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SENATE

Wednesday, January 26, 1921.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. A. F. Walch of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The following paper comes from the House: Memorial to Congress urging an amendment to the Federal Water Power Act. This memorial was adopted in the Senate. The House nonconcurred in such action and has referred it to the committee on reference of bills.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that the memorial be laid upon the table.

The motion was agreed to and the memorial was tabled.

House Bills in First Reading

House 18. 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.

House 19. 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.

House 20. 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.

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

Education

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 109 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to school holidays. (500 ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Gillin of Penobscot: An Act to prevent the manufacture and exhibition of motion picture films depicting or involving cruelty to or suffering of animals.

By Mr. Farrington of Kennebec: An Act to amend Section 2 and Section 8 of Chapter 56 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine enacted in the year 1903 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Squirrel Island Village Corporation."

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Paragraph 6 of Section 55 of Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to costs in trustee process.

Labor

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 42 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the fee charged by employment agencies. (300 ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Thombs of Penobscot: An Act to amend subdivision VII of Section 64, Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes relating to property exempt from attachment and execution.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Clement of Waldo, it was

Ordered, that 500 additional copies of Senate Document No. 7, An Act to amend Chapter 132, Laws of 1919, entitled "An Act to create the Maine Water Power Commission," be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Orders of the Day

Mr. GILLIN of Penobscot: Mr. President and brother members of the Senate, I am sorry I was not present when House Document No. 22 was laid on the table. I wish to make a motion, Mr. President, that the Senate will take it from the table.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I want to state to the Senate the reason why I laid that document on the table. My impression was that the committee on reference of bills was not such a committee as would be selected to refer

a matter of this sort. I wanted to look the matter up while it was on the table to satisfy my own mind as to whether the committee on reference of bills, under our joint rules, was such a committee as could act upon this bill, like any of our joint committees. Since it has been upon the table I have been looking over the rules and I am satisfied that the committee has that power. It is listed as one of our joint standing committees and its duties are to refer any bill, act, resolution or resolve that may be placed before it.

The purpose for which I tabled the memorial was simply to make certain in my own mind as to whether the action of the House was a proper action. I am satisfied that it is a proper action, and that the committee on reference of bills has the right to act upon this memorial if the Senate so desires.

If the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Gillin, had approached me I would gladly have taken the matter up on my own motion, and I so intended.

Mr. GILLIN: Mr. President and brother members of the Senate: As I view the memorial I am surprised that it is necessary to send such a memorial to any committee. And as the distinguished senator from Kennebec will remember, as probably every other senator will, that all the papers in the State of Maine, irrespective of their party affiliations, took this matter up, and all the people are interested in it, and our

senators in Washington, and it passed this Senate and went down to the House, simply as a memorial to go to our senators and representatives in Congress to protect the great water powers of this great State. And as I come from a section of our State where one-half of the entire water power of our State is involved, I wish to make a motion, Mr. President and my brother senators, that we insist on the action of the Senate on this memorial as it was first presented to the Senate, and ask for a committee of conference.

I make that as a motion, Mr. President.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. President, I second that motion.

The PRESIDENT: And the senator from Penobscot moves that the Senate insist upon its former action in connection with this memorial to Congress, and that a committee of conference be asked for. That motion is seconded by the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Farrington.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. GILLIN: Mr. President, will you allow me to thank Senator Farrington for seconding my motion.

The Chair thereupon appointed on such committee of conference on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Gillin, Farrington and Allen.

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.