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SENATE

Wednesday, February 25, 1925.

Senate called to order by the President

Prayer by the Rev. H. A. Clark of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair wants to take this opportunity to thank the Senate for the splendid harmony that has prevailed up to this time, and also to inform the Senate that we are some 200 bills ahead in our work of the session of two years ago.

It was not a great while ago that we got word that there was a silent influence working in our midst to make this a session of inactivity; but as soon as we were all apprized of this fact that is the last we heard of it.

Some of the newspapers of course have been running rather short of real spectacular news; there have not been very many vetoes; there have not been very many thrills, so far as this Legislature is concerned, and very recently they have made reference to certain events that might happen, etc.

I hope the Senate will keep on the same even tenor of its way, as it has in the past.

The Chair thanks you all for your contribution to the harmony of this body.

House papers disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Remonstrance of W. H. Eastman and 116 others against the Child Labor amendment. (H. P. 887).

In the Senate referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the Senate reconsidered its vote whereby this remonstrance was referred to the committee on legal affairs, and on further motion by the same Senator the matter was tabled, pending reference of the subject matter to a committee.

House Bills in First Reading

Resolve making appropriation for the control and suppression of the European corn borer. (H. D. 190).

Resolve making an appropriation for the Maine Seed Improvement Association. (H. D. 191).

Resolve transferring the income from the Carleton Orchard Fund to the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine. (H. D. 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. D. 34).

An Act to incorporate the Bay Point Village corporation. (H. D. 177).

An Act to amend chapter 174 of the Public Laws of Maine for 1923, known as the Military Law. (H. D. 188).

An Act to amend the charter of the Dover and Foxcroft Water District. (H. D. 178).

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Holley of Somerset, An Act relating to the adjustment of rate of interest on farm loans granted by the State. (S. P. 330).

(500 copies ordered printed)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Case of Washington, Remonstrance of Washington County Pomona Grange No. 16, against any change in the present laws regarding bear and wild cats.

By Mr. Smith of Somerset, Petition of Howard H. Steward and 147 others of Skowhegan (S. P. 332); petition of Emmons M. Casey and 32 others of Skowhegan (S. P. 333); petition of Fred Nichols and 100 others of Skowhegan (S. P. 334); petition of Fred Avery and 52 others of Skowhegan (S. P. 335); petition of E. H. Morrill of Skowhegan and 35 others (S. P. 336) against H. P. 260 calling for an increase in resident hunters' and fishermen's registration fees.

Labor

By Mr. Case of Washington, Remonstrance of Machias Valley Grange No. 360, against the so-called child labor amendment. (S. P. 337).

By Mr. Smith of Somerset, Petition of H. M. Wiggin and 53 others of Portland and vicinity in favor of the Old Age Pension Bill, S. D. No. 38 (S. P. 338); petition of Edward W. Cobb and 28 others of South Portland in favor of the same (S. P. 339).

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Smith of Somerset, An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the salary of County Attorney of Somerset County. (S. P. 340).

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Chalmers of Penobscot, remonstrance of James T. Brennan and 39 others of Bangor and Brewer against any change in the Sea and Shore Fisheries Commission. (S. P. 341).

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Case of Washington, remonstrance of Machias Valley Grange No. 360 (S. P. 342); remonstrance of Charlotte Grange No. 263 (S. P. 343) against any further increase in the present bonded indebtedness of the State.

Bills in First Reading

An Act to extend the Charter of the Patten Water and Power Company. (S. P. 113)

An Act relating to close time on lobsters in the towns of Cutler, Trescott and Lubec, in Washington County. (S. P. 46) (S. D. 118).

Reports of Committees

Mr. Hinckley, from the Committee on Judiciary, on An Act pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Westbrook (S. P. 36) (S. D. 17), reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 344) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec, the vote was reconsidered whereby H. P. 731, An Act in relation to State funds for charity patients in public and private hospitals, was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled.

Mr. CLARK of Hancock: Mr. President, I wish to ask for information regarding the Bar Harbor municipal bills. I think one was printed and the other was not. H. P. 117 I have in mind,—the bill was reported from the committee on legal affairs and the report was accepted this morning.

