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**SENATE**

Thursday, January 27, 1921.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. T. J. Winslade of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: WHEREAS conditions exist that are seriously hindering the improvement of our farms and impairing in 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 the continuance of the present condition would mean the abandonment of many more of our farms and much 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 report to this Legislature by bill or otherwise such recommendations as in their judgment is proper.

The order was given a passage in concurrence, and the Chair stated the membership of the committee on the part of the Senate would be announced later.

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

By Mr. Gurney of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of the Temporary Home for Women and Children for Maintenance.

**Education**

By Mr. Babb of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of Bridgton Academy.

**Judiciary**

By Mr. Gurney of Cumberland: An Act to regulate the use of air craft.

By Mr. Gurney of Cumberland: An Act to amend Section seventy-six of Chapter eighty-two of the Revised Statutes relative to the price of Maine Reports.

**Legal Affairs**

By Mr. Thompson of Knox: An Act to legalize the granting of certain fish weir licenses in tide waters of what was formerly Muscle Ridge Plantation.

By Mr. Folsom of Somerset: An Act to amend Section thirty-six of Chapter one hundred four of the Revised Statutes relating to admission to bail.

By Mr. Thombs of Penobscot: An Act amendatory of Section seven Chapter one hundred seventeen of the Revised Statutes relating to compensation of judges upon retirement.

**Library**

By Mr. Sprague of Piscataquis: Resolve to appropriate money for purchase of History of the Town of Williamsburg.

**Pencions**

By Mr. Clement of Waldo: Resolve providing for a State pension for Mrs. Lizzie K. York of Monroe.

By the same senator: Resolve, providing for a State pension for Lorenzo D. Wright of Montville.

**Public Utilities**

By Mr. Eaton of Oxford: An Act to amend Section fifteen, Chapter fifty-eight, Revised Statutes, relating to street railroads. (500 ordered printed.)

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

By Mr. Thompson of Knox: An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in tide waters of what was formerly Muscle Ridge Plantation in the County of Knox.

By Mr. Putnam of Washington: An Act to authorize the construction of a weir in the tidewaters of Roque Harbor in the town of Jonesport.

**Taxation**

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act relating to taxation of street railroad corporations during the

years nineteen twenty-one, nineteen twenty-two and nineteen twenty-three. (500 ordered printed.)

#### Towns

By Mr. Sprague of Piscataquis: An Act to amend section nine of Chapter one hundred and one of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen hundred and fifteen providing for the union of the towns of Dover and Foxcroft as one municipality, extending the time in which said act may become effective.

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Holt of Hancock: Resolve in favor of the town of Gouldsboro for improving a road.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to announce the presence of the presiding officer of the 79th Legislature, and the secretary will conduct Senator Higgins to the Chair.

The secretary conducted former President Higgins to a seat by the side of the President. (Applause.)

On motion by Mr. Gurney of Cumberland it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the committee on judiciary for Thursday, January 27th in the afternoon.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

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.

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. Clark of Lincoln, under suspension of the rules, introduced An Act to better protect the lobster industry within two miles of the shore of Monhegan island between the first day of June and the 25th day of November of each year.

On further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries and 100 copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate is fortunate this morning in having with us the Hon. William Widgery Thomas of Portland, Maine, who some years ago was the presiding officer in the House.

I believe the Senate will be much pleased to listen to a few remarks from Minister Thomas, and I present him to you. (Applause)

(Mr. Thomas then addressed the Senate at some length.)

The PRESIDENT: This session of the Senate would not be complete unless we had a few words from the gentleman who presided so fairly and with such ability over the Senate of the 79th Legislature, and it gives me real pleasure to present to you our old friend, Senator Leon F. Higgins of Penobscot. (Applause)

Ex-President Higgins thereupon briefly addressed the Senate.

#### Finally Passed

Resolve providing for the maintenance of the Blaine House.

(This resolve carrying the emergency clause required a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. Twenty-four senators voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, the Chair declared the resolve finally passed.)

On motion by Mr. Tuttle of Aroostook,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.