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**SENATE**

Tuesday, March 1, 1921.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. F. A. Foxcroft of Hollowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

**House Bills in First Reading**

House 174: Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell Public Lot 85 in Moro Plantation, Aroostook county.

House 175: Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell Lot numbered 93 in the town of St. Agatha, in the county of Aroostook.

House 176: Resolve authorizing the State Land Agent to sell certain lots in the Public Lot in Dennistown Plantation in Somerset county.

The following bill and remonstrance were received and on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

**Judiciary**

By Mr. Farrington of Kennebec: An Act creating a Board of Censors to pass upon moving picture films offered for public exhibition in Maine. (500 ordered printed on motion by Mr. Farrington of Kennebec.)

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

By Mr. Holt of Hancock: Remonstrance of W. B. Young and 41 others of Matinicus, against the bill prohibiting lobster fishing by light-house keepers.

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Sprague of Piscataquis, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted the committee on inland fisheries and game, Wednesday afternoon, March 9.

**Reports of Committees**

Mr. Farrington from the Committee on Judiciary, on An Act to provide for the filling of vacancies in

the office of United States Senator by appointment, and to amend section 42 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, relating thereto (Senate Doc. No. 43), reported that the same ought not to pass.

Report accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Gillin from the same committee, on An Act to amend the City Charter of Bangor (Senate Doc. No. 8), submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Farrington from the same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 214 of the Private and Special laws of 1883 entitled "An Act to incorporate Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company," as amended by Chapter 74 of the Private and Special laws of 1887 and 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, submitted the same in a new draft under title of "An Act to amend Section three of Chapter 214 of the Private and Special laws of 1883 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company,' 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," and that it ought to pass.

The same senator from the same committee, on resolve authorizing F. Burton Haggett and Lawrence B. Haggett to bring a suit at law against the State of Maine, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Baxter from the committee on ways and bridges, on An Act to enable the towns of Dixfield and Peru in the county of Oxford to free the Dixfield and Peru Toll Bridge to public travel, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and the bills tabled for printing under the joint rules.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

S. 83. An Act to amend Section 72 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the ringing of the engine bell or sounding of the whistle at grade crossings.

S. 84. An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 50, Public Laws of 1917, relating to warning signs at grade crossings.

S. 85. An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for the abolishment of grade crossings.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Folsom of Somerset, pending second reading.)

S. 86. An Act to amend Sections 3, 4 and 12 of Chapter 145 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the removal of obstructions at grade crossings and to amend Section 13 of said Chapter 145, relating to the exception of certain railroads from certain provisions of said Chapter.

H. 165. An Act to amend subparagraph (a) of paragraph 2 of Section 7 of Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the duties of superintendents of schools.

H. 171. Resolve to reimburse the town of Dixfield for money paid for sheep killed by bears.

(Tabled on motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, pending second reading.)

H. 172. An Act to incorporate the Cumberland Center Water Company and to authorize that company to take over the properties of the Cumberland Water Company.

**Passed to be Enacted**

An Act to amend Sections 2 and 8 of Chapter 55 of the Private and Specials Laws of 1903, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Squirrel Island Village Corporation."

An Act to amend Chapter 211 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine.

An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company. An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act granting a charter to the Alumni Association of Bates College."

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to inmates escaping from the reformatory for men.

An Act to revive, renew and extend the charter of the Lubec and Machias Railway Company.

An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water.

An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 226 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the compensation of judges upon retirement.

An Act to establish a game sanctuary in Range Three, east of the Kennebec river, in the City of Augusta and county of Kennebec.

**Orders of the Day**

Mr. ALLEN of York: Mr. President, I move to take from the table House Document No. 34, tabled by me February 21, An Act relating to protection of deer in the towns of York, Wells, Kittery and Eliot.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. ALLEN: I wish to offer Senate Amendment A. I would say in support of this amendment that it has the full consent of all parties interested.

The amendment was read by the President. Senate Amendment A to H. D. No. 34: Amend by striking out in the third line thereof, the words "in the town of Wells."

The motion was agreed to and the amendment was adopted, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, may I inquire if that bill is amended by a House amendment as well as by the Senate amendment?

The PRESIDENT: The bill was amended in the House.

Mr. THOMBS of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move to take from the table House Document No. 49, An Act relating to fees of city clerks.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. THOMBS: Mr. President, I am pleased to yield to the Senator from Knox, Senator Thompson.

Mr. THOMPSON of Knox: The Senator from Penobscot may as well have kept on in his course because he and I had an understanding about it. I move that the bill be recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. GILLIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would like to know what was done with the amendment to the city charter of Bangor in a new draft.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator from Penobscot that the bill now lies upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. GILLIN: So it is impossible to send it forward until it is printed?

The PRESIDENT: Without a suspension of the rules.

Mr. GILLIN: Making this statement of facts, Mr. President and honorable members of the Senate, it is desirous to have it go forward so that the people of Bangor may be allowed to vote on it at the election which is on the first Monday of March, and unless they can get it in their warrant by Friday of this week they cannot do so—I move, Mr. President, that the rules be suspended and that it have its two several readings and be sent forward to the House.

The motion was agreed to.

Thereupon the bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Hall of Franklin,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.