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SENATE

Tuesday, March 15, 1921.

Senate called to order by Hon. Charles E. Gurney, President pro tempore.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Ecob of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House. An Act to incorporate the Maine Mutual Loan Society of Fort Kent.

In the House the committee on banks and banking reported this bill "ought not to pass." In the Senate on motion by Mr. Tuttle of Aroostook the bill and report were tabled.

House Bills in First Reading

House 160: An Act to amend Chapter 244 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled, An Act to provide a charter for the city of Gardiner, as amended.

House 257: An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 370 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to police department of the city of Portland.

House 258: An Act to amend Section 62 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to refunding indebtedness by cities and towns, and temporary loans.

House 261: An Act to amend Chapter 497 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 295 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, and Chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, and Chapter 136 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor.

House 263: An Act to authorize the American Realty Company, to construct and maintain a dam across the Aroostook River in Washburn.

House 166: Resolve in favor of J. Wilbur Day, of Wesley, county of Washington, for reimbursement for cattle killed by bears.

House 259: Resolve to reimburse

the town of Southport for expenses of the sickness and burial of Lydia A. Rowe.

House 260: Resolve in favor of Andrew H. Morong for services rendered the State of Maine by order of the Adjutant General in investigating cases for Local Registration Boards in matter of soldiers.

H. 270: An Act to authorize the Auburn Water Commissioners to sell certain real estate.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the report of conference committee on House Document No. 61, An Act to amend Chapter 10, Section 1, of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll taxes. In the House this bill was amended by House Amendment B, changing the figures in the bill from five dollars to three dollars, and was then passed to be engrossed. In the Senate the bill was indefinitely postponed. A committee on conference was appointed, and that committee reports that the Senate recede and concur with the House. The report is signed by Messrs. Story, Granville and Smith on the part of the House and Messrs. Parent, Tuttle and Gillin on the part of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Folsom of Somerset the report of the committee was accepted by a viva voce vote.

The bill was then given its first reading.

House Amendment B was then adopted in concurrence.

On further motion by Mr. Folsom under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading as amended, and was passed to be engrossed.

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

Judiciary and Military Affairs

By Mr. Cobb of Kennebec: Petitions of Ida V. Huntley and 40 other Relief Corps ladies of Rockland; of Louise A. Thorndike and 29 others of Portland; of Mrs. Mildred Dilling-

ham and 16 others of Thomaston; of Minnie D. Harriden and 17 others of Berry Relief Corps No. 7; of Minnie L. Clark and 12 others of Portland; of Cora Hickerson and 17 others of Brunswick; of Helen L. Weatherbee and 21 others of Lincoln; of Mary E. Curtis and 35 others of Freeport; of Lena M. Hall and 16 others of Canton; of Ermina P. Stephenson and 126 others at State Relief Convention; of Ellen L. Mayhew and 39 others of Westbrook; of Vesta O. Lamb and 30 others of Mechanic Falls; of Alice B. Jordan and 12 others, for the better observance of Memorial Day.

Judiciary

By Mr. Farrington of Kennebec: Petition of Mrs. H. T. Muzzy and 153 others of Waterville in favor of passage of bill relating to moving picture censorship.

By the same senator: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes, relating to removal or concealment of mortgaged or attached personal property.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Emery of Washington: An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to application for license to build or extend wharves and fish weirs.

By Mr. Thompson of Knox: Resolve in favor of investigation of method of canning, curing and propagation of fish by the Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries. (1000 copies ordered printed.)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to repeal the law authorizing the disbursement of the Forestry District Funds by the Forest Commissioner and relating to the duties of the land agent.

Reports of Committees

By Mr. Baxter from the committee on banks and banking, on An Act to incorporate the Telephone Workers' Credit Union, reported 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.

By Mr. Putnam from the same committee, on An Act to incorporate the Union Mutual Exchange of Lewiston, reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same senator from the same committee, on An Act to enable Mutual Savings Banks to make a more equitable distribution of their earnings (Senate Doc. No. 38) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Engrossed

S. 112. Resolve reimbursing St. Mary's General Hospital of Lewiston for services rendered in the care of certain persons during the year 1919. (On motion by Mr. Emerson of Aroostook, tabled pending second reading.)

