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HOUSE

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1925.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Purves of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill, an act to amend Chapter 260 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 160 of the Public Laws of 1921, increasing the salary of the stenographer of the Androscoggin Superior Court, (S. P. No. 8) (S. D. No. 45) which was indefinitely postponed in the House February 18th in non-concurrence.

Comes from the Senate that body insisting on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and asking for a committee of conference, with the following conferees appointed on its part; Senators Hinckley of Cumberland, Carter of Androscoggin and Maher of Kennebec.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, that body voted to adhere and join in the committee of conference, and the Chair appointed as conferees on the part of the House, Messrs. Wing of Auburn, Martin of Augusta and Deering of Saco.

From the Senate: Bill, an act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 249 of the Public Laws of 1917 and Chapter 198 of the Public Laws of 1919 and Chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the salary of stenographer of Kennebec Superior Court, (S. P. No. 7) (S. D. No. 47) which was indefinitely postponed in the House February 18 in non-concurrence.

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

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Davis of Dexter: An Act to close Gulliver Brook in counties of Somerset and Piscataquis to all fishing for two years. (H. P. No. 880)

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to the hunting of Raccoons and Skunks. (H. P. No. 881.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to prohibit the digging out of skunks and trapping of same at the dens. (H. P. No. 882.)

By the same gentleman: An Act to open Indian Pond in the county of Somerset to ice fishing for the months of February, March and April (H. P. No. 883.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Stitham of Pittsfield: Remonstrance of A. B. Crawford of Pittsfield and 27 others against the repeal of the Primary Law. (H. P. No. 884.)

By Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor: An Act in relation to itinerant vendors. (H. P. No. 885.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act relating to warning signs at grade crossings (H. P. No. 886.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Ireland of Stetson: Remonstrance of W. H. Eastman and 116 others against the child labor amendment (H. P. No. 887.)

By Mr. Thompson of Rockland: An Act relating to the relief of Poor Debtors. (H. P. No. 888.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor: Remonstrance of N. B. Trask and 41 others of Swans Island against any change in the present Sea and Shore Fisheries Commission. (H. P. No. 889.)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of M. B. Thurston and 27 others of Bernard against the passage of the so-called Lamson Bill regarding the measurement of lobsters. (H. P. No. 890.)

By the same gentleman: Remon-

strance of E. W. Eaton and 15 others of Sunshine against same. (H. P. No. 891.)

Taxation and Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: An Act to amend Sections 2, 5, 6 and 8 of Chapter 224 of the Public Laws of 1923, relating to a Tax upon Gasoline. (H. P. No. 892.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: An Act to provide for an issue of State Highway Bonds. (H. P. No. 893.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: Resolve amending Section 17 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Maine providing for an increase in the amount of State Bonds to be issued for the purpose of building State Highways and Interstate and International Bridges. (H. P. No. 894.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on Judiciary for a public hearing Thursday, March 5th, on House Document No. 90, An Act to prohibit boating and fishing from boats on Lake Auburn, in the City of Auburn, in the County of Androscoggin, and upon several other matters.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Thompson from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on bill An Act to repeal Chapter 389 of the Private and Special Laws for the year 1905, entitled An Act to grant certain powers to the town of Eden (H. P. 116).

(Tabled by Mr. Fuller of Southeast Harbor pending acceptance of report.)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill An Act relating to municipal elections and government of the town of Bar Harbor (H. P. 333) (H. D. 72).

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Dwinal from same committee reported ought to pass on bill An Act to regulate the appointment of guardians for adults and the appointment of conservators when the judge of probate is interested and to amend Sections 4 and 10 of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes (H. P. 329) (H. D. 68).

Mr. Beckett from same committee reported same on bill An Act with reference to the penalty under the act relating to Desertion and non-support, when the offense is not of a high and aggravated nature. (H. P. 330) (H. D. 69).

Mr. Atwood from same committee reported same on bill An Act amending Chapter 204, Section 11, of the Public Laws of 1856 as amended, relating to the powers of the recorder of the Portland Municipal Court. (H. P. 331) (H. D. 70).

Mr. Fuller from same committee reported same on bill An Act amending Section 81 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes relating to the terms of the Superior Court for the county of Cumberland. (H. P. 332) (H. D. 71).

