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HOUSE

Friday, March 4, 1921.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Communication from the Department of State

STATE OF MAINE
Office of Secretary of State

Augusta, March 3, 1921.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 4, Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, I have the honor to notify you that the Public Acts, a list of the titles is hereto appended, have been approved by the Governor.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) FRANK W. BALL,
Secretary of State.

In the Senate read and ordered placed on file.

In the House communication and list appended ordered placed on file in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: At this time, with the consent of the House, the Chair will present out of order an order presented by the gentleman from York, Mr. Moody:

“ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be to meet again on Monday, March 7th, at 4.30 in the afternoon.”

Mr. McILHERON: Mr. Speaker, I understand that there are several members of the House who are desirous of attending town meetings in their towns on next Monday, and they prefer to have the next session

of this House held on Tuesday of next week, if possible. There are some cities that have their elections on Monday, and perhaps they would also prefer to have our session adjourned until Tuesday.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will remind the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. McILHERON, that our Monday and Friday sessions are mainly to expedite our printing; and the Chair would ask the gentleman from Lewiston, Mr. McILHERON, if he fears that any measure in which any member of the House is interested would be affected if we should meet on Monday in a formal fashion and attend to the printing.

Mr. McILHERON: Mr. Speaker, I will say that it is immaterial to me, but several of the members of the House have spoken to me, the gentleman from Gray, Mr. Lowe, as well as others, but as I say, it is immaterial to me.

Mr. BUZZELL of Belfast: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that we ought to expedite matters as far as it is possible, and for that reason it seems to me that we ought to have a session on Monday. I do not believe that the town meetings and the city elections throughout the State will suffer very much if we have a session on next Monday. We do not have to meet until 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and if there is any member of this House who has any measure in which he is interested, as I understand it, it will be taken care of until his return, and I for one am in favor of having a session on Monday afternoon.

The SPEAKER: The question is upon the passage of this order. Those in favor, will manifest it by saying aye; those opposed will say no.

A viva voce vote being taken,

The order was given an unanimous passage.

The SPEAKER: With the permission of the House, the Chair will at this time present an order which has already been read and passed in the Senate this morning. The order is as follows:

"Ordered, the House concurring, that this Legislature in behalf of the people of Maine, send to the new President and Vice-President of the United States who take the oath of office at noon today, the following telegrams of congratulation; that they be signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and taken by special messengers to the telegraph office:

'Augusta, Maine, March 4, 1921.

Warren G. Harding,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Maine through her representatives in Legislature assembled, extends to you her heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your administration. May the new era prove a glorious one with lasting peace at home and abroad and increased prosperity and happiness for all. Great problems are yours to solve. May you solve them greatly. In your every effort for the upholding of our country's high and unselfish ideals, you may rely upon Maine, as Maine has given her loyal and unswerving support at all times in the past.'

'Augusta, Maine, March 4, 1921.

Calvin Coolidge,
Vice-President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Maine is proud of the distinguished son of Massachusetts today elevated to high office. The Maine Legislature in behalf of the people of the State, wishes you all success and happiness in your new undertaking. We know that you will maintain with added honor the splendid traditions of New England.'

The order received a passage.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 91: An Act to increase the limit of real and personal estate of the Worombo Manufacturing Company from one million to five million dollars.

Senate 94: An Act to amend Section three of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Penobscot Dam and Improvement Com-

pany," as amended by Chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by Chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 and by Chapter 553 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897.

Senate 93: Resolve authorizing F. Burton Haggett and Lawrence B. Haggett to bring a suit at law against the State of Maine.

(On motion by Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner, House Amendment A was offered to correct a typographical error, by striking out two words in the eleventh line and one word in the thirteenth line, in no way changing the sense of the bill. The amendment was adopted.)

Senate 90: An Act to extend the charter of the Matagamon Towboat Company.

Senate 89: An Act to annex a certain gore of land to the town of Westfield.

Senate 88: An Act to repeal the act incorporating the town of Concord and providing for the organizing of the same into a plantation, to be known as Concord Plantation.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Public Utilities on bill: "An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for the abolishment of grade crossings," reporting the same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Comes from the Senate report read and accepted, and bill recommitted to the committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the bill recommitted to the committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to inmates escaping from Reformatory for Men. This was passed to be engrossed in the House, February 22.

Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan, the rules were suspended and the action of the House whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair would suggest that the change by the Amendment is the substitution of the adjective "following" in place of the adjective "foregoing," referring to a paragraph in the bill.

On further motion by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan, it was voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 10, Section one of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll tax. This was passed to be engrossed in the House, March 2, as amended by House Amendment B.

Comes from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Mr. STORY of Washburn: Mr. Speaker, I would like a committee of conference to be appointed.

