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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 15, 1919.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Perry of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bonds of Hon. Joseph W. Simpson, State Treasurer, Nos. 3 and 3056, fifty thousand dollars each.

These bonds came from the Senate, referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

In the House both bonds were referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in concurrence.

The following bills and resolves were received, and on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

Education

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Bill An Act amending Sections 20 and 21 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 261 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to moneys received for the sale of timber and grass on reserved lands.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland voted that the bill be referred to the committee on taxation.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Lausier of Biddeford: An Act to amend Section nine of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of witnesses.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act to provide for the establishment of State parks and forest reserves in the Mt. Katahdin region and elsewhere within the State of Maine. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Re-

solve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in Madawaska, Arrostook county.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Crane of Whiting: Resolve in favor of Township No. 14, Washington county.

Mr. BERRY of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. Carey, representative from Waterville, has been detained at home on account of sickness, but is now present and desires to qualify. I move that a committee of one be appointed to escort him to the Governor and Council in order that he may take the oath necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Berry of Waterville was appointed a committee to conduct Mr. Carey as a member-elect to the Governor to receive the oath necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson, it was ordered that the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association be granted the use of the hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 22, for the purpose of holding therein the annual meeting of said association.

Mr. Allan of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am informed that the bill I had referred to the committee on taxation has reference to the distribution of money, etc.; and I move that the vote be reconsidered whereby it was referred to the committee on taxation.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, it was

Ordered, that the official reporter of the House be, and hereby is, authorized to procure the services of a type-writer operator for the use of the assistant reporter of the 79th Legislature in the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record, at an expense

not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars.

Passed to Be Enacted

The SPEAKER: The following bill comes to us on its passage to be enacted and carries the emergency clause which requires a two-thirds vote of the entire elective membership of the House: Bill, an Act to appropriate moneys for the cost of the 1919 session of the Legislature, for payment of all salaries fixed by law, for general departmental expenses of the State government, and for ordinary current expenses of maintenance of the State institutions required for the period prior to the adjournment of the present Legislature. This bill having received its two several readings in the Senate, and passed to be engrossed, and having received its three several readings in the House and passed to be engrossed, and having been reported by the committee on engrossed bills as truly and strictly engrossed, is it now the pleasure of the House that it be passed to be enacted? On this there will have to be a rising vote by divisions in order to establish the necessary two-thirds vote. All those who are in favor of the passage of this bill to be enacted will rise and stand until counted and will the monitors attend to the count?

A division being had, 109 voted in the affirmative, and none in the negative, and the bill was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, your committee appointed to conduct George A. Phillips of Bar Harbor to the Governor to qualify as a member of the House has attended to its duty and returns herewith the evidence of his qualification and reports that Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor is in attendance as a member of the House.

The report was thereupon duly accepted.

The SPEAKER: The House welcomes to his seat among us the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Phillips.

Mr. HOLLEY of North Anson: Mr. Speaker, at this time I want to say a word along the line of the meeting of this budget committee. Those of you who attended the caucus last evening will not perhaps be interested because I have no doubt you have already made up your minds to attend these meetings whenever you can, and are not otherwise engaged. The appropriation committee asks for the close cooperation of every member of this body in assisting it to work out some good, clean line of rigid economy in the finances of this State, and only by your closest cooperation, and only by your attendance at these hearings which are of vast importance, can you assist us in doing that; and we believe that you owe it to yourselves and to your constituents to educate yourselves along the line of the finances of the State, and you can do that only by attending these hearings. This afternoon the hearing will be in the Senate chamber at 2.30. There is plenty of room, and if there is not we can adjourn somewhere else. I earnestly hope that every man here who can spare the time will attend. I think he will profit by it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair feels that the remarks by the gentleman from North Anson (Mr. Holley) are timely, and certainly the members of the Legislature ought to be interested in this matter of the budget. Yesterday in the Council chamber there were comparatively few members of the Legislature in attendance to see what was going on in the way of appropriations. You ought to have so many there that it would be necessary to move from the Senate chamber into the House.

On motion by Mr. Holley of North Anson,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.