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HOUSE

Thursday, January 15, 1925.

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.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Johnson of Brownville: Resolve appropriating Money for the expenses of the Electoral College for the State of Maine for the year 1925. (H. P. No. 13)

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: Resolve in favor of Knox Academy of Arts and Sciences. (H. P. No. 14) (1000 copies ordered printed)

Interior Waters

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An Act authorizing the sale of the Property and Assets of the Moose River Log Driving Company, and providing for the Dissolution of said Corporation. (H. P. No. 15)

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend the Charter of Kennebec Log Driving Company, as amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, and further amended by Chapter 13 and Chapter 14 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, and by Chapter 2 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921. (H. P. No. 16)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Curtis of Brewer: An Act to incorporate the city of Brewer High School District. (H. P. No. 17) (500 copies ordered printed on motion of Mr. Curtis of Brewer)

By Mr. Thompson of Rockland: An Act to disorganize Criehaven Plantation in the county of Knox. (H. P. No. 18)

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to

Dealers in Securities. (H. P. No. 19) (1000 copies ordered printed)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Thompson of Rockland: An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Camden & Rockland Water Company. (H. P. No. 20)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Thompson of Rockland: An Act relating to clerk hire for Clerk of Courts for Knox Co. (H. P. No. 21)

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to salary of Clerk of Courts for Knox Co. (H. P. No. 22)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Resolve for the repair and rebuilding of the Foster Hill Road in Freeman. (H. P. No. 23)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Lamson of South Portland, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House be granted to the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association for the afternoon of Wednesday, January 28.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Bethel, it was

Ordered, that there be printed for the use of the Legislature an additional 100 copies of the daily sheets of the Legislative Record.

Paper from the Senate Out of Order

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 20th, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

In the Senate read and passed.

In the House passed in concurrence.

Orders of the Day

Mr. STITHAM of Pittsfield: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take from the table the order and amendment tabled by me yesterday having reference to the matter of postage stamps, and I move the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The members will recall the effect of the amendment was to change the amount of postage stamps from ten dollars to five dollars. The question is on the in-

definite postponement of the amendment. Is the House ready for the question?

The question being called for, a viva voce vote was taken, and the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

On further motion by Mr. Stitham of Pittsfield the original order received passage.

Mr. BOODY of Windham: Mr. Speaker, I would request that in the distribution of the stamps that would come to me that you personally see to it that the Red Cross of Augusta and the Salvation Army of Augusta receive those stamps.

The SPEAKER: The gentlemen is not in order.

Mr. BRAGDON of Perham: Mr. Speaker, I move to take from the table the order tabled by me yesterday in regard to the printing of bills, and I move the indefinite postponement of the order.

The SPEAKER: The amendment was tabled by the gentleman, and he now moves the indefinite postponement of the amendment and the order. The gentleman will first move the indefinite postponement of the amendment and subsequently the order.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker, I move the indefinite postponement of the amendment.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House that Amendment A be indefinitely postponed?

Mr. CUMMINGS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, will you please read the amendment, so I may have in mind what I am going to vote on.
(Amendment A read by the Clerk).

The SPEAKER: The question is on the indefinite postponement of the amendment. Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. CUMMINGS: Mr. Speaker, my interest in that matter is this: In my judgment a bill that is worthy of introduction is worthy of being printed, and any bill that is to come before this Legislature, any bill that is to go before a committee, in my

opinion, should be printed. First, the committee itself desires it. If they have not the bill printed so that each member can have a copy, it is a very awkward position, and anyone who has to appear before that committee, or any member of the Legislature who takes any interest in the matter, should have it printed in order to see what the bill contains. This is as necessary in matters of private and special legislation as in public laws. For that reason I am in favor of in definitely postponing the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is on the indefinite postponement of the amendment. Is the House ready for the question?

The question being called for and a viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone the amendment prevailed.

Mr. BRAGDON of Perham: I now move the indefinite postponement of the order.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. CUMMINGS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to have to rise again on this matter, but I shall have to ask you again to read the order.

(Order read by the Clerk).