S. 113. An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of dedimus justices.

S. 114. Resolve to reimburse the town of Rumford for aid furnished dependents of soldiers. (On motion by Mr. Folsom of Somerset, tabled pending second reading.)

H. 251. An Act to amend Chapter 218 of the Public Laws of 1917, providing for the establishment of a Bureau of Markets.

H. 252. An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 74 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the furnishing of slips by weighers.

H. 253. An Act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Saco, Maine.

H. 254. An Act to authorize the town of Sanford to raise and expend money to erect a memorial to its soldiers and sailors.

H. 255. An Act to incorporate the York County Bar Association.

H. 256. An Act to amend charter and change name of Portland Realty Company to Portland Mutual Loan Association.

Mr. FOLSOM of Somerset: Mr. President, I move to take from the

table House Document No. 234, An Act to incorporate the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. FOLSOM: Mr. President, I now move the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

The PRESIDENT: Will the Secretary please read Senate Amendment A.

The SECRETARY: Senate Amendment A to House Document No. 234, entitled An Act to incorporate the Ashland Electric Light and Power Company. Amend said bill by adding thereto the following: Section 11. The State of Maine reserves the right to acquire by proper legislation and by such agencies as it may provide for the purpose, the whole or any part of the franchises and rights hereby granted, and the whole or any part of the structures erected by authority of this act upon the payment of just compensation, but such compensation shall not include the value of the franchises granted by this act.

The amendment was adopted by a viva voce vote, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HALL of Franklin: Mr. President, I move we take from the table House Document No. 235, An Act to increase the bounty on bears, in Penobscot and Washington counties.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the second reading.

Mr. HALL: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment A and move its adoption.

Senate Amendment A to House Document No. 235.

Section 1 of Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1917 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Penobscot" in the second line of said section the word 'Franklin,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. A bounty of fifteen dollars for each and every bear killed in Penobscot, Franklin and Washington counties and five dollars for

each and every bear killed in any other county shall be paid to the person killing the same. If the animal is killed in a town or plantation, the bounty shall be paid by the treasurer thereof; if the animal is killed in an unincorporated place the bounty shall be paid by the treasurer of an adjoining town or plantation, if any, otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest town or plantation.'

On motion by Mr. Sprague of Piscataquis, the bill was tabled.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move we take from the table House Document No. 174, Resolve authorizing sale of certain land in Moro Plantation.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate reconsidered its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendment A and move its adoption. Senate Amendment A provides that the consent of the Governor and Council shall be necessary before the sale takes place.

Amend by adding after the word "agent" in the first line thereof, the words 'with the advice and consent of the Governor and Council.'

The motion was agreed to and Senate Amendment A was adopted by a viva voce vote, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move to take from the table House Document No. 175, Resolve authorizing sale of certain land in St. Agatha.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate reconsidered its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. President, I offer a similar amendment to this bill, and move its adoption.

The motion was agreed to and Senate Amendment A was adopted by a viva voce vote, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move to take from the table House Document No. 176,

Resolve authorizing sale of certain land in Dennistown Plantation.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate reconsidered its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. FARRINGTON: Mr. President, I offer a similar amendment to this bill, and move its adoption.

The motion was agreed to and Senate Amendment A was adopted by a viva voce vote, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. EMERY of Washington: Mr. President, I move to take from the table, An Act to amend the corporate purposes of Eastport Hotel Company.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. EMERY: Mr. President, I now move that it be recommitted to the committee on legal affairs for the

purpose of making certain corrections to make it acceptable.

The motion was agreed to by a viva voce vote, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. FARRINGTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move to take from the table House Document No. 1, An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 7, of the Revised Statutes, relating to elections. I have no further motion to make.

The motion was agreed to, and on motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin the bill was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Thompson of Knox,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.