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HOUSE

Thursday, Jan. 20, 1921.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Irving 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:

Claims

By Mr. Varney of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of J. Wilbur Day, town of Wesley, County of Washington, for reimbursement for cattle killed by bears while said cattle were pastured on townships No. 31 and 37, in said Washington County.

By Mr. Hunton of Oakland: Resolve reimbursing the town of Oakland for money expended on account of mothers with dependent children.

Education

By Mr. Barwise of Bangor: Bill "An act in relation to the selection of a Board of Trustees for the University of Maine, and to create a Board of Overseers for said University and making the University of Maine a State institution." (1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hunton of Oakland: Bill "An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to schoolhouse lots acquired by condemnation."

By Mr. Maxwell of East Livermore: Bill "An act to increase the school age limit."

On motion by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls tabled, pending reference to a committee and 300 copies ordered printed.

Judiciary

By Mr. Viles of Augusta: Petition of John P. Moore of West Farming-

ton and 33 others in favor of act entitled "Absentee Voters' Franchise."

By the same gentleman: Petition of George R. Littlefield of Augusta and 84 others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Churchill O'Donnell of Portland and 12 others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. E. Folsom of Bingham and 20 others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Thomas F. Canfield of Bangor and 133 others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Walter A. Castner of Portland and 37 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Barwise of Bangor: Bill "An act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes entitled 'Elections.'"

By Mr. Hinckley of So. Portland: Bill "An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to notice of proceedings for relinquishment to the United States of the title to certain lands."

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: Bill "An act to amend Chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, entitled 'An act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to enlarge and repair the County buildings in Auburn in said county and erect a new building and to enlarge and construct safety vaults.'"

Pensions

By Mr. Trefethen of Wilton: Resolve providing teacher's pension for Josie B. Paine.

By Mr. Moody of York: Resolve to increase the pension granted to Harmon Varrell of York.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Hussey of Blaine: Bill "An act to incorporate the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company."

By the same gentleman: Bill "An act to extend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad."

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: Bill "An act to amend Section 40 and 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the

salary of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County and the allowance for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin county."

By Mr. Barwise of Bangor: Bill "An act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 9 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the salary of the stenographer of the Penobscot County Superior Court."

By Mr. McIlheron of Lewiston: Bill "An act to amend Chapter 103 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, relating to the salary of the clerk of the Lewiston Municipal Court."

By Mr. Moody of York: Resolve to increase the compensation of fence viewers.

Towns

By Mr. Forbes of Paris: Bill "An act creating the West Paris Village Corporation."

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Owen of Milo: Resolve in aid of repairing road, town of Brownville.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Orneville, in the county of Piscataquis, appropriating money to aid in repairing a highway, with statement of facts.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Medford, in the county of Piscataquis, appropriating money to aid in repairing a highway, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Clarke of Stonington: Resolve for repairing a highway in the town of Deer Isle.

By Mr. Austin of So. Berwick: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the repair and construction of the highway from Wells to the New Hampshire State line, through the towns of Wells, North Berwick, and providing for the future maintenance thereof.

By Mr. Landers of Eustis: Resolve in favor of repairing the highway in Jerusalem Township, in Franklin County.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of repairing the highway in Jerusalem and Crockertown Townships, in Franklin County.

By Mr. Atherton of Stacyville Pl.: Resolve in favor of Drew Plantation to aid in building bridge over Mattawankeag River.

By Mr. Thomas of Chesterville: Resolve in favor of the town of Chesterville in the county of Franklin to aid in building road.

By Mr. Carney of Newcastle: Resolve in favor of road between Edgecomb and Boothbay.

By Mr. Elmore of Camden: Resolve in favor of the town of Camden and Lincolnville to aid in building a road.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Bill, "An Act amending Section 19, Chapter 275 of the Special Laws of 1863 entitled 'An Act to confer certain powers on the city of Portland providing for salary for City Council,'" reported that the same be referred to the Portland Delegation.

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hussey from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "ought not to pass" on Bill, "An Act to amend Chapter 118, Section 8, relating to fees of jurors."

Tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland, pending acceptance of report.

Mr. Weeks from the same Committee reported "ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend the charter of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, and by Chapter 13 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917."

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, entitled 'An Act amendatory to an amended Act incorporating the Kennebec Log Driving Company,' approved March 5, 1869, as amended by Chapter 14 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Bill "An Act to authorize the sale of the property and assets of the Moose River Log Driving Company and to provide for the dissolution of said corporation," reported that the same "ought to pass in new draft under same title."

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills ordered printed under the joint rules.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was

Ordered, that 500 copies of the Legislative Record No. 2 be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Hinckley of South Portland presented the following order, and moved its passage:

Whereas, conditions exist that are seriously hindering the improvement of our farms and impairing to a marked degree the production thereof;

And whereas, agriculture is the very backbone of our State, and its development of vital importance to all our people;

And whereas, a continuance of the present condition would mean abandonment of many more of our farms and a large curtailment in production of farm products;

Therefore, be it ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint committee of five on the part of the House and such members as the Senate may wish to name be appointed to investigate the agricultural situation in our State, holding such hearings as they deem best, with a view of remedying the serious condition now existing and reporting to this Legislature by bill, or otherwise, such recommendations as in their judgment are proper.

On motion by Mr. Small of Brewer, tabled pending motion to pass.

On motion by Mr. Winter of Auburn, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to a committee of citizens interested in municipal zoning for a public meeting to be addressed by one or more members of the New York consultants.

On motion by Mr. Clarke of Stonington, it was

Ordered, that the committee on Judiciary return to the House, 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 Workmen's Compensation.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Rockport, it was

Ordered that 500 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the House.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Several matters of important business are now upon the Speaker's table, and because of conditions in the executive branch of the government it is well that for a little time the most of them remain there. Among the matters that are upon the table is the report of the committee on budget, tabled January 11, on motion by the gentleman from Belfast (Mr. Buzzell), pending reference to a committee. The printing order has been complied with. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Belfast (Mr. Buzzell).

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Belfast, the report of the committee on budget was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the order to investigate the fuel situation, and that gentleman offered House amendment A as follows, and moved its adoption:

House Amendment A.

House order relative to the fuel situation is hereby amended by adding after the word "fuel" wherever said word occurs, the words, "and ice."

Amendment A was then adopted.

Thereupon Mr. Hinckley of South Portland presented Amendment B to the order, and moved its adoption:

Amendment B.

The order providing for investigation of fuel, etc., is hereby amended by striking out the word "including" in the fourteenth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof, the word "except," and by adding thereto the following: "The Attorney General shall give such legal assistance to the committee as may be required by the committee."

The SPEAKER: The last phrase of paragraph one of the unamended order, prior to the ice amendment, read as follows: "Administer oaths

to witnesses, punish for contempt and employ all necessary assistance, including counsel." Amendment B as suggested to this phrase would read: "Administer oaths to witnesses, punish for contempt, and employ all necessary assistance except counsel." and Amendment B would further provide by an addition to the order that the Attorney General shall give such legal assistance to the committee as may be required by the committee. Is the House ready for the question? The gentleman from South Portland (Mr. Hinckley) moves that the order relative to the fuel situation, as amended by House Amendment A be further amended by House Amendment B, as read. Is it the pleasure of the House that this Amendment be adopted?

Thereupon Amendment B was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Murray of Portland, the order, as amended by House Amendment A and House Amendment B, was tabled for printing and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Calais, it was voted to take from the table the Memorial to Congress, rela-

tive to the Federal Water Power Act.

Mr. MURCHIE: Mr. Speaker, I move that the resolution be given its first reading.

Mr. MAHER of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I would ask for information whether this Memorial has been printed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state for the information of the members of the House that it was introduced in the Senate on the 18th day of January under suspension of the rules, there read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. MAHER: May I ask again for information, is it a joint resolution or is it a resolve?

The SPEAKER: It is a resolve.

Mr. MAHER: Requiring the signature of the Governor?

The SPEAKER: The Chair so understands.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta, the Memorial was tabled for printing, and 500 copies ordered printed.

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