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HOUSE

Friday, January 31, 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.

The rules were suspended, and unanimous consent was given to receive an order from the Senate out of order, as follows:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 4 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The above order was passed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the librarian of the State Library be ordered to deliver forthwith to the committee on legal affairs for use in connection with their committee work ten copies of the Revised Statutes of 1916 and ten copies of the laws of 1917.

In the Senate this order was read and passed. In the House passed 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. Bean of Minot: Resolve reimbursing George H. Bean for the loss of a cow.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Resolve in favor of George A. Phillips.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Charles P. Barnes, chairman of the committee on elections.

By Mr. Warren of Portland: Resolve in favor of grading the Maine General hospital grounds.

By Mr. Owen of Milo: Resolve in favor of the Charles A. Dean hospital, Greenville Junction, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

By Mr. O'Leary of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Old Town hospital, Old Town, for the care, support, and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Maine Mission for the Deaf, Bangor, for care and support of indigent deaf persons.

By Mr. Savage of Mt. Desert: Resolve in favor of the Knox County General hospital, Rockland, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Bradford of Turner: Resolve in favor of the York County Children's Aid Society, Saco, for the 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.

Banks and Banking

By Mr. Warren of Portland: An Act to incorporate the Home Trust Company.

Claims

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of the town of Eagle Lake, to reimburse said town for a part of the excessive expenses incurred in the influenza and small pox epidemics.

By Mr. Jordan of Cape Elizabeth: Resolve in favor of the inhabitants of the town of Scarborough.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Jacob Astle.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Elizabeth J. Pierce.

Education

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Petition of W. H. Henderson and four others of the plantation of Allagash, county of Aroostook, asking that the rate of interest on wild land school fund be restored and the plantation reimbursed for their loss.

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren:

Petition of Eli A. Ouellette and 20 others of the plantation of Cyr, county of Aroostook, asking for same.

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Petition of W. P. Wheelock and 23 others of the plantation of St. John, county of Aroostook, asking for same.

By Mr. Anderson of Limerick: Resolve in favor of the trustees of Limerick Academy.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Washington.

By Mr. Brackett of Limington: Resolve in favor of Limington Academy for aid in the maintenance thereof.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Institute.

By Mr. Rowe of Yarmouth: Resolve in favor of trustees of North Yarmouth Academy.

By Mr. Cochrane of Monmouth: Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary in the town of Vassalboro.

By Mr. Bowie of Falmouth: Resolve in favor of Greeley Institute.

By Mr. Savage of Mt. Desert: Resolve in favor of Mary A. Carroll of Southwest Harbor.

By Mr. Cochrane of Monmouth: Resolve in favor of the town of Litchfield.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Sanborn of Vienna: Petition of H. A. Clark and 21 others, residents of South Jefferson and vicinity in favor of resident hunters' registration law.

By Mr. Houghton of Weld: Petition of Charles L. Harnden and 68 others, resident of Rangeley and vicinity, in favor of same.

By Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle: Petition of John Smart and 82 others, residents of Danforth and vicinity, in favor of same.

By Mr. Sweatt of Andover: Petition of B. R. Billings of Bryant's Pond, county of Oxford, and 44 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Petition of H. P. McKenney and 50 others, residents of Jackman and vicinity, in favor of same.

By Mr. Clason of Lisbon: Petition of Arthur G. Staples and 66 others,

residents of Androscoggin county, in favor of same.

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: An Act to amend Section 64 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the use of automobiles in hunting.

By Mr. Houghton of Weld: An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to protection of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, black bass and white perch.

By Mr. Brewster of Dexter: Resolve in favor of screening the outlets of the Puffer ponds, Moore's pond and Weymouth pond in Dexter, Penobscot county.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Resolve in favor of screening the outlet of Big Smith pond.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of screening the outlet of Togue pond.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening Lambert lake, in Township 11, Range 3, N. B. P. P. and in Township 1, Range 3, T. S. Washington county.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Cunningham of Patten: An Act to amend Chapter 386 of the Private and Special Laws of 1846, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Telos Canal Co." (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the East Branch Improvement Co."

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Resolve in aid of navigation on the Lower lakes.

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn. An Act to provide for a commission to be known as the "People's Rights and Water Power Commission of the State of Maine." (500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan; Petition of Winfield S. Richards and 12 others of Camden, in the county of Knox, urging the passage of House

Bill No. 3, providing for the registration of legislative counsel and agents.

