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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

HOUSE.

Saturday, March 6, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hope of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Orphans' Home for Maintenance.

This resolve was introduced in the Senate under a suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs. (Tabled pending concurrent action on motion by Mr. Welch of Machiasport.)

From the Senate: Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourned it be to meet at 9 o'clock in the forenoon Tuesday, March 9, 1915.

The SPEAKER: I would suggest that it would be well before presenting this order to make the hour at 10 o'clock, as some of the members that went home did so with that understanding; but the Chair does not wish to dictate.

Mr. ST. CLAIR of Calais: Mr. Speaker, I think most of the members who have gone home intend to be here Monday night, so as to be here in time to attend the opening of the session at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. SMITH of Hampden: Mr. Speaker, I think the delegation from Bangor will not get here until 9.39 in the morning.

Mr. ST. CLAIR: Mr. Speaker, the feeling that I have in this matter is that we have already been here over two months, and we ought to finish up this legislative session this month, and it seems to me that the legislators should be here to do their work and that we should do as much work as possible at each session. If members choose to go home, it does not seem

to me that the legislative business of the State of Maine should be held up because a few of them would not be back here Monday night.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, if it becomes imperative, we might stay an hour later in the afternoon and have an afternoon session, and so far as the train service is concerned the delegations from the eastern part of the State will not arrive here until within half an hour after the time of opening if we concur with the Senate; and I move that when we adjourn it be to 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The motion was seconded.

The question being on the motion to amend the Senate Order by substituting the word "ten" for the word "nine",

Mr. Benn of Hodgdon called for a division.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will suggest that a division would not be very desirable at this time.

Mr. ST. CLAIR: Mr. Speaker, there ought to be some way of ascertaining whether the majority of the members present desire to adjourn this House until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning or not. If the gentlemen on the other side wish to raise the point that there are not enough of us here to do business, that is another matter. We have here a respectable number of members of the House, and undoubtedly some of them are anxious to do the business of the House, and there ought to be some way of finding out whether it is the sense of these members to adjourn to 9 o'clock or until 10 o'clock. Personally, I think we ought to be here at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning ready to do the business of the House.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will put the question to a viva voce vote, and if that does not ascertain the desire of the members we will ascertain in some other method.

The question being on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Hampden, Mr. Smith, to substitute the word "ten" for the word "nine" in the Senate Order,

A viva voce vote being taken,

The motion was agreed to, and the

order as amended received a passage, and was returned to the Senate.

From the Senate: An Act to incorporate the Wells Beach Lighting District.

This bill was received in the Senate under a suspension of the rule and referred to the committee on judiciary. (Tabled pending concurrent action on motion by Mr. Ryder of Brownville.)

Senate Bills on First Reading.

Senate 125: Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Gorham, for permanent improvements and repairs.

Senate 246: An Act to amend Section 71 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 24 of the Public Laws of 1913, in regard to the release or discharge of attachments.

Senate 215: An Act to establish a State Reformatory for Women.

This bill received its first and second readings.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill received its second reading, and on further motion by Mr. Pierce the bill was tabled for the printing of the amendments.

Senate 243: Resolve appropriating money to aid in rebuilding Spruce Head bridge, in the town of South Thomaston.

Senate 245: Resolve in favor of appropriation to repair bridge in the town of Addison.

From the Senate: Majority and minority reports from the committee on State prison on Resolve in favor of the purchase of land in some suitable location and the erection thereon of buildings for a new State prison; majority reporting "ought to pass" and minority reporting "ought not to pass".

On motion by Mr. Millett of Belfast both reports were tabled pending the acceptance of either report.

From the Senate: Bill, An Act to prohibit the fishing for herring in Sheepscot River and its tributaries by the use of purse or drag seines.

In the House this bill received its three several readings and was passed

to be engrossed, and comes from the Senate amended in that branch by Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Jameson of Friendship, the bill was laid upon the table.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House bill, An Act for the relief of the blind residents of Maine. This bill was passed to be enacted in the Senate; it was then sent to the Governor; it was then recalled from the Governor by the Senate, and comes to the House amended in the Senate by Senate Amendments A and B.

On motion by Mr. St. Clair of Calais the votes were reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Campbell of Island Falls, Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. McIntire of Waterford, Senate Amendment B was adopted in concurrence.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendments A and B.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented, and on recommendation of the committee of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Nicholas of Eastport: Resolve, in favor in favor of H. E. Nicholas, Secretary Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Fay of Dexter: An Act to amend Section one, Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relative to banks and banking. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Education.

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: Resolution of Oxford County Pomona Grange, representing 2000 members, in favor of distribution of State School funds according to aggregate attendance; also of Mountain Grange, representing 275 members, in favor of same; also of West Paris Grange, representing 120 members, in favor of same; also of Pleasant River Grange, representing 166 members, in favor of same; also of Solid Rock

Grange, representing 102 members, in favor of same.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Michaud of Van Buren: An Act in favor of closing up Violette Brook from Hammod's Mill up, to all kinds of fishing for two years.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Fay of Dexter: An Act to repeal Chapter 158, Public Laws, 1911, relative to annual examination and verification of savings accounts. (Ordered printed and referred).

