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## SENATE

Thursday, February 19, 1925.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Stuart B. Purves of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: 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. 7) (S. D. 47).

(In Senate, Feb. 11, passed to be engrossed.)

In the House indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the Senate voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Hinckley of Cumberland, Maher of Kennebec and Carter of Androscoggin.

From the House: Bill "An Act to amend Section 11 of 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. 8) (S. D. 45)."

(In Senate, Feb. 11, passed to be engrossed.)

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From the House: Bill "An Act requiring owners of certain motor vehicles and trailers to furnish security for their civil liability on account of personal injuries and property

damage caused by their motor vehicles and trailers." (S. P. 131) (S. D. 57)

(In Senate, Feb. 11, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.)

In the House referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the Senate voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Cram of Cumberland, Hussey of Aroostook and Anthoine of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to amend Sections 30 and 47 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to fees of operators and to fees for licensing motor vehicles." (S. P. 170) (S. D. 58)

(In Senate, Feb. 12, referred to the Committee on Taxation.)

In the House referred to the Committees on Taxation and Ways and Bridges jointly in non-concurrence.

In the Senate:

Mr. SPEIRS: Mr. President, that is an error. On the 13th the Senate referred this bill to the joint committee of Taxation and ways and bridges.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the senator that this bill had already gone to the House.

On motion by Mr. Allen of York, the Senate voted to recede and concur with the House reference.

From the House: Report of Committee on Judiciary, on bill "An Act to incorporate the Cousins and Littlejohns Islands Village Corporation" (H. P. 157) reporting the same in a new draft (H. P. 670), under the same title and that it ought to pass.

In the House recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. HINCKLEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, do I understand that this bill was reported ought to pass?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator from Cumberland Senator Hinckley, that this bill was acted upon in the House and then recommitted to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. HINCKLEY: I have no objection, Mr. President.

The bill was then recommitted in concurrence.

From the House: An Act relating to provision for upkeep, equipment and extensions for the several Normal Schools and the Madawaska Training School (H. D. 160).

In the House referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

In the Senate, referred in concurrence.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. Allen of York, the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was referred in concurrence, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled.

From the House: An Act to incorporate the Winding Ledges Power Company. (H. D. 154)

In the House, referred to the committee on judiciary.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to incorporate the Fort Fairfield Water District. (H. P. 788)

In the House, referred to the committee on public utilities.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Wilson of Aroostook, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

#### House Bills in First Reading

Resolve providing for the expenses of the contest over the election as Representative to the Legislature from the town of Lisbon.

An Act to regulate fishing in Bog Brook so-called in Oxford and Androscoggin counties. (H. D. 128).

An Act providing for protection of moose. (H. D. 127).

An Act relating to ice fishing in Moose Hill Pond in the town of East Livermore. (H. P. 673).

An Act to regulate fishing in certain ponds in Somerset county. (H. D. 123).

In the House, the report of the committee on inland fisheries and game, ought to pass, was accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

An Act to regulate fishing in the brooks in York, in the county of York. (H. D. 124).

An Act relating to the taking of smelts in Casco Bay. (H. D. 125).

The following bills, petitions, etc., were received and on recommendation by the committee on reference

of bills, were referred to the following committees:

#### Indian Affairs

By Mr. Miner of Washington, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Public Laws of 1921 to regulate certain internal affairs of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians. (S. P. 290).

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#### Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis, An Act relative to hunting and fishing. (S. P. 291).

On motion by Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was tabled.

#### Judiciary

By Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, An Act providing for an additional Justice of the Superior Court for the County of Cumberland. (S. P. 292).

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### Labor

By Mr. Foster of Kennebec, Resolution passed by Kennebec Pomona Grange protesting against adoption of 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as "The Child Labor Law." (S. P. 293).

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was referred to the committee on labor, and on further motion by the same Senator, it was tabled.

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Buzzell of Oxford, An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 85 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to fees payable to Registers of Deeds (S. P. 294).

#### Public Utilities

By Mr. Cram of Cumberland, An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 128 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the approval of stocks, bonds and notes. (S. P. 295).

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Case of Washington, Remonstrance of Ernest Wallace and 29 others of Lubec against the passage of the so-called Lamson Bill regarding the measurement of lobsters. (S. P. 296).

Mr. Walker of Knox presented Remonstrance of W. Darling and 62 others of Harpswell against the same. (S. P. 297), and remonstrance of P. W. Fillmore and 36 others of New Harbor against the same. (S. P. 298);

Mr. Clarke of Hancock presented Remonstrance of D. T. Thurlow and 47 others of Stonington against the same (S. P. 299);

Mr. Walker of Knox presented Remonstrance of H. L. Elwell and 39 others of St. George against the same (S. P. 300);

Mr. Clarke of Hancock presented Remonstrance of E. O. Thompson and 33 others of Loud Island against the same (S. P. 301).

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Walker of Knox, Remonstrance of Everett Reilly and 37 others of New Harbor against any increase in the gasoline tax without exemption to fishermen. (S. P. 302);

Mr. Phillips of Hancock presented Remonstrance of W. U. Ervine and 13 others of Bristol against the same (S. P. 303); Remonstrance of T. N. Brackett and 44 others of New Harbor against the same (S. P. 304).

