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SENATE

Wednesday, February 23, 1921.

Senate called to order by the President pro tempore.

Prayer by Rev. C. H. Atkins of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to amend Sections 3 and 10 of Chapter 175 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the registration of resident hunters.

In the House this bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that we concur with the House in the indefinite postponement of this bill.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House Bill in First Reading

House 126: "An Act to extend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad."

House 127: "An Act additional to Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes as amended, prohibiting hunting in certain territory in the town of Fairfield in the county of Somerset."

House 128: "An Act to amend and extend Chapter 40 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911 entitled 'An Act to authorize the improvement of Fadi Brook in the towns of Bingham and Brighton.'"

House 130: "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1919, relative to inmates escaping from the Reformatory for Men."

House 138: "An Act to extend the charter of the Lubec and Machias Railway."

House 139: "An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water."

House 147: "An Act to amend an Act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College."

House 146: "An Act to amend Chapter 211 of the Private and

Special Laws of 1911, relating to the Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine."

House 144: "An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company."

House 143: "An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, relating to corporations for literary, charitable, educational and other purposes."

House 140: "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Knox Woolen Company.'"

House 141: "An Act to amend Sections 2, 7 and 13 of Chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, as amended by Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 5 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to annual meetings of Protestant churches of the Diocese of Maine."

House 142: Resolve in favor of Northern Oxford Fish and Game Association.

House 131: Resolve reappropriating funds heretofore provided and authorizing new funds to pay for one-half the cost of an international bridge between Madawaska, Maine, and Edmundston, New Brunswick.

House 125: Resolve for the purchase of History of Grand Lake Stream.

From the House: Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell a strip of land 15 rods wide from one of the public lots in Somerset county.

In the House the report of the committee of State lands and forest preservation "ought to pass" was not accepted and the bill was recommitted to the committee.

In the Senate on motion by Mr. Thombs of Penobscot the Senate voted to concur with the action of the House.

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

By Mr. Sprague of Piscataquis: Remonstrance of the Truth Quarterly

Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the Sebec Circuit against the Barwise Sunday Bill. (Placed on file.)

Commerce

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: Memorial to Congress relating to the adoption of the Metric System by the United States Congress. (500 ordered printed on motion by Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of Dedimus Justices.

Library

By Mr. Thompson of Knox: Resolve in favor of county law libraries.

Military Affairs

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: Memorial to Congress protesting against any increase in Military and Naval Armaments by the United States, and urging Congress to take action toward bringing about a reduction of armaments by the Principal Nations of the World. (500 ordered printed on motion by Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin.)

Judiciary and Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Thompson of Knox: An Act additional to the law of the road, relating to one vehicle passing another while traveling in the same direction.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to fix the rates of the Bath State Ferry.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Farrington of Kennebec: An Act to increase fees payable to Registers of Deeds in the Various Counties of the State.

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 260 of the Public Laws of 1917, increasing the salary of the Stenographer of the Androscoggin Superior Court.

By Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 41 of

Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, increasing the salary of the sheriff of Androscoggin County.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Holt of Hancock: Remonstrances of Llewellyn Joyce and twenty-one others of Atlantic; of F. A. Sprague and twelve others of Minturn; of William L. Teel and twenty-seven others of Frenchboro; of Maurice Pendleton and twenty-five others of Winter Harbor; of D. O. Clement and seven others of Mount Desert, against the passage of a nine-inch lobster law.

By Mr. Thompson of Knox: An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, and further amended by Chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the protection of wild birds.

By Mr. Holt of Hancock: An Act to amend Chapter 293 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the powers of the commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By the same senator: An Act to amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Lobster Industry together with certain added acts relating to the Lobster Industry.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Maine Water Power Commission be and hereby is directed to investigate and report to the Legislature, at as early a date as possible, upon the water powers located on the public lots, so called, in the wild lands of the State; and upon the possibilities of the development of said water powers; the expense of this investigation and report to be paid out of the regular appropriation for the Maine Water Power Commission.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

S. 73. An Act to authorize the construction of a Weir in the Tide-

waters of Roque Harbor in the Town of Jonesport.

S. 74. An Act to authorize the construction of a Weir in Tidewaters of what was formerly Muscle Ridge Plantation in the County of Knox.

S. 75. An Act to amend Section fifteen, Chapter fifty-eight, Revised Statutes, relating to street railroads.

Committee Reports

Mr. Thompson from the Committee on Claims, on Resolve in favor of Manzie I. Rogers for building highways in the towns of Searsport and Dover, submitted the same in a new draft under title of "Resolve in favor of Manzie I. Rogers for building highways in the town of Searsport," and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the resolve tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Parent from the Committee on Judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 299 of the Public Laws of 1917. (Senate Doc. No. 35), reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. 96. An Act establishing a game sanctuary in Range 3, east of the Kennebec River, in the city of Augusta and county of Kennebec.

S. 36. An Act relating to the records of instruments affecting or conveying title to real estate in the County of Knox and now recorded in other counties.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 99 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, creating the office of corporation counsel of the City of Portland.

An Act to extend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Odd Fellows' Home of Maine."

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Vacancies in the office of

County Treasurer filled by appointment.

Finally Passed

Resolve in favor of the town of Saint George for the payment of additional school funds for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Resolve in favor of P. F. Crane, Secretary of the Senate of the Seventy-ninth Legislature.

Resolve appropriating money for the expenses of the electoral college for the State of Maine for the year 1921.

Resolve in favor of the widow of Governor Parkhurst.

Orders of the Day

Mr. HOLT of Hancock: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby we accepted the committee report on House Bill No. 60, entitled "An Act to regulate the laws of fishing in the waters around Monhegan Island."

The motion was agreed to and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was substituted for the report of the Committee.

On further motion by the same Senator, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. HOLT of Hancock: Mr. President, I move we take from the table Senate Document No. 23, entitled "An Act to better protect the lobster industry within two miles from the shore of Monhegan Island between the first day of June and the twenty-fifth day of November of each year."

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move we take from the table Joint Order relative to escape of Peter Valis from the State Hospital of the Insane at Augusta.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. FARRINGTON: I move that the order be indefinitely postponed. That is agreeable to all parties.

The motion was agreed to and the order was indefinitely postponed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. SPENCER of York: Mr. President, I move we take from the table House Document No. 102, An Act to repeal acts incorporating the town of Concord.

The motion was agreed to and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was recommitted to the committee on towns.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The following Order comes from the House: "House of Representatives, February 23, 1921. Ordered, that

the Secretary of the Senate be requested to return to the House, Bill, an Act relative to providing that the recorder of the Bath municipal court shall be an attorney at law."

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc, the bill was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator it was voted to comply with the request of the House and return it today.

On motion by Mr. Stevens of York,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.