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HOUSE

Monday, March 10, 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.

From the Senate: 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 wild birds and wild animals.

This was by the House passed to be engrossed on February 26. It comes back from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, the House voted to insist and asked for a committee of conference.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will appoint that committee later.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 158: An Act to amend Chapter 429 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, with reference to the Winthrop municipal court.

Senate 152: An Act providing for the examination and review of historical matter for publication of which State aid is asked of the Legislature. (Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended received its two several readings.)

Senate 150: Resolve in favor of the State School for Girls.

Senate 151: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys.

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

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Hatch of Stonington: An Act to prohibit the use of trawls of

more than four thousand hooks or more than 10 nets within the following waters.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Alden, from the committee on agriculture, reported ought not to pass on bill An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes to insure the purity of milk sold as food.

Mr. Varney of Jonesboro, from the committee on education, reported same on bill An Act to amend sub-division (b) and sub-division (d) of Paragraph 2 of Section 59 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the powers and duties of superintendents of school unions, and the liability of towns for school supplies.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on Resolve in favor of the town of Porter.

Mr. Baxter, from the committee on judiciary, reported same on bill An Act additional to Chapter 453 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled An Act to incorporate the Portland Water District.

(Tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Chaplin, from same committee, reported same on bill, An Act relating to properties of dormant, disbanded or extinct religious societies.

Mr. Conary, from same committee, reported same on bill, An Act to extend the powers of the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Ricker, from the committee on taxation, reported same on bill, An Act to amend Section 14, Paragraph 1, of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of personal property.

Mr. McLeary, from the committee on agriculture, on petition of H. L. Goodrich and seven others of Palmyra, asking for an investigation of the methods of doing business by corporations engaged in the manufacture and trade of commercial fertilizers, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Cunningham, from the commit-

tee on taxation, on bill, An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation, reported that same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Ricker, from same committee, on bill, An Act to provide for the taxation of timber lands in unincorporated townships, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient, and that same ought not to pass.

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Austin, from the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on bill, An Act to provide for cooperation between the United States department of agriculture and the Maine department of agriculture in the collection and publication of statistics.

Mr. Washburn, from same committee, reported same on bill, An Act for better protection against adulterated, misbranded or inferior commercial fertilizers.

Mr. Varney of Jonesboro, from the committee on education, on Resolve reimbursing plantations because of reduction in the rate of interest paid by the state to plantations on their wild land school funds, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Williams of Auburn, from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill, An Act to amend Section 85 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 229 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to tuition paid by towns for secondary school pupils. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings).

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, An Act to amend Sections 73 and 74 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, and Section 75 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 67 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the classification of High schools. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings).

Mr. Buzzell, from the committee on judiciary, reported same on bill, An Act to amend Section 12 of Chap-

ter 76 of the Revised Statutes, concerning sale of estates of deceased non-residents or of minors out of the State. (The rules were suspended and the bill given its two several readings).

Mr. Chaplin, from same committee, reported same on bill, An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, relating to tools and implements for gambling, counterfeiting and burglar's tools.

Mr. Murchie, from same committee, on bill, An Act to incorporate the Calais Power Company, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Ricker from the committee on taxation, reported ought to pass on bill, An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the assessment of taxes. (The rules were suspended, and the bill given its two several readings).

Mr. Washburn from the committee on ways and bridges, reported same on 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.

Reports were read and accepted and bills and resolves ordered printed under joint rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 345: An Act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter and laws of the City of Augusta. (On motion of Mr. Maher of Augusta, re-committed to the committee on judiciary.)

House 347: An Act to provide for the removal of electric wires and poles when necessary for the repair of streets or removal of buildings. (New draft.)

House 353: An Act relating to sale of standing wood and timber on islands within the limits of the Indian reservation of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians. (New draft.)

House 354: An Act authorizing

the American Realty Company to locate, erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river. (New draft.)

House 355: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the filing of examination questions with the State Librarian for public reference.

House 356: An Act to make valid municipal elections of the City of Rockland. (New draft.)

House 358: An Act to amend Section 127 of Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, relating to affidavits of plaintiffs.

House 359: An Act to provide for a draft, when necessary, to maintain the minimum number required by law for organizations of the National Guard in time of peace. (New draft.)

House 346: Resolve in favor of John G. Fleming.

House 348: Resolve providing a State pension for Caroline Davis.

House 349: Resolve in favor of Benjamin H. Varney, secretary of the committee on education.

