and in case a vacancy shall occur, a new member shall be chosen to take his place within 10 days. The remaining 3 trustees shall be chosen in the following manner. As soon as may be after the acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided, the municipal officers of the town of Gouldsboro shall appoint 3 trustees of said district, to hold office as follows respectively: 1 until the next annual town meeting, 1 until the town meeting 1 year following and 1 until the annual town meeting 2 years following. At each annual town meeting of the town of Gouldsboro, beginning with the annual town meeting after the acceptance of this act, 1 trustee shall be elected to serve until the annual town meeting occurring 3 years thereafter."

House Amendment "A" was then adopted, the Bill was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" and sent to the Senate.

At this point, Speaker Trafton returned to the rostrum and Mr. Childs was conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to his seat on the floor amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair now lays before the House the third tabled and today assigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Liens on Property for Inheritance Taxes, Senate Paper 434, Legislative Document 1193, tabled on March 9 by the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, pending reference; and the Chair recognizes that gentleman.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: With the approval and permission of the Chairman of the Committee on Taxation, Mr. Sanford, I now move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that this bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence and was sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rangeley, Mr. Harnden.

Mr. HARNDEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up the fourth unassigned matter, L. D. 283, and that it be recommitted to the Committee on Labor and I want to add that this has their approval.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rangeley, Mr. Harnden, moves that the House take from the table the fourth tabled and unassigned matter, Bill "An Act relating to Records of Time Worked by Male Employees Sixteen Years of Age or Over," House Paper 305, Legislative Document 283, tabled on March 3 by that gentleman pending assignment for third reading. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Bill with accompanying papers was re-committed to the Committee on Labor and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs.

Mr. CHILDS: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire from the Clerk if the House has in its possession Legislative Document 361, which was passed to be enacted on March 9?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that that Legislative Document is in possession of the House.

Mr. CHILDS: For the purpose of an amendment, I now move that on this Legislative Document 361 we reconsider our action whereby this was passed to be enacted.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Childs, moves that the House reconsider its action whereby it passed to be enacted on March 9, Bill "An Act Repealing Special Duty of State Police Re Registration of Motor Vehicles and Licensing of Operators", Senate Paper 171, Legislative Document 361. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Thereupon, on further motion of the same gentleman the House voted, under suspension of the rules, to reconsider its action whereby the Bill was passed to be engrossed on March 2.

The same gentleman then offered House Amendment "A" and moved its adoption.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 171, L. D. 361, Bill "An Act Repealing Special Duty of State Police Re Registration of Motor Vehicles, and Licensing of Operators."

Amend said bill by inserting before the headnote thereof the words, "Sec. 1."

Further amend said bill by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. R. S., c. 15, Sec. 2 amended. Section 2 of chapter 15 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence therein the following sentence:

'The state police shall also aid the state highway commission in the enforcement of its rules and orders and permit regulations.'

House Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill as amended by

House Amendment "A" was passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Hartland, Mr. Gardner.

Thereupon, the same gentleman was granted unanimous consent to address the House.

Mr. GARDNER: Mr. Speaker, under suspension of the rules, I ask permission to introduce a resolve in favor of one Lewis Schillinger.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hartland, Mr. Gardner, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve. The Clerk will read the title.

Would the gentleman like to defer the introduction of his resolve and make remarks?

Mr. GARDNER: I would like to make a remark, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. GARDNER: Mr. Speaker, about two weeks ago, Mr. Schillinger had a shock and he is totally paralyzed. At this time, he is in the hospital and he has to have constant care and has no visible means of support. This would have been in had this happened earlier but this happened within the last two weeks.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Hartland, Mr. Gardner, requests unanimous consent to introduce a resolve at this time notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve providing for State Pension for Lewis Schillinger of St. Albans.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this resolve by unanimous consent? The Chair hears none and the resolve is received.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Hartland, the Resolve (H. P. 1116) was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the same gentleman from Hartland, Mr. Gardner.

Mr. GARDNER: Mr. Speaker, I have another resolve here for one

Emily Page. She is totally disabled and in a home. She has arthritis and it is the diagnosis of the doctors that she is totally disabled and she has no means of support.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Hartland, Mr. Gardner, requests unanimous consent to introduce another resolve, notwithstanding the cloture order. The Clerk will read the title of the resolve.

The CLERK: Resolve providing for State Pension for Emily Page of St. Albans.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this resolve notwithstanding the cloture order? The Chair hears none and the resolve is received.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Gardner of Hartland, the Resolve (H. P. 1117) was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Greene.

Mr. GREENE: Mr. Speaker, I beg consent, the unanimous approval of the House, to introduce a bill to incorporate a school district in the City of Belfast. The reason for this is that our school committee has been making an extended survey as to what disposition they should make of this and only gave me this request day before yesterday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Belfast, Mr. Greene, requests unanimous consent to introduce a bill, at this time, notwithstanding the cloture order.

The Clerk will read the title.

The CLERK: Bill "An Act to Incorporate The Memorial School District in Belfast."

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair hear objection to the reception of this bill at this time notwithstanding the cloture order?

The Chair hears none and the bill is received.

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Greene of Belfast, the Bill (H. P. 1118) was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston,

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 15, at ten o'clock in the morning.