The SPEAKER: Does the Chair understand that the gentleman does not propose to table it at this session?

On motion by Mr. Story of Washburn, the bill was tabled and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 8.

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

Education

By Mr. Cordwell of Westbrook: Bill "An Act to amend Section 139 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the appropriation for industrial education."

Judiciary

By Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner: Bill "An Act relating to prisoners in jail in the different counties." (500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Cram of Portland: Bill "An Act additional to Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the sale of poisons."

By Mr. Gipson of Bingham: Bill "An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, requiring monthly settlements by tax collectors."

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Moody of York: Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 118, Section 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the fees of trial justices.

Orders

Mr. Willard of Sanford introduced the following order:

ORDERED, that the hall of the House of Representatives be reserved for the use of the committee on legal affairs from 1.30 to 4.30 P. M., March 10th.

The order received a passage.

In compliance with an order of the House last month, that a stenographer be appointed to attend a hearing before the committee on taxation, Mr. Winter of Auburn presented the following order:

ORDERED, that there be paid to Fred L. Hayden, \$21.50, for services making transcript of proceedings before the taxation committee in hearing on House Bill No. 29, An Act relating to the taxation of steam railroads, at Augusta, February 10, 1921.

The order received a passage.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Wilson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to the trapping of fur-bearing animals."

Mr. Maher from the Committee on Judiciary reported the same on Bill "An Act to provide for the fore-

closure of mortgages of real estate by sale of the property."

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Labor reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes increasing the fee charged by employment agencies."

Mr. Fagan from the Portland Delegation reported the same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Portland relating to the appointment of assistant assessors."

Mr. Rounds from the same Delegation reported the same on Bill "An Act amending Section 19 of 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.'"

The reports were accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Same gentleman from same Delegation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to fire department of the city of Portland."

Mr. CRAM of Portland: Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, and at his request, I ask that this report be tabled.

(Tabled pending acceptance.)

Mr. Hunton from the Committee on Public Utilities reported the same on Bill "An Act amendatory of and additional to Paragraphs 17, 18 and 26 of Section 15 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the exemption of mutual telephone companies from control of Public Utilities Commission."

(Tabled by Mr. Kimball of Hampden, pending acceptance of report, and specially assigned for Tuesday, March 8.)

Mr. Wilson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to the dipping of alewives, shad and salmon in Dennys River, in Edmunds and Dennysville in the county of Washington" reported the same in a new draft under title of "An Act relating to the dipping of alewives and shad in Dennys River in Edmunds and Dennysville in the county of Washington," and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from the same Committee on Bill "An Act regulating the placing of bear traps reported the same in a new draft under title of "An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, and by Chapters 196 and 249 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the placing of bear traps and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to increase the bounty on bears," reported the same in a new draft under title of "An Act to increase the bounty on bears in Penobscot and Washington Counties," and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Maher from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act amending Section 55 of Chapter 52 relating to payment of deposits upon liquidation of savings banks," reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Farnsworth, from the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to incorporate the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company," reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Hodgkins from the same Committee on Bill "An Act to incorporate the Great Pond Railway Company" reported the same in a new draft under the same title and that it "Ought to pass."

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

Mr. Gardiner from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes relating to county law libraries."

Report was read and accepted and the Bill having already been printed (House Document No. 149) was read twice under suspension of the rules and assigned for Monday afternoon for its third reading.

First Reading of Printed Bills

House 221. An Act for the better care of inmates of the State Prison

and Men's Reformatory suffering from tuberculosis.

House 222. An Act to prohibit advertisements of cures or medicines relating to venereal diseases and certain sexual disorders.

House 223. An Act relating to York County issuing bonds.

House 224. An Act to amend Chapter 133 of the Private Laws of 1881, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mercantile Home for Aged Men Association," as amended by Chapter 267 of the Private Laws of 1883, which changed the name to Home for Aged Men.

Passed to be Engrossed

House 74. An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes so as to provide for the amendment of corporate purposes.

House 157. An Act to provide for return and cleansing of ice cream and sherbet containers.

House 205. An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 118, of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of jurors.

House 206. An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the compensation of fenceviewers.

House 207. An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 574, Private and Special Laws of 1856, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kendall's Mills

Village Corporation," as amended by Chapter 139, Private and Special Laws of 1891.

House 208. An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 501, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the charter of Maine Central Institute.

House 209. An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 51 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the training of rural teachers.

House 211. An Act to amend Section 56 and paragraph two of Section 57 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the election and term of office of superintendents of schools.

House 212. An Act to amend Section 122 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 146 of the Public Laws of 1919, requiring the teaching of American History and Civil Government in the Public and Private Schools.

House 210. Resolve making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Rockport,

Adjourned until 4.30 P. M. March 7, 1921.