By Mr. Wilson of Levant: Petition of M. E. Haskell and five other residents of State of Maine, against the enactment of House Bill No. 144; also petition of Alice M. Patler and 33 other residents of the State of Maine against same.

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: Resolutions of Oxford Pomona Grange, representing 2000 members, favoring An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to corporations for the operation of telegraphs or telephones; also resolutions of the following: Upton Grange representing 58 members; West Peru Grange representing 120 members; Solid Rock Grange representing 102 members; Mountain Grange representing 275 members and Pleasant River Grange, representing 166 members, all in favor of same.

Labor.

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: An Act to amend Chapter 39 of the Public Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 26 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the weekly payment of wages. (Ordered printed and referred.)

State School for Feeble Minded

By Mr. Jordan of Baileyville: An Act to provide for the care, support and maintenance of the State poor. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Haskell from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Mr. Higgins from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a temporary loan for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve authorizing the State Treasurer to procure a temporary loan for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Mr. Gerrish from the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the use of firearms upon Megunticook Lake and adjacent waters and tributaries thereof, in Knox and Waldo Counties, and upon the shores thereof.

Same gentleman from same committee on petition of the Lake Kezar Fish and Game Association, relating to changes in the laws applying to fishing in Lake Kezar and its tributaries, in Lovell, Stoneham and Stow, in Oxford County, reported bill, An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in the tributaries to Lake Kezar and to the tributaries to Kezar River, in the county of Oxford, also bill, An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in Lake Kezar, in the towns of Lovell, Stoneham and Stow, in Oxford County, and that both bills "ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same committee on petition of John S. Doane and 27 others and on Resolve in favor of extending the open season for fly fishing in the pool at the upper dam and the river running from said pool to Lake Mollychunkamunk, reported bill, An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in the pool at Upper Dam and in the river from said pool to Lake Mollychunka-

munk, in the county of Oxford, and that it "ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same committee on petition of E. F. Coburn and 18 others, reported bill, An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Rapid River, between Lower Richardson Lake and Umbagog Lake, and in Pond in the River, in the county of Oxford, and that it "ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass", An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in certain waters in Oxford County.

Same gentleman from same committee, on petition of E. E. Hastings and 28 others, residents of Oxford County, reported bill, An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in Lower Kezar Pond, in the town of Fryeburg, in Oxford County, and in the town of Bridgton, in Cumberland County and that the same "ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in the Davis ponds in Guilford and Willimantic, in the county of Piscataquis.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Bent's Pond, so-called, in the town of New Sharon, in Franklin County, and in the town of Vienna, in Kennebec County.

Mr. Campbell from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to authorize the town of Millinocket to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

Mr. Lewis from the committee on

legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 20 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act authorizing the town of Caribou to accept a certain legacy."

Mr. Greenleaf from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend the charter of the People's Ferry Company.

Mr. Hill from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Company.

Mr. Greenleaf from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the time within which the Farmington-Oakland Railway shall actually commence business.

Mr. Hill from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Corinna Water Company.

Mr. Thombs from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Brewer Water Company, as amended by Chapter 170 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Mr. Lewis from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Bowdoinham Water & Electric Company.

Mr. Clifford from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Washburn Water Company.

Mr. Greenleaf from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Casco Bay Water Company.

Mr. Clifford from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Livermore and Augusta Railway Company.

Mr. Small from the committee on pensions, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of George F. Phillips for State pension.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Frederick Brown.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on

Resolve in favor of George N. Holland of Hampden.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve in favor of Harry J. Bean of Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve in favor of Jesse Bachelder.

Mr. Greenleaf from the Portland Delegation, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An Act to amend Chapter 121 of the Private Laws of 1911, relating to Board of Overseers of the Poor of the city of Portland.

Mr. Michaud from the committee on public health, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve providing for a laboratory building for the State Board of Health.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act making it unlawful for persons to falsely represent themselves as deaf, dumb, blind, crippled or otherwise defective.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve providing for an epidemic or emergency fund.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to authorize the removal of bodies of deceased persons from the Guilford cemetery.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to prevent milk-borne outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1913, regulating the sale of morphine and other hypnotic or narcotic drugs.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 26 of the Public Laws of 1907 and Chapter 40 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

Mr. Greenleaf from committee on revision of the statutes, reported "ought

to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings on demurrers.

Mr. Thombs from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to fees by clerks of courts in naturalization proceedings.

Mr. Greenleaf from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 69 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duration of attachments.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section one of Chapter 186 of the Public Laws of 1907 and by Chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the presentation of claims against estates.

Mr. McCarty from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to punish escapes from jail.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to the payment of legacies.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 19 of the Public Laws, relating to obstruction of the drainage of public ways.

Mr. Clifford from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 89 of Chapter nine of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 184 of the Public Laws of 1907, Chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1909 and Chapter 46 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the choice of assessors of taxes.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to crossings of rights of way of railroads organized under Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to returns of lists of stockholders in banks to Secretary of State.

