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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 22, 1919.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Winslade of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Message from the Executive

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Immediately upon the organization of the Committee on Public Safety, in March, 1917, Walker Blaine Beale, telephoning from his college dormitory, placed at the disposition of the committee the house which had been the home of his distinguished grandfather. He did this without reserve, and with all the ardor of his high spirit. His heart, if not his home, had ever been in Maine, and he gave this expression of the love he bore her, and of the obligation imposed by birth, by the blood that Maine had honored, and which by illustrious service had honored Maine.

He was not to live to see the full execution of his filial and patriotic purpose by the uses to which this house was dedicated, and to which, though the committee no longer exists, it continues to be dedicated in his memory by his mother.

From it the food production of the State was stimulated—a valuable adjunct to the navy was created, unique among the States—our people aroused and united as never before in unselfish effort. And in the appalling epidemic which swept the State, it was from here that the emergency committee directed the fight against it, and heroic messengers of mercy were sent forth to our stricken communities.

Today, it is the repository of the faithful records of the Exemption Boards—the records of those who served and who were ready to serve,

alike with the records of the few who failed in this great test of men.

This benefaction to the State was the least gift the author of it was to give to the great cause in which his whole heart was enlisted. He volunteered, he died in action. No nobler eulogy can any man have than this!

There have been many heroes in this war, and heroines, too, far from the battle line. But in the words of that great American whom a nation has just been called upon to mourn, "The torches whose flame was brightest were borne by the gallant men at the front, and by the gallant women whose husbands and lovers, whose sons and brothers, were at the front."

On the roll of eternal honor of those who will never come back, no name shall rank another!

For all made equal sacrifice. Among them there is in our hearts no room for invidious comparison, nor can there be in theirs. Recruited from college, factory and from farm, they lived over there as they left us here; in affectionate comradeship, the grandest democratic army the world has ever seen!

Not, therefore, to him alone, but to all our youth, whose exemplar he was, by virtue of his manly and endearing qualities, do I refer, when I call your attention for appropriate action to the memory of Walker Blaine Beale, in the name of all those who fell—in the name of our sorrowing womanhood, whose sorrows can never equal the pride and joy those sorrows give them the right to feel.

CARL E. MILLIKEN,
Governor.

Dated at the
Executive Chamber
January 21, 1919.

In the Senate: This message was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. In the House referred to that committee in concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Simons of Gardiner: Resolve in favor of the W. C. T. U. Temporary Home, Gardiner, for care, support and education of neglected or dependent children, whose parents or grandparents are unable, and whose relatives are unwilling to properly support and maintain them.

By Mr. Clason of Lisbon: Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf for maintenance.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: Resolve in favor of the Waldo County General hospital for repairs.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Home for Aged Women in Belfast.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Waldo County General hospital for maintenance.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine for maintenance.

Education

By Mr. Hussey of Blaine: Resolve in favor of Aroostook Central Institute at Mars Hill.

By Mr. Pattee of Harmony: Resolve in favor of Hartland Academy, for repairs and equipment.

Indian Affairs

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: An Act to amend Section 48 of Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

By the same gentleman: Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the years 1919 and 1920.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Audibert of Ft. Kent: An Act authorizing George F. L'Abbee of Eagle Lake plantation to maintain a dam in Wallagrass river.

By Mr. Sweatt of Andover: Resolve in favor of lighting the Narrows between Upper and Lower Richardson lakes.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve in aid of navigation on Lewey, Long and Big lakes.

Judiciary

By Mr. Cunningham of Patten: An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, to provide for actual

notice of sale for taxes of land in places not incorporated.

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: An Act to authorize cities and towns to raise money to aid hospitals and sanatoriums.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the acknowledgment of deeds.

By Mr. Jones of Bangor: An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 211 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the powers and duties of the clerk of the Bangor municipal court, and to amend Section 11 of Chapter 211, amended by Chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909 and by Chapter 146 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to the salaries of the judge and clerk and clerk hire of the Bangor municipal court.

By Mr. Bean of Minot: An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes relating to town and private ways. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holley of North Anson: Resolve proposing an amendment to Section 11 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing for the election of the attorney general by the people.

By the same gentleman: Resolve proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Part 3 of Article V of the Constitution, and providing for the election of the secretary of State by the people.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor: An Act to extend the charter of the Salisbury Cove Water Co.

By Mr. Clason of Lisbon: An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 50 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, authorizing the town of Lisbon to supply gas and electricity.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Dain of Bath: An Act to temporarily increase the salaries of the county officials of the county of Sagadahoc.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 117 of

the Revised Statutes, relating to clerk hire in county offices.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: An Act for the preservation, perpetuation and increase of the forests of the State of Maine. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Towns

By Mr. Sweatt of Andover: An Act annexing the town of Grafton in Oxford county to the town of Newry in said county.

By the same gentleman: Petition of W. B. Wight and 49 others asking for the annexation of the town of Grafton, Oxford county, to the town of Newry in said county.

By the same gentleman: Petition of J. W. Bartlett and 29 others asking for same.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Owen of Milo: An Act to extend the authority of the American Thread Company to erect a bridge across Sebec river in the town of Milo.

By Mr. Williams of Wells: Resolve in favor of the improvement and repair of the Wells River bridge, located in the town of Wells.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of improvement and repair of Ogunquit River bridge, located in the Ogunquit Village Corporation in the town of Wells.

By Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls: Resolve to continue the resolve under Chapter 90 of the Resolves of 1917 for the North Yarmouth Academy Grant, Township No. 1, Range 4, Aroostook county.

By Mr. Varney of Jonesboro: Resolve for rebuilding Station road in Jonesboro.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve to aid in repairing the Vanceboro road, so called, in Township No. 9, Range 2, and No. 1, Range 3, in Washington county.

By Mr. Reed of Bangor: Resolve reimbursing the county commissioners of Penobscot county for the cost of repairs to the State bridge across the Penobscot river between the city of Old Town and the town of Milford.

By Mr. Owen of Milo: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair

of a highway in the town of Orneville, in the county of Piscataquis, and to provide for its future maintenance.

By Mr. Pattee of Harmony: Resolve for aid in repairing and permanently improving a highway in the town of Ripley.

By Mr. Swift of Greenwood: Resolve for the repair of an unimproved highway in the town of Dixfield.

By Mr. Bean of Minot: Resolve in favor of reconstructing road from the West Minot railroad station in the town of Minot to the Western Maine State Sanatorium, in the town of Hebron, adjoining.

By Mr. Audibert of Ft. Kent: Resolve continuing unexpended balance of appropriation provided by Chapter 321 of the Resolves of 1913, entitled "Resolve in favor of aid in the construction of a highway bridge across the St. John river, between Ft. Kent, Maine, and St. Francis, New Brunswick.

By Mr. Sweatt of Andover: Resolve appropriating money for the repair of the Middle Dam Carry road in the town of Upton and Magalloway Plantation.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a committee of two on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed with authority to procure a suitable portrait of the late Selden Connor, formerly governor of Maine, the said portrait to be hung in an appropriate location in the State Capitol. Before incurring any expenses in connection with this order the committee shall obtain the approval of the Governor and Council.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, it was voted to take from the table joint resolve for the creation of a commission to investigate the entire question of ownership and development by the State of the undeveloped water powers within the State and all issues necessarily involved therein, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton it was voted to take from the table the resolve to reimburse the city of Biddeford for money paid to soldiers' and sailors' dependents; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was re-

ferred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.