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SENATE

Tuesday, March 10, 1925.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. R. P. Lowe of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: The Committee on Commerce, on An Act in relation to standard time (H. D. 6) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (H. D. 260) and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended, and the bill was given its first reading.

On further motion by the same Senator, the bill was tabled, pending second reading.

From the House: The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on An Act to prohibit fishing in the tributaries of Lake Anasagunticook, in Canton and Hartford, in the County of Oxford (H. D. 247) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended, and the bill was given its first reading.

From the House: The same Committee, on An Act prohibiting fishing in the tributaries to St. Croix Lake, in Townships 7 and 8, Range 4, Aroostook County (H. D. 248) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended, and the bill was given its first reading.

From the House: The same Committee, on An Act to regulate ice fishing in Long Pond, in the towns of Somerville and Jefferson, in the County of Lincoln, and in the town of Windsor, in the County of Kennebec (H. D. 249) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.

From the House: The same Committee, on An Act to establish daily limit on fish in C Pond, in township C Surplus, Oxford County (H. D. 250) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.

From the House: The same Committee, on An Act relating to fishing in Stony Brook, in Newry and Hanover, in Oxford County (H. D. 251) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Buzzell of Oxford, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.

From the House: The Committee on Legal Affairs, on An Act to ratify and make valid the incorporation of Hammond Street Congregational Church in Bangor (H. D. 252) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Powers of Aroostook, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.

From the House: The Committee on Salaries and Fees, on An Act relating to the fees of clerks of cities and towns (H. D. 119) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, in concurrence, and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.

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. Wilson of Aroostook, An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture (S. P. 471).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holley of Somerset, petition of W. C. Abbott and six others in

relation to interest on Farm Land Loans (S. P. 474). (500 copies ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec, An Act establishing a State Contingent Fund and a Surplus Revenue Account and regulating the same (S. P. 475).

(On motion by Mr. Holley of Somerset, 1000 copies ordered printed.)

Banks and Banking

By Mr. Foster of Kennebec, An Act to authorize retirement compensation to treasurers and assistant treasurers of savings banks and trust companies (S. P. 455).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Education

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act for the protection of life in buildings used for school purposes (S. P. 456).

(500 copies ordered printed.) By Mr. Barwise of Penobscot, An Act to provide for the approval by the Commissioner of Education of textbooks used in private schools (S. P. 462).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Foster of Kennebec, remonstrance of H. A. Clark of Gardiner and 37 others against the repeal in any manner of our present Direct Primary Law. (S. P. 457)

By Mr. Cram of Cumberland, remonstrance of W. H. Rolfe of Woodfords, Maine and 17 others (S. P. 458) against the same.

By Mr. Barwise of Penobscot, An Act to amend Section 127 of Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the affidavit of plaintiff being taken as prima facie evidence. (S. P. 463)

(500 copies ordered printed.) By Mr. Roberts of York, An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 37 of the Public Laws of location 1917relating to the of ways crossing railroad tracks, (S. P. 464)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Foster of Kennebec, An Act to prevent traveling peddlers, dealers, salesmen and solicitors of orders for punch boards, seal cards, slot gambling machines or other implements, apparatus or materials of any form of gambling. (S. P. 465)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Maher of Kennebec An Act relating to taxation of corporations. (S. P. 476)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same senator, An Act relating to the Attorney General. (S. P. 477)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same senator, An Act to amend certain acts relating to corporations. (S. P. 478)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act relating to compulsory voting at elections. (S. P. 473)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Labor

By Mr. Smith of Somerset, petition of Patrick M. Flanagan of Portland and 166 others in favor of S. D. No. 38, known as Old Age Assistance Act. (S. P. 459)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Anthoine of Cumberland, An Act relating to the purposes for which cities and towns may raise money (S. P. 460)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Cram of Cumberland, An Act to amend Section 58 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, relating to attachment of real estate in municipal and police courts. (S. P. 466)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories

By Mr. Foster of Kennebec, An Act relating to the payment of the costs in transporting persons to the State School for Girls, the Maine School for Feeble Minded, the Reformatory for Women and the Reformatory for Men. (S. P. 467)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Taxation

By Mr. Maher of Kennebec, An Act providing for a rebate to municipalities of State taxes on certain property. (S. P. 479)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Phillips of Hancock, An Act requiring an excise tax to be paid on all cigarettes sold in this State (S. P. 472)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Temperance

By Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, An Act relating liquors. (S. P. 461) to intoxicating

(500 copies ordered printed.)

