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HOUSE

Thursday, January 18, 1923.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bradford of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to prevent crime by persons masked or disguised.

In the Senate, referred to committee on judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed.

In the House on motion by Mr. Sturgis of Auburn, the bill was tabled, pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 36 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to preference to Maine Workmen and contractors.

In the Senate, referred to the committee on labor.

In the House, referred to the committee on labor, in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Tilden of Hallowell 500 copies were ordered printed.

The following bills, petitions and resolves were presented, and, upon recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Claims

Mr. Drake of Bath: Resolve in favor of the city of Bath.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Saunders of Lubec: An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes relating to inland fisheries and game.

Mr. Crafts of Greenville: Resolve offering a reward for the recovery of the bodies of David F. Brown and Mertley E. Johnson, game wardens, who disappeared in November, 1922, and for testimony leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for their death.

Judiciary

Mr. Stevens of Belgrade: An Act to amend Section 3, and Paragraph 7 of Section 4 of Chapter 100 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921, relating to Belgrade Lakes Village Corporation.

(Tabled by Mr. Stevens of Belgrade, pending reference to any committee).

Mr. Saunders of Lubec: An Act to

revive, renew, amend and extend the charter of the Lubec and Machias Railway company.

Mr. Cummings of Portland: An Act to limit and define the powers of the trustees of the Portland Water District in certain things. (500 copies ordered printed).

Mr. CUMMINGS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the bill in relation to the trustees of the Portland Water District, being a purely local affair relating to Portland and South Portland, it was not my desire that that should be printed. I have no objection to it, but it is needless expense for the State. Another bill introduced by me this morning, as it is a State-wide bill, I desire 500 copies printed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair acknowledges its error, and misunderstood the gentleman before the session opened. Is it the pleasure of the House that the vote be reconsidered whereby the House voted to print 500 copies of bill. An Act to limit and define the powers of the trustees of the Portland Water District in certain things?

Thereupon the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Curtis of Brewer: An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 48 of the Public Laws of 1919 as further amended by Chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to corporations for literary, charitable, educational and other purposes.

Mr. Cummings of Portland: An Act to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 and amendments thereto, relating to the primary and caucus law.

(500 copies ordered printed).

Mr. Curtis of Brewer: An Act to amend the city charter of Brewer.

Mr. Gamage of South Bristol: An Act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor School District

Pensions

Mr. Piper of Jackman Plantation: Resolve in favor of Charles E. Ball of Bingham, Somerset county, State of Maine, for teachers' pension.

Public Utilities

Mr. Gamage of South Bristol: An Act to relieve the town of Boothbay Harbor from all liability and duty to sell or furnish water for any purpose to a portion of the town of Southport and the inhabitants thereof, by reason

of Chapter 203 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903.

By the same gentleman: Petition of the town of Boothbay Harbor in favor of same.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Morrison of Phillips: An Act to increase the salary of the clerk of courts of Franklin county.

By the same gentleman: An Act to increase the amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of clerk of courts in Franklin county.

Taxation

Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to tax on railroads.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Gamage of South Bristol: An Act to make the highway between Wis-casset bridge and Boothbay Harbor village a spur State highway.

Mr. Moody of York: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of York in repairing road.

Mr. McDonald of East Machias: Resolve for the improvement of a road in the town of Wesley.

Mr. Gamage of South Bristol: Resolve for completing the construction and improvement of the State aid highway between the State highway as now traveled near the residence of George Huff to Boothbay Harbor village.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents, out of order, the following order: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Monday, January 22nd at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, there is nothing to be done next week, except to put in bills and I think Tuesday is early enough to commence. We can sit here half an hour longer and do the business on Tuesday—Tuesday until Friday. I move that the order be amended by making it Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Mr. BARWISE of Bangor: Mr. Speaker, we have a long and arduous session ahead of us, and the sooner we get down to real business, the sooner we will get through. It seems to me that we had better adjourn to Monday afternoon and put in a full week next week, having it understood now, unofficially, that we are going to be here until Friday morning of next week. In this way we can get our

Legislature started and have the committee hearings on the way.

The SPEAKER: It is the pleasure of the House that we concur with the Senate—

Mr. HOLMES of Lewiston: Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Barwise), and I think it is important that we should get here early next week. I think it would be wise, when we adjourn, to adjourn until Monday afternoon.

A viva voce vote being taken on Mr. Rounds' motion that the order be amended, and that the House does not concur with the Senate in its action to adjourn until Monday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, the amendment was lost; and on motion by Mr. Barwise of Bangor, the order to adjourn until Monday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock was passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: That we may forward the work as fast as possible, we will now, if there be no objections, send the bills and resolves this morning referred to committees in the House to the Senate for immediate assignment to committees, thus saving perhaps some time. If there is no objection, they will now be sent to the Senate.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, it looks to me as though 500 copies of that primary law bill is a very small lot to go over this whole State of Maine. There are over 500 towns in the State of Maine, and there would only be one copy for each town. I expect that there will be anywhere from 25 to 50 sending to me to use up my \$10 worth of postage stamps, sending them this primary law. I want to just say that I think it ought to be amended before it goes to the Senate to 2000 copies.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman make that as a motion?

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: I move that that be amended to 2000.

Mr. STURGIS of Auburn: I second the motion.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it voted to print 500 copies of the bill relating to the primary law and on further motion by the same gentleman, 2000 copies were ordered printed.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Hayes of Gorham, it was

Ordered, that there be printed 2000 additional copies of the inaugural address of the Governor.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The House may take a short recess, awaiting papers from the Senate.

After Recess

The House voted to receive out of order the following papers from the Senate:

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

In the Senate, referred to the committee on education.

In the House, so referred in concurrence.

An Act to regulate the right of way of vehicles at intersecting public ways.

In the Senate, referred to the committee on judiciary.

In the House, so referred in concurrence.

An Act relating to the salaries of justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

In the Senate, referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

In the House, so referred in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the time for the reception of bills for private and special legislation be limited to Thursday, February 8, 1923, at 4 o'clock P. M., and that all such petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next Legislature; that the secretary of the Senate cause copies of this order to be published in all the daily and weekly papers in the State until and including Wednesday, February 7, 1923.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brett of Otisfield, the rules were suspended, and that gentleman was permitted to introduce out of order bill, An Act to legalize and make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Harrison at the annual town meeting, held on March 6, 1922, with the petition of Harry E. Smith and certain others in favor of the same; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill and petition were referred to the committee on judiciary.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents out of order from the Senate, the following order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that 350 copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1923 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State library for exchange and library use; and be it further

Ordered, that 250 copies of the Legislative Record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to members of the Legislature and the departments, under the direction of the Document clerk; and be it further

Ordered, that a suitable index be prepared for such Legislative Record at an expense not exceeding \$400.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ayer of Lincoln Adjourned, until 4.30 o'clock, Monday afternoon, January 22, 1923.