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. F. Kalloch and seven others of St. George, urging same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Clarence R. Files and 10 others of Stoneham, urging same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of M. A. Dunn and 10 others of New Sharon favoring same.

By Mr. Bradford of Turner: An Act to amend Chapter 289 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water District."

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act repealing Chapter 81 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, Chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, Chapters 156 and 178 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, and Chapter 75 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to certain rights of county commissioners of Cumberland county.

By Mr. Simons of Gardiner: An Act relating to properties of dormant, disbanded or extinct religious societies.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais: An act to amend the charter of the city of Calais with reference to the Calais municipal court.

By Mr. Chaplin of Bridgton: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1819, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 152 of the Public Laws of 1823, relating to Ministerial Funds in the town of Bridgton.

By the same gentleman: An Act to establish the Northern Cumberland municipal court.

(On motion by Mr. Chaplin of Bridgton, tabled for printing, pending reference, and 1500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Murchie of Calais: An Act to amend the itinerant vendor's law.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Calais, providing for biennial elections.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: An Act additional to Chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Northport Village Corporation."

By Mr. Murchie of Calais: An Act to incorporate the Calais Power Company.

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Waterville. (Tabled by Mr. Berry of Waterville pending reference to a committee.)

By Mr. Corliss of Bath: An Act to amend Sections 16 and 17 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to registries of deed. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Labor and Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the workmen's compensation act.

(Tabled by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn, and 2000 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Old Town."

By Mr. Miller of Auburn: An Act to amend Chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled "An Act to create the Auburn Sewerage District and transferring to it the sewer system of the city of Auburn."

By Mr. Chamberlain of Winslow: An act to ratify, confirm and make valid the organization and incorporation of Winslow Grange, No. 320.

By Mr. Mitchell of Kittery: An Act to amend Chapter 424 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, changing the time of the annual meeting of the Kittery Water District.

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: An Act to authorize the city of Old Town to raise money for highway purposes by popular vote.

By Mr. Lausier of Biddeford: An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, concerning probate appeals.

By Mr. Murray of Portland: An Act amending Chapter 277 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to People's Ferry Company.

Library

By Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle: Resolve providing for the purchase of 100 copies of the Centennial History of Presque Isle.

Military Affairs

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: An Act authorizing cities and towns to erect military and naval memorial buildings, and providing for State aid therefor. (500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Mace of Westbrook: Resolve in favor of the city of Westbrook.

By Mr. Gilmour of Westbrook: Resolve in favor of the city of Westbrook.

By Mr. Fuller of Rockland: Resolve to reimburse the city of Rockland for money expended for aid to dependents of soldiers, sailors and marines.

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: Resolve to reimburse the town of Rumford for money paid to the dependents of soldiers and sailors.

Pensions

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Rena Cooley.

By Mr. Brann of Lewiston: Resolve providing for a State pension for Thomas A. Mennealy.

By Mr. Colcord of Searsport: Resolve in favor of a State pension for Julia P. Nickerson.

By Mr. Small of Brewer: Resolve granting a pension to Catherine Nelligan of Brewer.

By Mr. Grinnell of Exeter: Resolve granting a pension to Rebecca Cookson of Carmel.

By Mr. Tilden of Hallowell: Resolve in favor of William F. Livingston.

By Mr. Cochrane of Monmouth: Resolve providing a State pension for Julia E. Adams.

By Mr. Adams of Searsmont: Resolve in favor of Frank Metcalf.

By Mr. Sullivan of Lewiston: Resolve providing for a State pension for Mrs. Alfred Polk of Lewiston.

Public Health

By Mr. Hussey of Blaine: An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

By Mr. Bean of Minot: An Act to prohibit the manufacture, sale or smoking of cigarettes within the State of Maine.

(On motion by Mr. Bean of Minot

it was voted that 2000 copies of bill an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and of bill an Act to prohibit the manufacture, sale or smoking of cigarettes within the State of Maine, be printed, and on further motion by the same gentleman, these two bills were referred to the committee on Temperance.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Davis of Oldtown: An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Valley Gas Company.

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: An Act to amend Section 71, Chapter 55, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, relating to certain public utilities.