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Bills in First Reading

Resolve, providing for the purchase of the book to be issued by the Maine State Bar Association in commemoration of the adoption of the Constitutions of the United States and of Maine. (S. D. 152)

An Act relating to allowance for clerks in the Register of Deeds of Cumberland County. (S. D. 153)

An Act to amend Chapter 39 of the Public Laws of 1915 to fix the salary of the Judge and Recorder of the Sanford Municipal Court. (S. D. 154)

An Act to change the salary of the State Superintendent of the State School for Boys. (S. D. 155)

An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes relating to the fees payable to Registers of Deeds. (S. D. 156)

Resolve, in favor of the Maine School for Feeble-Minded for maintenance for the fiscal years of 1926 and 1927 (S. D. 157) Resolve, in favor of Lester D. Eat-

Resolve, in favor of Lester D. Eaton, Warden of the State Prison. (S. D. 158)

An Act to change name of the Maine School for Feeble Minded (S. D. 159)

Resolve, in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for maintenance and other purposes. (S. D. 160)

Resolve, in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for maintenance for the fiscal years 1926 and 1927 (S. D. 161)

An Act to amend Section 48 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the powers and liabilities of plantations (S. D. 162)

An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921 relating to the Farmington Municipal Court. (S. D. 163)

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 325 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 17 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, as amended by Chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, as amended by Chapter 38 of the Private and Special Laws of 1923, relating to clerk hire by the Judge of the Municipal Court of Waterville. (S. D. 164)

Court of Waterville. (S. D. 164) An Act providing for and fixing the salaries of the Probation Officer and Assistant Probation Officer for the County of Cumberland. (S. D. 165)

An Act to change the personnel of the Budget Committee. (S. D. 166)

An Act to create a game sanctuary in Knox County, to be known as the Knox County Game Preserve. (S. D. 167)

An Act to amend the law relating to the salary of the Librarian of the Maine State Library. (S. D. 168)

An Act increasing the salary of the Postmaster of the Senate. (S. D. 169)

Reports of Committees

Mr Hinckley from the Committee on Judiciary, on Resolve in favor of the appointment of six commissioners by the Governor and Council to revise all laws relating to motor vehicles. (S. D. 107) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 132 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Private Detectives. (S. D. 88) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Buzzell from the Committee on Pensions, on Resolve to increase the pension of Charles D. Preble of Kittery. (S. P. 53) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Case, from the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, on An Act relating to fishing inside a line drawn from Damiscove to Seguin (S. P. 98) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

The Committee of Conference, on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Resolve to reject the proposed 20th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, being the Child Labor Law, so-called. (H. D. 61) reported that the House recede and concur with the Senate in referring this resolve to the Committee on Labor.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wadsworth from the Committee on Insane Hospitals, on Resolve, in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for renovation of steam plant for fiscal years 1926 and 1927 (S. P. 72) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 468) and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Clarke from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on An Act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Portland to Sarah Mulkern (S. P. 176) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 469) and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Morrison, from the same committee, on An Act t amend Section 4 of Chapter 93 of the Private and Special Laws of 1878 as amended by Chapter 40 of the Private and Special Laws of 1919, relating to the time of holding the civil terms of the Municipal Court of the town of Farmington (S. P. 92) reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and the bills tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Powers, from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 31 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to elections and permitting the use of ballot boxes with devices for registering and endorsing ballots deposited therein. (S. D. 48) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and on motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Anthoine, from the Committee on Public Utilities, on An Act to extend the charter granted to the 'olumbia Falls Water Company for two years (S. P. 240) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Carter, from the same Committee, on An Act relating to the Portland Gas and Light Company (S. D. 43) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and on motion by Mr. Anthoine of Cumberland, the rules were suspended, and the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Barwise, from the Committee on School for Feeble Minded, on Resolve in favor of the Maine School for Feeble Minded for additions and improvements (S. P. 56) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title, (S. P. 470) and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Hinckley, from the Committee on judiciary, on an act to inccrporate the Presque Isle Sewer District, reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the

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bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis, the Senats voted to reconsider its action of March 6 whereby bill An Act in favor of the Monson Maine Slate Company (H. D. 236) was passed to be engrossed and on further motion by the same Senator Senate Amendment "A" was adopted.

Senate Amendment A to H. D. 236, An Act in favor of the Monson Slate Company.

Amend said Act by adding at the end of same the following:

Provided, however, that the sum of one hundred dollars per year shall be paid to the State of Maine for each and every year slate is quarried or removed by said Company from beneath said lake; and provided further that no more than five thousand cubic yards shall be removed in any one year for said sum. Any additional removal in any year shall be paid for at the same rate. Nothing in this Act, however, shall be construed to require payment to the State for any year said vein under said lake is not worked.

On further motion by the same Senator, the bill, as amended by Senate Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Powers of Aroostook, the Senate voted to "econsider its action of Friday whereby it referred to the legal members of the Senate the order presented to the Senate Friday by the senator from York, Senator Roberts.

Senator Powers then yielded to the Senator from York, Senator Roberts.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, the order was given a passage.

On motion by Mr. Powers of Aroostook, the Senate reconsidered its action whereby an Act requiring an excise tax to be paid on all cigarettes sold in this State, was referred to the committee on taxation, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled pending reference to a committee.

Mr. CARLETON of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I have a report which I wish to present, and move

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that it lie on the table and 1000 copies be printed.

The PRESIDENT: 'The Chair would like to ask if this is the report of the joint committee of the Governor and Council and the 82nd Legislature of the State of Maine upon the proposed location of a bridge over the Kennebec river in the vicinity of Bath and Woolwich?

Mr. CARLETON: It is.

The PRESIDENT: And you want to accept this report?

Mr. CARLETON: I do not know as they would want to accept it until they see it. I thought we would have it printed, and later move its acceptance.

The motion was agreed to and the matter was tabled pending printing.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Kennebec,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.