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that 5,000 copies of the Governor's Message on the State Contingent Fund be ordered printed.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. Cram, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby the order for the printing of the Governor's Message was passed, and by unanimous consent the order was withdrawn, and on further motion by Mr. Cram it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that 5,000 copies of the Governor's Message on the State Contingent Fund be ordered printed.

Mr. MAHER of Kennebec: Mr. President, I wish to introduce a joint resolution, if in order at this time, and if not in order, under suspension of the rules.

Under suspension of the rules, Senator Maher introduced and read the following joint resolution:

Whereas the wise division of governmental powers between the three co-ordinate branches, executive, legislative and judicial, has ever proved in this State the exact expression of the genius of the people of the State of Maine, with whom rests the ultimate sovereignty, and

Whereas, there has ever existed the

mutual confidence, trust and respect of said governmental agencies for the rights, responsibilities and functions of each, and

Whereas, due to his somewhat overtaxed physical condition, the great Chief of the judicial branch of the government has deemed it discreet to resign from his high trust,

Be It Resolved, that it is the sense of the 82nd Legislature of Maine, that there shall be spread upon its records a vote expressive of its appreciation of his splendid character, great gifts of mind and purpose, high ideals, inspiring integrity and fine service.

And be it Resolved, that the Legislative branch of the government of the State of Maine does hereby express and record its esteem, regard, love and loyalty for the Honorable Leslie C. Cornish, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, and wishes him long years of health and happiness to come.

Mr. MAHER: Mr. President, I move the passage of this resolution and that the vote be taken by rising.

A rising vote was taken amid applause.

#### Passed To Be Engrossed

An Act to amend Section four of Chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the Public Laws of 1923, relating to the control and suppression of the European Carr Borer (S. P. 26) (S. D. 23).

An Act to disorganize Criehaven Plantation in the County of Knox. (H. P. 18) (H. D. 73).

An Act entitled An Act to legalize the sale of cider which has been so treated as to prevent fermentation and which does not contain one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume (H. P. 185) (H. D. 45).

#### Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to rectify transfer of land from State of Maine to trustees of Gorham Academy in the County of Cumberland, and from trustees of Gorham Academy in the County of Cumberland, State of Maine (S. P. 35) (S. D. 51).

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. 15) (H. D. 15).

An Act to amend the Charter of Kennebec Log Driving Company as amended by Chapter four hundred and two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and

eighty-five, and further amended by Chapter thirteen and Chapter fourteen of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and by Chapter two of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one (H. P. 16) (H. D. 16).

(On motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, tabled pending enactment.)

An Act to change the name of the trustees of Gould's Academy in Bethel, originally incorporated under the name of the trustees of Bethel Academy and later changed to the trustees of Gould's Academy in Bethel (H. P. 26) (H. D. 83).

An Act to amend Sections three, four, and five of Chapter four hundred and thirteen of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the East Maine Conference Seminary (H. P. 27) (H. D. 82).

An Act increasing the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of the recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland (H. P. 70) (H. D. 81).

An Act relating to the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Portland (H. P. 71) (H. D. 80).

(On motion by Mr. Allen of York, tabled pending enactment.)

An Act relating to applications for Soldiers' Bonus (H. P. 362) (H. D. 63).

(On motion by Mr. Anthoine of Cumberland, tabled pending enactment.)

#### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that yesterday he omitted to say anything about taking from the table the first four bills, H. D. 5, H. D. 91, S. P. 199 and H. D. 24.

Mr. HUSSEY of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move that we take from the table H. D. 5, Report from the committee on legal affairs on bill to provide for the settlement of estates of absentees.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HUSSEY: Mr. President, I tabled that report because there was similar legislation before the judiciary committee. That bill will probably be reported out tomorrow. I move that this matter be retabled and specially assigned for Wednesday next, if it be the pleasure of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. LANE of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I move to take from the table H. D. 91, An Act to establish a finance commission in the City of Lewiston.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was retabled until next Wednesday.

Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move to take from the table H. D. 24, Resolve making appropriation for support and maintenance of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator was retabled and assigned for next Wednesday.

Mr. HINCKLEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move to take from the table, Majority report of committee on judiciary "Ought not to pass" on bill An Act relating to the protection of children (H. D. 17); Minority report "Ought to pass" on same subject matter.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HINCKLEY: Mr. President, this is being taken up with the knowledge of Senator Maher, who is absent at this time. I move the acceptance of the majority report "Ought not to pass."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. POWERS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I move to take from the table S. P. 279, An Act to regulate the occupation of hairdressers, cosmeticians, and cosmetologists, to create a State board of examiners for the licensing of persons to carry on and teach such practices, etc.

The motion was agreed to, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will announce that he omitted to name a committee of conference in relation to an act relating to fees for the registration of vehicles, relating to transportation of school children. The Chair will now appoint Messrs. Lane of Androscoggin, Powers of Aroostook and Cram of Cumberland.

On motion of Mr. Lane of Androscoggin,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.