Mr. POWERS of Aroostook: Mr. President, that bill was reported in this morning and the committee report was adopted.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will ask the Senator from Hancock if the explanation of the Senator from Aroostook is satisfactory?

Mr. CLARK: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby the report of the committee on legal affairs on H. P. 117, was accepted.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled pending acceptance of the report.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Aroostook, H. D. 5, report from the committee on Legal Affairs on An Act to provide for the settlement of estates of absentees, was taken from the table, and the senator then yielded to the senator from Aroostook, Senator Powers.

On motion by Mr. Powers, the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Allen of York, H. D. No. 80, An Act relating to the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Portland, was taken from the table.

Mr. ALLEN: I understand, Mr. President, that the pending question is its final passage, and I move that the bill be passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, the bill was tabled pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, S. P. 276, An Act to incorporate Dexter P. Cooper, was taken from the table, and the senator then yielded to the senator from Washington, Senator Miner.

Mr. MINER: Mr. President, I move that S. P. 276 be referred to the committee on Public Utilities.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Kennebec the bill was retabled.

On motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, H. D. 154, An Act to incorporate the Winding Ledges Power Company, was taken from the table.

Mr. CARTER: Mr. President, I now move that this bill be referred to the committee on Public Utilities.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland the bill was retabled.

On motion by Mr. Lane of Androscoggin, H. D. 91, An Act to establish a finance commission in the city of Lewiston was taken from the table.

The same senator then moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Kennebec, the bill was retabled.

On motion by Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec, H. D. 24, resolve making appropriation for support and maintenance of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station was taken from the table.

The senator then yielded to the senator from Aroostook, Senator Wilson, upon whose motion the bill was retabled.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, H. P. 110, House Report, ought to pass on an Act relating to hunting in certain specified localities in the State of Maine, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, H. D. 123, House Report from the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on An Act to regulate fishing in certain ponds in Somerset county was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, S. P. 121, resolve ratifying proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, granting Congress the power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age, and declaring that the power of the several states is unimpaired thereby, except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the Congress, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator, the Senate voted to insist upon its former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Smith of Somerset, Bond of Lincoln and Wadsworth of Kennebec.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the

United States, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator, the Senate voted to insist upon its former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Smith of Somerset, Bond of Lincoln and Wadsworth of Kennebec.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Somerset, H. D. 61, resolve to reject the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, being the child labor law, so-called, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator, the Senate voted to insist upon its former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as such committee of conference on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Smith of Somerset, Bond of Lincoln and Wadsworth of Kennebec.

On motion by Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec, S. P. 125, Resolve rejecting the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, granting to Congress power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Senate voted to insist upon its former action and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed as such committee of conference on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Wadsworth of Kennebec, Bond of Lincoln, and Smith of Somerset.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Kennebec, H. D. 73, An Act to disorganize Criehaven plantation, was taken from the table.

Mr. MAHER: Mr. President, the pending question is, as I understand, passage to be engrossed as amended by House amendment A. I understand that House Amendment A takes care of certain taxes which might accrue after the date of dissolution, and there is no provision, as I read it, in the bill, in relation to taxes which may have accrued in the past—the collection of them. I am not interested in that at all—I make that suggestion, calling attention to it, if anybody has interest in the taxes which have accrued in the past, which I should say would be uncol-

lectible if there were any outstanding.

I move, however, its passage to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HINCKLEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, it will be necessary to retable S. P. 199, Petition of Ministers' Association of Waterville and vicinity in favor of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States relating to child labor, as the subject matter has not been referred to any particular committee, and there is no place where we can refer this petition.

I move that S. P. 199 be retabled for the present.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. HINCKLEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, H. P. 293, which automatically comes from the table this morning, I move be retabled for the same reason as in S. P. 199.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: There is nothing more to take from the table except H. P. 788, An Act to incorporate the Fort Fairfield Water District.

Mr. WILSON of Aroostook: Mr. President, at the request of parties I move to have that bill retabled, to see what they are going to do about the matter.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was retabled.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that we have most of the matters that were on the calendar back on the calendar again, and have been very successful in that relation. Of course it does not expedite the matters of the Legislature and I hope we may be able to take care of them perhaps next Wednesday.

On motion by Mr. Allen of York,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning
at ten o'clock.