By the same gentleman: An Act to authorize the merging of the corporate existence of Aroostook Northern Railroad Company with and into the corporate existence of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: An Act to increase and equalize the salaries of the several county officers in the county of Penobscot.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: An Act to amend paragraph 15, Section 39, Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relative to compensation of Registers of Probate.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend paragraph 15, Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relative to clerk hire in the office of Register of Probate in Waldo county.

(On motion by Mr. Colcord of Searsport tabled for printing, pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Eaton of Rumford: An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, with reference to the fees of town and city clerks for recording vital statistics.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: An Act to determine the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the county of Penobscot.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: An Act to amend Chapter 39 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, increasing the salary of the recorder at the Sanford municipal court.

By Mr. Chamberlin of Lebanon:

An Act increasing the salary of the judge of Probate of York county.

By Mr. Williams of Wells: An Act to increase the salary of the deputy treasurer of State.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to salaries of sheriffs.

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 325 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 17 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, increasing the salary of the judge of the municipal court of Waterville.

By Mr. Fuller of Rockland: An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117, Revised Statutes, relating to compensation for registers of deeds.

By Mr. Garcelon of Auburn: An Act to amend Paragraph 2 of Section 40 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the salary of clerk of courts of Androscoggin county.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend paragraph 2 of Section 39 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the salary of register of probate of Androscoggin county.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend paragraph 2 of Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 153 of the Public Laws of 1917, increasing the amount of clerk hire in the offices of the register of probate and clerk of courts of Androscoggin county.

By Mr. Fuller of Rockland: An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, relating to the salaries of county treasurers.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: An Act to increase the salary of the recorder of the Piscataquis municipal court.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: An Act to amend paragraph 15 of Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the compensation of registers of deeds.

By Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor: An Act to increase the salaries of the register of deeds, register of Probate and clerk of courts of Lincoln county for two years. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: An Act

to amend Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, providing that the compensation of all clerks in county offices shall be fixed by the county commissioners in the several counties in the State. (On motion by Mr. Lanpher of Sebec tabled for printing pending reference and 1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, to increase the compensation of the register of deeds of Hancock county. (500 copies ordered printed.)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Love of Southport: An Act to regulate the digging of clams within the limits of the Capitol Island Village Corporation within the county of Lincoln. (On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor tabled for printing, pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Williams of Wells: An Act to establish the legal length for lobsters in York county. (On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor tabled for printing, pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Fuller of Rockland: An Act to protect the lobsters within three miles of Matinicus and Criehaven Plantations. (On motion by Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor tabled for printing, pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Rowell of South Thomaston: A resolve to authorize the land agent to convey certain ledges in Penobscot bay.

Towns

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: Petition of M. A. Dunn and 11 others of New Sharon, favoring the passage of House Bill No. 2, providing for the election of road commissioners of towns.

By the same gentleman: Petition of M. W. Brown and 16 others of Weld, favoring same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Winfield S. Richards and 14 others of Camden, favoring same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of P. G. Rivers of Saint George and 8 others, favoring same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. S. Bent and 7 others of Monmouth, favoring same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. A. Faught and 23 others of Sidney, favoring same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Clarence R. Files and 10 others of East Stoneham, favoring same.

By Mr. Plummer of Benton: An Act to incorporate the West Benton Village Corporation.

(On motion by Mr. Plummer of Benton, tabled for printing, pending reference, and 500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Wilson of Portland: An Act relating to Martin's Point bridge.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: Resolve in aid of repairs to highway leading from Burlington to Lincoln.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: Resolve in favor of the towns of Camden and Lincolnville.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Resolve in favor of Sourdnahunk road.

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Resolve appropriating money for a bridge on the Fish River at Fort Kent Mills.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Washington.

By Mr. Varney of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Jonesboro.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: Resolve in favor of repair and reconstruction of a part of the lower bridge across Belfast Bay in the city of Belfast.

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: Resolve in favor of the towns of Parsonsfield and Porter, to aid in the construction of a bridge.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing a highway in the town of Sebec, the town of Bowerbank and the plantation of Barnard.

By Mr. Gilmour of Westbrook: Resolve appropriating money for the construction of a highway from Pride's Bridge, Westbrook, to a point in Windham.

By Mr. Millett of Palmyra: Re-

solve in favor of town of Palmyra for repairing road in said town.

By Mr. Conary of Bucksport: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing the southerly part of the Bucksport-Verona bridge, so called, connecting the towns of said Bucksport and Verona.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing the northerly part of the Bucksport-Verona bridge, so called, in the town of Bucksport.