Mr. Jameson of the committee on sea and shore fisheries reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to repeal Special Law 1895, Chapter 238, entitled "An Act relating to the use of purse and drag seines in the Georges river."

Mr. Small of same committee reported

"ought to pass" on bill, An Act establishing a close time on lobsters in certain waters of Hancock county.

Mr. Goldthwait of same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 380, of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the taking of lobsters and setting lobster traps in the waters of Gouldsboro and other towns.

Mr. Mulligan of same committee reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensations of fish wardens.

Mr. Greely of the committee on towns reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act in favor of the union of the towns of Dover and Foxcroft as one municipality.

The reports were accepted and the several bills and resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Gerrish from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petitions of Geo. W. Harthorn of Milford and 20 other citizens of Old Town, Argyle, Bangor and Newport, and on petition of F. C. Barton and 53 residents of Bradley and vicinity, in Penobscot county, asking that the law permitting the taking of salmon with drift nets on the Penobscot river, from Waterworks Dam at Bangor to Seboeis river, be restored, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on resolve to provide for screening the outlet of Schoodic lake, with petition of L. F. Johnson and 60 others in favor of same.

Same gentleman from same committee, on petition of John A. Story and 43 other residents of Grand Lake Stream, Washington county, asking for a law to permit the taking of white perch in Grand, Junior, Compass, Dobsis and Tributary lakes, for sale, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. (Tabled pending its acceptance on motion by Mr. Jordan of Baileyville.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste into Dyer's river, in the coun-

ty of Lincoln, with petition of M. L. Hopkins and 16 others, residents of Lincoln county, for same.

Mr. Small, from the committee on pensions, reported "ought not to pass" on resolve providing a pension for T. Frank Winter.

Mr. Mulligan, from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 91 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the size of smoked herring boxes.

Mr. Michaud, from the committee on public health, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to provide for the dressing of poultry and game.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to regulate the weight, sale, purity and price of ice.

Mr. Fay from the committee on taxation, on Resolve to amend Article 22 of the Constitution, relating to limitations of municipal indebtedness, reported that the same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

The reports were accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 471: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing a road in the town of Abbot.

House 472: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing a bridge across the Piscataquis River in the town of Howland.

House 473: Resolve in favor of aid in building a road in the towns of Amherst, County of Hancock, and Clifton, County of Penobscot.

House 474: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing Seboeis Bridge in the town of Howland.

House 475: Resolve in favor of Indian Township for the repair of roads and bridges.

House 476: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing Mill Cove Bridge in the town of Robbinston.

House 477: An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport Bridge.

House 478: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing bridge across the Penobscot River in the towns of Enfield and Howland.

House 479: Resolve in favor of the

town of Merrill to aid in building a bridge.

House 480: Resolve in favor of aid in constructing a road in the plantation of New Canada.

House 481: Resolve in favor of repairing a road in the town of Columbia, Washington County.

House 482: Resolve in favor of aid in repairing the international bridge between the towns of Van Buren, Maine, and St. Leonards, New Brunswick.

House 483: Resolve in favor of monuments in memory of Benedict Arnold's expedition through Maine to Quebec.

House 484: Resolve in favor of the New England Fruit Show.

House 485: Resolve to provide for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 156 of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act to regulate the packing, shipping and sale of apples."

House 486: Resolve for weights and measures.

House 487: An Act to create a Crop Pest Commission.

House 488: Resolve in favor of the Bureau of Horticulture.

House 494: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution giving political rights to women upon equal terms with men.

House 498: Resolve in favor of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, for the years 1915 and 1916 in lieu of the sum provided by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1913.

House 499: An Act to amend Section One of Chapter ninety of the Public Laws of Nineteen hundred and eleven, entitled An Act relating to the protection of smelts along the coast of Maine from Casco Bay to Penobscot Bay.

House 500: An Act to amend section eight of chapter three hundred twenty-five of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, fixing the salary for the Recorder of the Municipal Court of Waterville.

House 501: An Act to amend Chapter 233 of the Private and Special

Laws of 1913, relating to the salary of the judge of the municipal court in the town of East Livermore.

House 502: An Act to amend Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 123 of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing officers in the discharge of their duties.

House 503: An Act to provide for conducting scientific investigations bearing upon the agriculture of Aroostook county.

House 504: An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 113 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to taking smelts in tide waters.

House 505: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, providing for the election on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November biennially of Governors, senators, representatives and other officers now required to be elected on the second Monday of September biennially.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 150: An Act to equalize the salaries of the registers of probate.

Senate 205: An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 489 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, entitled "An Act to supply the town of Lubec with pure water."

Senate 237: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes relating to proceedings of judges of probate in vacation.

Orders of the Day

Mr. O'CONNELL of Millinocket: Mr. Speaker, I desire unanimous consent to introduce a bill under suspension of the rules out of order.

The desired consent being granted by the House, Mr. O'Connell introduced bill, An Act relating to the employment of labor; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on labor.

On motion by Mr. Lord of Ellsworth, Adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.