Reports read and accepted, and the bills having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Flint from the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill An Act relative to fishing in Moose river in Somerset County (H. P. 308) (H. D. 60), reported same in a new draft (H. P. 877) under title of An Act to regulate fishing in the portion of Moose river above Brassua lake, in the county of Somerset, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee on bill An Act closing Heald brook and Alder brook in Somerset county to all fishing except with flies (H. P. 309) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 878) under title of An Act closing Heald Brook and Alder Brook in Alder Brook Township and in Soldier Township, so called, in Somerset County, to all fishing except with artificial flies, and to establish a daily limit of five pounds of fish therein, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Holmes from the Committee on judiciary on bill An Act to permit the Good Will Home Association to hold property to any amount (H. P. 326) (H. D. 65) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 879) under the title of An Act to amend Chapter 110 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1909, relating to the Good Will Home Association, and that it ought to pass.

Reports read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the joint rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills

H. P. No. 109: An Act to repeal the Bounty on Bears.

H. P. No. 68: An Act to extend

the Charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

H. P. No. 64: An Act authorizing the Clerk of Courts of Lincoln county to act as Clerk of Lincoln Municipal Court.

H. P. No. 456: An Act to renew the Charter of the R. and T. Cement Railroad.

H. P. No. 674: An Act to establish Close Time on Lobsters west of Petit Manan Point.

H. P. No. 453: An Act authorizing the Judge of the Portland Municipal Court to fix the time for holding Criminal Sessions.

H. P. No. 410: An Act to amend the Charter of the City of South Portland.

H. P. No. 159: An Act relative to the Bangor Public Library.

Passed To Be Engrossed

H. P. No. 192: An Act to authorize the filing by the United States in the several counties of this State of notices of liens for taxes.

H. P. No. 837: An Act to incorporate the Bay Point Village Corporation.

H. P. No. 123: An Act to amend the charter of the Dover & Foxcroft Water District.

H. P. No. 855: An Act to amend Chapter 174 of the Public Laws of Maine for 1923, known as the Military Law.

H. P. No. 183: Resolve making appropriation for the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station for the purchase of additional land at Highmoor Farm.

(On motion by Mr. Deering of Saco tabled pending second reading).

H. P. No. 55: Resolve making appropriation for the control and suppression of the European corn borer.

H. P. No. 463: Resolve making an appropriation for the Maine Seed Improvement Association.

H. P. No. 530: Resolve transferring the income from the Carleton Orchard Fund to the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine.

Orders Of The Day

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table joint order relating to the reception of public bills and resolves, tabled by that gentleman on February 20th, pending passage.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I now offer House Amendment A, and I would say to the House that the Order now uses in the title the words

"fourth of March," and this amendment changes it from the fourth until the tenth, which would extend the time over a week-end and we would thereby really lose no time.

House Amendment A to joint order, relative to the reception of public bills, dated February 24th, 1925: Joint order of February 20th, 1925, is hereby amended by substituting, in the third line thereof, for the word "fourth," the word "tenth," so that said order as amended shall read as follows: "Ordered, the Senate concurring, that all bills, resolves and orders after the session of the Legislature held on March 10th, except as pertains solely to facilitating the business of the Eighty-second Legislature, be referred to the next Legislature."

The SPEAKER: The House will bear in mind that this order provides that all bills to be acted upon at this session of the Legislature must be in the hands of the Clerk on or before March 10th.

On motion by Mr. Wing the amendment was adopted and the order, as amended, received passage.

On motion by Mr. White of Bowdoinham, it was voted to take from the table H. P. No. 787, An Act to incorporate the Richmond Water District, tabled by that gentleman February 18th, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Public Utilities.

On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong, it was voted to take from the table H. P. No. 643, bill, An Act for location of highway in the county of Franklin, extending from Rangeley to the Canadian line, tabled by the gentleman February 13, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong, it was voted to take from the table H. P. No. 731, bill, An Act relating to State funds for charity patients in public and private hospitals, tabled by that gentleman February 18th, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor, it was voted to take from the table report of the committee on Legal Affairs, ought not to pass on bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 389 of the Private and Special Laws for the year 1905, entitled "An Act to grant certain powers to the town of Eden"; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was re-committed to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. White of Bowdoinham, it was voted to take from the table Senate Document No. 23, report of the committee on Agriculture, ought to pass on bill, An Act relating to control of European corn borer, tabled by that gentleman February 20, pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted and the

bill had its two several readings and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Bar Harbor, it was voted to take from the table bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 115 of the Special and Private Laws of 1917, it being an act to regulate the sale of milk or cream in bottles or jars within the town of Bar Harbor, Hancock county, tabled by that gentleman February 17, pending reference; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Houghton of Lee, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.