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State of Maine

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SENATE

Tuesday, January 18, 1921.

Senate called to order by the President at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Wilkins of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

MESSAGES AND DOCUMENTS FROM HEADS OF DEPART- MENTS.

Public Utilities Commission

Augusta, Maine, January 13, 1921.

To the Honorable Percival P. Baxter,
President of the Senate.

State House,

Augusta, Maine.

My dear Mr. Baxter:—

The Commission is handing you herewith its report made in accordance with an order of the Legislature at its special session in November, 1919.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) BENJAMIN F. CLEAVES,
Chairman.

On motion by Mr. Adams of Kennebec, referred to the committee on public utilities and sent down for concurrence.

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

Judiciary

By Mr. Sprague of Piscataquis: An Act granting to J. Fred Sawyer of Greenville, Piscataquis County, Maine, so much of the bed of Moosehead Lake as is necessary for the support of his building in said Greenville.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to establish the Bath State Ferry Commission. (500 ordered printed.)

By the same senator: Resolve, appropriating money to aid the town of Phippsburg in repairing and reconstructing the town road from Phipps-

burg Center to Popham Beach, via Parker Head.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that an invitation be extended to William F. Dawson of Lynn, Mass., to give his illustrated lecture on Mount Katahdin before the members of the 80th Legislature and their guests, and the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives is assigned for that purpose, on Wednesday, February second, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: Senator Farrington of Kennebec will take the Chair. (Applause)

(Senator Farrington in the Chair.)

Orders of the Day

Mr. EMERSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, I desire to present the bond of the State Treasurer. There are two bonds aggregating \$150,000, and they have been approved by the attorney general.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Senate will listen to the report of the committee:

The committee on appropriations and financial affairs to which was referred the bonds of the treasurer of State have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report that new bonds in the sum of \$150,000 by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, and the Union Safe Deposit Company, Portland, Maine, have been approved and filed with the secretary of State.

(Signed) D. E. EMERSON,
For the Committee.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. BAXTER of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move the rules be suspended in order that I may introduce an Act out of order.

The motion was agreed to and the senator presented An Act to amend Chapter 132, Laws of 1919, entitled "An Act to create the Maine Water Power Commission."

On further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the com-

mittee on judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Cumberland the rules were suspended and that senator presented the following Memorial to Congress:

MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS urging the amendment of the Federal Water Power Act so that Maine's water powers shall be saved for the benefit of Maine people.

RESOLVED that the Senate and House of the Eightieth Legislature of the State of Maine now in session,

Believing that the future health and prosperity of the citizens of this State depends in a large measure upon the proper development and use within the State of the water powers which nature has placed within our boundaries; and

Believing that the Federal Water Power Act recently passed by the United States Congress may result in the transmission beyond the borders of the State of the Hydro-electric energy generated therein, thereby causing serious and irreparable loss and injury to the health and prosperity of the State, and to the future growth of industries therein;

Respectfully urge upon the Congress now in session the necessity of amending the said Federal Water Power Act in order that there shall be no Federal interference with and control of the water powers lying within the borders of the State of Maine, and

The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to both branches of Congress and to our Senators and Representatives therein.

On further motion by the same senator the memorial was adopted, and under further suspension of the rules was read twice and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House: An Act to appropriate moneys for the cost of the 80th Legislature, for the payment of all salaries fixed by law, for clerk hire, for general department expenses of the State institutions, required for the period prior to the adjournment of this Legislature.

In the Senate this bill was passed to be engrossed and sent to the House for concurrence. It came back from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

The Senate voted to reconsider the vote where this bill was passed to be engrossed; House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Gillen of Penobscot the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby An Act to amend Sections 12 and 15 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the board of State assessors, was referred to the committee on salaries and fees in concurrence. On further motion by the same senator the bill was tabled and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin,

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.