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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 29, 1919.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Folsom of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of 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:

Agriculture

By Mr. Baxter of Portland: An Act to amend Sections 1, 10, 11 and 24, of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, and to add one additional section to said chapter, all relating to the survey and sale of wood, bark, coal, hoops, staves and lumber, also new section relating to scales and measuring devices.

By Mr. Austin of Milford: Resolve making an appropriation for the control of contagious diseases among domestic animals.

By Mr. Jones of Bangor: Resolve providing for aid in the payment of premiums awarded by the Eastern Maine State Fair.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association, Bangor, for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis.

By Mr. Holley of North Anson: Resolve in favor of William R. Roix.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Claims

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: Resolve in favor of Horace Purinton Company for material furnished by them in the construction of the Women's Reformatory at Skowhegan.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: Resolve to reimburse the city of Bangor for money paid to soldiers' dependents.

Education

By Mr. Owen of Milo: Petition of Harry Ladd and twelve others of Barnard Plantation relative to the rate of interest on wild land school funds.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: An Act to authorize cities, towns and plantations to place tablets in schoolhouses containing the address of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, Nov. 1863.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: An Act to amend Section 109 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to school holidays.

By Mr. Millett of Palmyra: Resolve in favor of the trustees of Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield, Maine.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Resolve in favor of Nasson Institute for the maintenance and extension of its work, and for additional equipment.

By Mr. Dunning of Charleston: Resolve in favor of Higgins Classical Institute at Charleston.

By Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle: Resolve appropriating money for repairs and permanent improvements upon the buildings of the Aroostook State Normal School.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Nelson of Fairfield: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening Oakes Pond in Skowhegan in the county of Somerset.

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening Eagle Lake in Aroostook county.

By the same gentleman: Petition of G. W. Cooper and nineteen other residents of Eagle Lake and vicinity, in the county of Aroostook, recommending an appropriation for the screening of Eagle Lake, of the Fish River chain of lakes, Aroostook county.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Private and Special Laws of 1866, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company," as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, and further amended by Chapter 141 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and by Chapter 339 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: An Act authorizing the Passadumkeag Lumber Company to erect piers and booms in Penobscot river at Passadumkeag.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 71 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to increase in toll rates of Bangor Boom Company.

By Mr. Porter of Mapleton: An Act authorizing the American Realty Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Nelson of Fairfield: An Act to incorporate the Chase Stream Improvement Company. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to adjournment of court.

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 21, Chapter 83, R. S., as amended by Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1917, relative to temporary loan by the county commissioners.

(Tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland for printing, pending reference.)

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: An Act relating to signing of certificates of shares.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: An Act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to bank holidays.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 52 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, relating to legal holidays.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 82 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, relating to exemption from arrest on certain holidays.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: An Act to amend Chapter 613 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by Chapter 314 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to establish the Western Hancock Municipal Court. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wilson of Portland: An

Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the time of opening and closing the polls. (500 copies ordered printed.)

(On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton the vote was reconsidered whereby the above bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.)

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: An Act relating to purposes for which corporations may be organized. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to the signing of proxies. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter and laws of the city of Augusta. (500 copies ordered printed.)

(On motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta the vote was re-considered whereby 500 copies were ordered printed, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the Judiciary Committee without printing.)

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Michael Burns, authorizing him to bring suit against the State of Maine.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Mason of Ellsworth: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to regular sessions of county commissioners of Hancock county.

By the same gentleman. An Act to repeal Chapter 72 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine of 1915, relating to the care and maintenance of the Mt. Desert bridge in the town of Trenton.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled "An Act to establish the Mount Desert Bridge District for the purpose of acquiring, freeing and reconstructing the Mount Desert toll bridge in the town of Trenton in Hancock county."

By Mr. Brown of Abbot: An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the proceedings of the Congregational parish in Abbot Village, Maine.

By the same gentleman: An Act to confirm the doings of the Abbot Village Congregational Church.

By Mr. Burns of Madison: An Act to extend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine."

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 82 of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 136 of the Laws of Maine for 1917, relative to the support of debtors in jail. (Tabled for printing, pending reference.)

Military Affairs

By Mr. Thomas of South Portland: An Act to provide suitable record books for soldiers and sailors for the purpose of preserving their service records.

By Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor: Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the repairs of the Castle at Fort William Henry in the town of Bristol, Maine. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Pensions

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve providing for the retirement on half pay of Frederick Brown, a former employe of the State.

By Mr. Burns of Madison: Resolve providing a state pension for Sarah F. Robinson.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Resolve providing for a state pension for John T. Clark of Hartland, Maine.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: Resolve providing a state pension for Catherine Hennessey.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Elias Lyon.

By Mr. Leathers of Hermon: Resolve in favor of Josiah L. McCobb.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Resolve providing for a State pension for Samantha J. Foss of Foxcroft, Maine.

By Mr. McLeary of Farmington: Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Industry, Franklin County, Maine.

By Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls: Resolve in favor of Mary S. Hillman.