House 350: Resolve reimbursing the town of Lyman for expenses on account of State paupers.

House 351: Resolve, in favor of Elizabeth J. Pierce.

House 352: Resolve, in favor of the town of Brownfield.

House 357: Resolve, in favor of Alfred D. Sawyer.

House 365: Resolve, providing for a State pension for Mrs. Alfred Polk of Lewiston.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Senate 101: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the tenure of office of the land agent.

Senate 144: An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1917; also to amend Section 19 of said Chapter 137, relating to the appointment of probation officers.

Senate 135: Resolve in favor of the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

Senate 137: Resolve to reimburse

the People's Ferry Company of Bath.

House 220: An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 59 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the payment by the State of the burial expenses of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors.

House 341: An Act to amend Section 67 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to crossings.

House 342: An Act to extend the charter of the Livermore & Augusta Railway Co.

House 343: An Act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water District.

House 344: An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the granting of administration without bond, under certain conditions.

House 337: Resolve for extra pay to the Maine Volunteers in the War with Spain.

House 338: Resolve to reimburse certain cities and towns for money expended for the support of dependent families of members of the National Guard.

House 339: Resolve in favor of Rachel Stanley of Paris.

House 340: Resolve in favor of Mary S. Hillman of Island Falls.

Finally Passed

Resolve, in aid of navigation on Moosehead lake.

Resolve, providing teacher's pension for Adelia J. Webber.

Resolve, in aid of navigation on Lewy, Long and Big Lakes.

Resolve, providing for aid in the payment of premiums awarded by the Eastern Maine State fair.

Resolve, making an appropriation for New England Fruit Show to be held in the year 1919.

Resolve, making an appropriation to assist, encourage and develop the poultry industry in Maine.

Resolve, authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in the town of Fort Kent in Aroostook county.

Resolve, authorizing the land agent to sell certain lots in Madawaska, Aroostook county.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act relating to the marriage of persons having syphilis.

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 Kittery Water District.

An Act to provide for co-operative agricultural extension work between the several counties of Maine and the University of Maine, College of Agriculture, in accordance with the federal agricultural extension act of May 8, 1914, entitled An Act to provide for co-operative agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges and the United States department of agriculture.

An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to county jails.

An Act to amend Sections 1, 10, 11 and 24 of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, all relating to the survey and sale of wood, bark, coal, hoops, staves and lumber.

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.

An Act additional to Chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, entitled An Act to incorporate the Northport Village Corporation.

An Act to amend the charter of the Lubec Water Company.

An Act additional to Section 3 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the acts or omissions of a child more than 8 years of age and under 16 years of age: this act to be known and styled as the Act of juvenile delinquency.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 93 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878, relating to the time of holding the civil terms of the municipal court of the town of Farmington.

An Act to amend Sections 25, 26, 28, 30, 34, 38, and 42 of Chapter 137, of the Revised Statutes, relating to indeterminate sentences and paroles.

An Act to amend Section 110 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 60 of the

Public Laws of 1917, relating to teachers' associations.

An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State board of dental examiners.

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

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the organization of corporations for literary, charitable, educational and other purposes.

An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manner of signing certificates of shares.

An Act additional to Section 27 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, permitting savings banks and institutions for savings to invest in certain kinds of acceptances.

An Act to provide for the training of rural teachers.

An Act to amend Chapter 401 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, entitled An Act for the protection of salmon, alewives and smelts in Pleasant river, Washington county.

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1895 in relation to the judge and recorder of the municipal court of the city of Portland, acting as counsel or attorney.

An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 76 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to power of Public Utilities Commission.

An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, relating to indecent exposure.

An Act to amend Section 107 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of teachers' salaries.

An Act to extend the charter of the Investment Insurance & Guaranty Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington-Oakland Interurban Railway.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta, it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby House Document 345, An Act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter and laws of the city of Augusta, was recommitted to the committee on judiciary; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was tabled for amendment.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta, it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby the report of the judiciary committee, ought not to pass, on bill An Act relating to properties of dormant, disbanded or extinct religious societies, was accepted; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Eastport, it was voted to take from the table House

Document No. 143, An Act to empower the board of prison commissioners to appoint a State probation officer, tabled pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 228, An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to ballots in primary elections and providing that the order of the names of candidates on said ballots be determined by lot, tabled pending first reading, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was given its two several readings.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Eastport, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.