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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Tuesday, January 20, 1959

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Alfred H. Ives of Gardiner.

On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset.

Journal of last Thursday read and approved.

House Papers

“Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Oxford for Supplies Furnished Edward Bressette.” (H. P. 1) (L. D. 10)

“Resolve to Reimburse Town of Oakland for Aid to Family of Leo Cote.” (H. P. 2) (L. D. 11)

“Resolve in Favor of Robert H. Anderson of Falls Church, Virginia.” (H. P. 25)

“Resolve in Favor of Town of Bethel for Aid to Charles F. Cone.” (H. P. 26)

“Resolve to Reimburse Douglas Motor Transportation Company of Auburn.” (H. P. 27)

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

Bill, “An Act Relating to State Aid for School Construction.” (H. P. 3) (L. D. 12)

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

“Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election.” (H. P. 4) (L. D. 13)

Which was referred to the Committee on Election Laws in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act to Construct a Bridge Between Lubec and Campobello Island.” (H. P. 5) (L. D. 14)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Relating to Rules and Regulations in Fishing.” (H. P. 6) (L. D. 15)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Issuance of Hunting Licenses by Any Town Clerk.” (H. P. 7) (L. D. 16)

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

Bill, “An Act Relating to Weekly Benefits for Total Unemployment Under Employment Security Law.” (H. P. 8) (L. D. 17)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Dependency Allowances Under Employment Security Law.” (H. P. 9) (L. D. 18)

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Relating to Residence of Trustees of Monmouth Academy.” (H. P. 10) (L. D. 19)

Bill, “An Act Permitting Municipalities to Raise Money for Buildings of Certain Academies.” (H. P. 11) (L. D. 20)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Town Meetings of Sanford.” (H. P. 12) (L. D. 21)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Pilots for the Port of Portland.” (H. P. 14) (L. D. 23)

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

Bill, “An Act Extending the Territory of Brunswick Sewer District.” (H. P. 13) (L. D. 22)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Increasing Salary of Members of the Legislature.” (H. P. 15) (L. D. 24)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Travel Allowance for Members of the Legislature.” (H. P. 16) (L. D. 25)

Which were referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Relating to Rental of Northern Cumberland Municipal Court.” (H. P. 17) (L. D. 26)

Bill, “An Act to Increase the Salary of Judge of the Northern Cumberland Municipal Court.” (H. P. 18) (L. D. 27)

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

Bill, “An Act Repealing Relative Responsibility in Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled.” (H. P. 19) (L. D. 28)

Which was referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

**Referred to Committees
Senate Papers
Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland Presented "Resolve to Provide Training in Fisheries Trade." (S. P. 45)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

Election Laws

Mr. Ross of Sagadahoc presented Bill, "An Act to Eliminate the Straight Party Ballot in Elections." (S. P. 46)

Which was referred to the Committee on Election Laws and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot

ORDERED, the House concurring, that no bill for private or special legislation be received by this Legislature after 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, February 5th, 1959, and that no other bill or resolve be received by this Legislature after 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, February 12th, 1959, except by unanimous consent in the body in which it is introduced; and it is further

ORDERED, that for the purpose of this Order, all bills and resolves which have been filed with the Director of Legislative Research within the time limits herein established shall be considered as received, provided such bills and resolves shall be properly titled and accompanied by sufficient information and data required for their preparation. The Director of Legislative Research shall communicate to the Senate and House, respectively, on the first Legislative day following the respective time limits herein established, a list of all bills and resolves in the process of preparation in his office, and shall report to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House respectively on the first Legislative day of each week beginning February 24th a list of bills and resolves remaining in process of completion in his office, together with a second communication which shall show a list of completed bills ready to be taken by

their respective Legislative sponsors, and it is further

ORDERED, that any bill or resolve which shall be received in either body of this Legislature by unanimous consent after the times above set shall stand referred to the One Hundredth Legislature if unanimous consent for its reception is not given in the other body in concurrence. This Order shall not apply to bills reported by any joint standing or joint select committee in the regular course of business, nor to such bills and resolves as are intended only to facilitate the business of the Ninety-ninth Legislature; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Secretary of the Senate shall cause to be published a summary of the first paragraph of this Order in all daily papers in the State at least twice prior to February 5th, 1959. (S. P. 47)

Mr. WOODCOCK of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, before the vote is taken on this order I would like to address a few brief remarks to this important cloture order, the same being the Joint Order that was presented to the Senate for concurrence. If this order is passed it sets up, as you have heard, February 5th as the date beyond which, without unanimous consent no private and special legislation may be introduced, and February 12th for resolves and public acts.

This cloture order, which has had full comment from the leadership in both branches and both parties, seeks to speed up the legislative process, and that acceleration, if it materializes, would be of benefit to the state of Maine. Because of the late convening of the legislature due to the calendar, it gives us one week less for filing bills, but those of us concerned with this matter feel that every member of the legislature, both House and Senate, would have full opportunity to introduce any legislation in which he may be interested.

The effect of this order, if it receives passage, depends directly upon the full cooperation of the members of the Senate and of the other branch as to its observance. If you want to make light of it, you can allow, after these dates any bills

and resolves to be introduced by unanimous consent.

To emphasize once more, this is the time to speed up the legislative process for the benefit of the State of Maine and, of course, the benefit of the various legislators who are here.

Thereupon the Order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.