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing a certain highway in the town of Monson.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of Webster Plantation.

By Mr. Forbes of Paris: Resolve appropriating money for repairing and cutting down Stowell Hill in the town of Paris.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Resolve for the purpose of repairing road in The Forks Plantation, Somerset county.

By Mr. Storm of New Sweden: Resolve in aid of repairing road in the town of New Sweden.

By Mr. Perkins of Orono: Resolve in favor of bridge across the Penobscot river between the towns of Orono and Bradley.

By Mr. Colcord of Searsport: Resolve appropriating money to finish a road in the town of Brooks, Waldo county.

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: Resolve for the purpose of repairing road in Caratunk Plantation in Somerset county.

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing a highway in the town of Fort Kent.

By the same gentleman: Resolve for bridge at Soldier pond.

By Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor: Resolve in favor of the town of Bar Harbor in Hancock county, for the purpose of repairing road.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Fagan from the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred bill, An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 113

of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of witnesses, reported that the same "ought to pass."

Report accepted and the bill was tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Cunningham from the committee on State lands and forest preservation, to which was referred Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in Madawaska, Aroostook county, reported that the same "ought to pass."

The report was accepted and the resolve tabled for printing under the joint rules.

The same gentleman from the same committee, to which was referred Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in Fort Kent, Aroostook county, reported that the same "ought to pass."

The report was accepted and the resolve tabled for printing under the joint rules.

The same committee, to which was referred report of the land agent and forest commissioner on House Order dated March 23, 1917, instructing the land agent and forest commissioner to make investigation, search out and find townships and parts of townships of the wild lands in Maine suited for settlement for purposes of husbandry, ask leave to report that the same be received and placed on file.

The report was accepted.

The same committee, to which was referred that part of the Governor's message relating to forests, and which message also suggested that the same be referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation, ask leave to report that the same be received and placed on file.

The report was accepted.

The same committee, on report of the forest commissioner on investigation of settlers' claims in Township No. 17, Range 5, Aroostook county, according to resolve passed by the last Legislature, ask leave to report that the same be received and placed on file.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barnes from the committee on elections, to which was referred the petition of C. C. Washburn of Minot, contestant for seat in the House of Representatives of the 79th Legislature from the towns classed in the represent-

ative district of Minot, Durham, Webster and Wales, having received a request from the attorney for the petitioner that he have leave to withdraw, reported that the petitioner should be granted leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Cochrane of the special committee appointed by the Chair to draft resolutions conveying expressions of appreciation to our Chief Executive by making them his guests at the recent Efficiency Congress, reported as follows:

Whereas, His Excellency, Carl E. Milliken, has honored and favored the members of the State Legislature by making them his guests at the recent Efficiency Conference, therefore, be it

Resolved, That members of the 79th Legislature are placed under obligations to our Chief Executive by being thus brought into personal touch with men of international renown who have had opportunity to study the problems of reconstruction in the courts, councils and cabinets of European rulers.

Resolved, That the information secured through these unusual channels is of great value to those who are framing laws to meet the demands of a new economic era.

Resolved, That it is our pleasant duty to extend to Governor Milliken hearty expressions of appreciation for his consideration and courtesy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of our Chief Executive and that they be printed in the Legislative Record.

(Signed)

GURNEY of Cumberland.

AMES of Washington.

METCALF of Piscataquis.

Committee on part of the Senate.

COCHRANE of Monmouth.

STORM of Sweden.

GILMOUR of Westbrook.

Committee on part of House.

The report was accepted and resolution adopted by a viva voce vote.

On motion by Mr. Bowie of Falmouth, the rules were suspended and it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby 2000 copies of the bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale and

smoking of cigarettes were ordered printed.

Mr. BOWIE: This Legislature is spending quite a good deal of money. We have referred bills here this morning involving expenditure of of large sums of money where there have been only 500 copies ordered printed; and without in any way reflecting upon the merits of this cigarette bill--because there may be a time when there will be thousands of such bills ordered printed--I move that only 500 copies be printed.

The motion prevailed.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

On motion by Mr. Pattee of Harmony the rules were suspended and House Document No. 59, Resolve in favor of W. W. Greateon for services as document clerk at the organization of the 79th Legislature, received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Garcelon of Auburn

Adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Feb. 4, 1919.