By Mr. Jillson of Oxford: Resolve in favor of Jennie L. Barrows.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to provide for the reconstruction of the bridge between Portland and South Portland. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Forbes of Paris: An Act authorizing the Oxford Electric Company to discontinue the operation of its road and to dispose of its franchise and property. (Tabled by Mr. Barnes of Houlton for printing pending reference.)

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: An Act to extend the charter of the Livermore and Augusta Railway Company.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: An Act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapters 167, 152, 292, of the Public Laws of 1917, increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Hancock County. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wilson of Portland: An Act providing for and fixing the salary of the Probation Officer and the Assistant Probation Officer for Cumberland County.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the salary of the treasurer of Aroostook county.

By Mr. Carleton of Rockport: An Act relating to the compensation of county attorneys.

Taxation

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act relative to the taxation of money deposited in banks outside the State.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Petition of Lydia A. Bodfish and twenty-three others, residents of Piscataquis county, in favor of an appropriation for repairs on road in Elliottsville Plantation.

By Mr. Roberts of Lyman: Resolve to aid in rebuilding Raccoon Gully Culvert and repairing Raccoon Gully Hill in the town of Lyman.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Resolve appropriating money for the re-

pair of the road leading from East Crland, so-called, to the town line of Ellsworth.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing the highway in the town of Atkinson.

By Mr. Houghton of Weld: Resolve in favor of Washington and Perkins Plantations in Franklin County.

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: Resolve in favor of the town of Rumford to aid in repairing the highway leadings from Rumford Center Ferry to the Milton town line.

By Mr. Peabody of Richmond: Resolve in favor of the town of Richmond.

The SPEAKER: An Act to amend Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relative to compensation for personal injuries to employes, presented by the gentleman from Skowhegan, Mr. Smith.

Mr. SMITH of Skowhegan: I move that the bill be laid on the table for printing.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that the committee of reference has ordered the printing of 2000 copies, so undoubtedly the gentleman from Skowhegan (Mr. Smith) withdraws his motion.

Mr. SMITH: Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER: The committee of reference suggests that this bill go to the joint standing committees of labor and mercantile affairs and insurance, and that 2000 copies be printed.

Mr. BARNES of Houlton: I move that the bill lie on the table, pending reference to a committee.

A viva voce vote being doubted, a division of the House was had.

Seventy voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion that the bill lie on the table pending reference to a committee prevailed.

Mr. PIKE of Eastport: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire through the Chair when the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Barnes, will assign a time for taking from the table the measure relating to compensation for personal injuries to employes.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Houlton (Mr. Barnes) wish to reply through the Chair?

Mr. BARNES: I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, one week from next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman hears the reply.

Mr. PIKE: I would like to have the gentleman (Mr. Barnes) state for what good reason that bill should lie on the table for that length of time. This Legislature is anxious to get down to business and I can see absolutely no sense in that measure lying on the table so long. It seems to me a shorter length of time would answer the purpose of the gentleman from Houlton just as well.

Mr. BARNES: Mr. Speaker, I have not had the advantage of reading the bill. I assume it is a bill offered to cure some alleged defects in the industrial accident law or workmen's compensation law, and I would inquire of the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Pike, whether that is the purpose of the bill?

Mr. PIKE: I think it is.

Mr. BARNES: I would state further that, by one means and another, I have learned that there are to be several such bills introduced, some of them fundamentally modifying this very important State legislation. If several bills are to be introduced, they should be referred to one committee, either one of the standing committees or a select committee appointed for the purpose, and it was my object this morning to hold this bill until certain others are introduced, some of which will be introduced by next Wednesday. I do not do this for the purpose of delaying legislation or obstructing any measure, or with any ulterior motive, but with the sole purpose of having all the suggestions of the citizens of Maine presented that they may be considered at one time by one committee, and, if possible, reported in one bill.

The SPEAKER: In the gentleman from Eastport, Mr. Pike, content with the answer? There is no motion before the House as it has already been voted that the bill lie on the table.

Mr. ALLAN of Portland: If in order, I move that the compensation act be assigned for two weeks from next Wednesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair believes that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Allan, is not in order.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, House bill No. 30, An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to cinematograph and moving pictures, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will take this opportunity to announce the committee on the part of the House on the order presented by the gentleman from Monmouth, Mr. Cochrane, relating to the committee to prepare and submit resolutions expressing appreciation of the courtesy of the Chief Executive in making the members of the Legislature his guests at the recent Efficiency Conference. The Chair will appoint as such committee on the part of the House Messrs. Cochrane of Monmouth,

Storm of New Sweden and Gilmour of Westbrook.

The Chair feels that there is perhaps a misunderstanding on the part of those interested in appropriations for the institutions represented by the members of the Legislature for schools and hospitals as to this point: That having appeared before the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and having put in their estimates with the State auditor as required by law, that there the necessity of any further action ends. The Chair feels that it is wise to call the attention of the members to the fact that there must be a resolve placed before the Legislature in order for these appropriations to go through; and inasmuch as the time is so nearly closed for private and special legislation, it behooves those interested in these matters to see that a resolve is put in seasonably.

On motion by Mr. Holley of North Anson,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.