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. BRAGDON of Perham: Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to make any remarks on this order, but, as the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Cummings) has raised a question that may create some doubt in the minds of the members of the House as to what the result of this order would be, I am going to say a few words; and I want to call the attention of the members of this House, particularly the members who are here for their first term, to the fact that whether you pass this order or not, every bill that is introduced here that is worth printing is going to be printed. You will notice that the committee on reference of bills has suggested in several instances that so many copies be printed; and, if you introduce a bill

and feel that it is important enough to be printed, you can get it printed regardless of whether this order is passed or not. If you introduce a bill that you do not care to have printed, and I am suspicious of it, I can get it printed; so that all of these bills that are of any importance are going to be printed anyway.

I want to call your attention to a class of public bills which would come under even the amended order. You noticed that this morning the gentleman from Rockland (Mr. Thompson) introduced a bill to increase the salaries of certain county officers in his county. Well, now, before the Legislature is over, you are going to be flooded with bills of that description. Every State and county officer in the State of Maine is going to have a bill introduced to increase his salary. Now the bill that was introduced by the gentleman from Rockland called for an increase in the salary of the Clerk of Courts of his county. The title to that bill itself is enough to call your attention to the fact that the Clerk of Courts of Knox county wants an increase in salary, and you can go and attend to it at the committee hearing. It is not necessary to have that bill printed. Well, if this order is not passed, that bill will not be printed unless the gentleman from Rockland, or somebody else feels that it should be. If it goes to the committee and they report "ought not to pass", it never will be printed, and the State will save that printing bill. If they report that it "ought to pass", the printed bill will come upon your desks at about the same time that the report is made. If the Clerk of Courts asks for an increase of five hundred dollars when he only expects two hundred dollars, that bill would be printed under this order, and if the committee reported that he only ought to receive two hundred dollars, there would be a change in the bill and it would have to be printed a second time.

Now the cost of printing these bills is not so very much. I made some investigation in regard to the cost under the original order without the amendment, and I found it would cost the State quite a number of thousand dollars. With the amendment adopted, the cost would be considerably less, but I did not have time to figure what it would be. Now a bill like that which I mention

costs the State five dollars and some cents for printing the usual five hundred copies. It is a small amount compared with some other things passed in this Legislature, but when the bill gets up to three thousand copies, the cost instead of being five dollars and some cents is sixteen dollars and some cents; and when the bill is large enough so that it takes more than two pages, the cost increases, though not in proportion to the number of pages. Still, the cost is greater because they add the cost of assembling, trimming and binding; so that you can see something about what the saving would be. You can estimate it as well as I can.

Later in the session we will not have time for matters so small as this. The saving, I will admit, under printing in the usual way might be considered small. It would not be great enough to build the Kennebec bridge nor to finance the University of Maine, but it would be greater than the amount some of you attempted to save in the matter of postage stamps; and I believe at this stage of the game, when we have time on our hands to burn, this is worth looking after.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon, that this order be indefinitely postponed. Is the House ready for the question?

The question being called for, and a viva voce vote being taken, the motion to indefinitely postpone the order prevailed.

Paper from the Senate, out of order, disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that 350 copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1925 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 350 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 under the direction of the State Librarian at an expense not exceeding four hundred dollars.

In the Senate read and passed.

In the House passed in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The House has passed in concurrence with the Senate an order taking care of extra copies of the Legislative Record, and the gentleman from Bethel, Mr. Brown, now moves that his order be re-considered, the matter having been taken care of in the joint order.

Thereupon the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it voted to have printed for the use of the Legislature an additional 100 copies of the daily sheets of the Legislative Record; and on motion by Mr

Brown of Bethel that order was indefinitely postponed.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair will appoint the monitors, whose duty it is to return the count of the votes when there is a division of the House. In the first section, the gentleman from Bar Harbor, Mr. Roberts, will act as monitor; in the second section, the gentleman from Kingman, Mr. Campbell; in the third section, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Spear; and in the fourth section, the gentleman from North Kennebunkport, Mr. Lunt.

On motion by Mr. Daigle of Madawaska,

Adjourned until 4.30 P. M. Tuesday, January 20.