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# Legislative Record

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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1921.

The House met according to adjournment by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

**Interior Waters**

By Mr. Gipson of Bingham: An Act to authorize the American Realty Company to construct and maintain a dam across the St. John river in Township 9, Range 18, W. E. L. S., Somerset County, Maine, and to locate, erect and maintain piers and booms in said river above said dam. (300 copies ordered printed.)

**Judiciary**

By Mr. Viles of Augusta: Petition of Chandler H. Barron of Lewiston, Maine and thirteen others in favor of act entitled the "Absentee voters' franchise."

By the same gentleman: Petition of R. M. Farley of Bangor, Maine and ninety-four others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Larrabee of Lewiston: Bill an act to amend Section 3, Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to burying grounds.

By Mr. Clarke of Stonington: Bill an act to amend Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 238 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to Workmens' Compensation.

**Legal Affairs**

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: Bill an act to amend Chapter 350 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to the hours of employment of women and minors.

By the same gentleman: Bill an act requiring institutions receiving State aid to give free treatment to patients from Reformatory for Men and Reformatory for Women.

By the same gentleman: Bill an act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relative to compensation to prosecutors, officers and victims of larceny.

**Pensions**

By Mr. Dodge of Portland: Bill an act to increase the State Pension to the blind.

By Mr. Barney of Chelsea: Resolve in favor of Josephine F. Boothby of Farmingdale.

**Public Utilities**

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: Bill an act to amend Chapter 16 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the issue of stocks and bonds by the Lewiston Gas Light Company.

**Salaries and Fees**

By Mr. Hussey of Blaine: Bill an act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 44 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, relating to an increase in the salaries of the judge and recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court.

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

By Mr. Thomas of South Portland: Bill an act to repeal Chapter 91 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, relating to the use of trawls and nets within certain waters.

**State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories**

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: Bill an act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to inmates escaping from Reformatory for Men.

By the same gentleman: Bill an act to amend Section 67 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relative to inmates escaping from the Reformatory for Women.

**Towns**

By Mr. Story of Washburn: Bill an act to annex a certain gore of land to the town of Westfield.

**Ways and Bridges**

By Mr. Landers of Eustis: Resolve in favor of the town of Salem.

By Mr. Gipson of Bingham: Resolve in favor of bridge over the outlet of Brassua Lake in Rockwood township.

By Mr. Clarke of Stonington: Resolve appropriating money for the change, extension and improvement of approaches to the State Ferry at Eggegoggin Reach.

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve appropriating money for a road in the plantation of Winterville.

By Mr. Gipson of Bingham: Resolve in favor of bridge in Lexington Plantation.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents at this time an act to appropriate moneys for the cost of the Eightieth Legislature, for the payment of all salaries fixed by law, for clerk hire, for general departmental expenses of the State government and for the ordinary current expenses of the State Institutions, required for the period prior to the adjournment of the present Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Holley of North Anson the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and the same gentleman offered House amendment A, and moved its adoption, as follows:

House Amendment A.

Amend an act to appropriate moneys for the cost of the Eightieth Legislature, for the payment of all salaries fixed by law, for clerk hire, for general departmental expenses of the State government and for the ordinary current expenses of the State institutions, required for the period prior to the adjournment of the present Legislature by striking out in the tenth line the words "out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The House thereupon adopted the amendment, and on further motion by Mr. Holley of No. Anson the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

#### Orders

Mr. Winter of Auburn presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint standing committee be appointed, consisting of the President of the Senate and two other Senators, the Speaker of the House and two

other representatives, to consider and report by bill or otherwise on that part of the Governor's message reading as follows:

"The utmost care should be exercised in all expenditures for governmental purposes, and every detail of service should be made to function with the same efficiency that characterizes the well-managed private business, and in this connection I recommend to you a reorganization and consolidation of the various administrative and executive departments, bureaus and commissions, and a classification and grouping of the various enactments relating to these subjects."

The SPEAKER: Upon this order the Chair would suggest the parliamentary situation to be as follows.

The Governor's message was referred to the committee on the Governor's Message. The committee on the Governor's Message has reported back to the House, making certain recommendations. Those recommendations were received and acted upon by the House. The Chair will rule that this order is not in order, and that the parliamentary situation demands either one of two alternatives. First, and ordinarily, that the Governor's Message, or so much of the Governor's Message as pertains to the particular point in question, be recalled from the committee on Governor's Message, when it would be open to any disposition on the part of the House; or, if the House should so determine that the Committee on the Governor's Message be required to report on that particular point.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that beginning on Wednesday, January 27, 1921 and on each Wednesday thereafter during the Legislative session, the Secretary of State be and hereby is directed to prepare and print for the use of the Legislature a list of all legislative agents and legislative counsel, registered in the office of said Secretary since the opening of the Eightieth Legislature; said list to show the name and residence of all

such agents and counsel, the date of their employment and of its termination, the name and residence of their employers and the purpose of the employment and the said Secretary is directed to print three hundred (300) copies of said list each week in the form of a House document.

On motion by Mr. Tilden of Hallowell, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the joint standing committees on Insane Hospitals, School for Feeble Minded, State Prison, State School for Boys, State School for Girls, State Reformatories, and on State Sanatoriums, be authorized to visit the several institutions which they represent and that they be allowed necessary travelling expenses incurred in the performance of such duty.

Read and passed and sent up for concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan, it was voted to re-consider the vote whereby the bill entitled An Act to amend Chapter 350 of the Public Laws of 1915, relative to the hours of employment of women and minors was referred to the committee on legal affairs; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to a joint committee made up of the committee on labor and the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Holley of No. Anson, the rules were suspended and the House voted to take up out of order a report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reading as follows: The committee on appropriations and financial affairs to which was referred the bonds of the Treasurer of State has had the same under consideration and asks leave to report that a new bond in the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and the Union Safe Deposit Company of Portland, Maine, as sureties, be approved and placed on file with the Secretary of State.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Maher of Augusta asked leave to present out of order the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint special committee, consisting of the Speaker of the House ex-officio and three members upon the part of the House to be named by the Speaker, and the President of the Senate ex-officio and two members upon the part of the Senate to be named by the President of the Senate, be appointed to investigate the fuel situation in the State of Maine. And be it further ordered, that such committee shall proceed forthwith to the consideration of the fuel situation in all its aspects as affecting the health, comfort, conveniences and safety of the people of Maine, and in the furtherance of same shall have power to summon witnesses, take testimony, compel the production of books, records, and all data germane to said investigation, administer oaths to witnesses, punish for contempt, and employ all necessary assistance, including counsel.

Be it further ordered, that it is the sense of the Legislature that the present condition creates such an exigency that this committee shall be directed to proceed with the utmost dispatch and to report from time to time to the present Legislature for further authority, instructions, or action.

Thereupon it was voted that the rules be suspended and this order be introduced out of order.

The SPEAKER: Is it the further pleasure of the House that this order receive passage?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have that order tabled for the purpose of amendment. I think the people in my part of the State are also interested in the coal situation, and I would like the order tabled until tomorrow morning.

Thereupon the order was tabled until tomorrow morning.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time will appoint the monitors to

serve during the session. For the first section, the section at the left of the Speaker, the Chair appoints as monitor, Mr. Buzzell of Belfast; for the second section, Mr. Bragdon of Perham; for the third section, Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket; and

for the fourth section Mr. Fagan of Portland.

On motion by Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.