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OF THE

Eighty-Third Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 12, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Haskell of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

ORDERS

On motion by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor, it was

Ordered, that the pages be instructed to fill ink wells on members' desks.

On motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, it was

Ordered, that a fountain pen be furnished each member of the House and be paid for from money appropriated for legislative expenses.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives prepare and keep the Journal of the House as required by the Constitution, and that at the end of the session the same be duly attested as a true record and be filed in the office of Secretary of State, and that no copies of the same be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of the Recess Committee on courts and court procedure.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Recess Committee, authorized by order of the Eighty-second Legislature to make a survey of our courts and report what changes, if any, would be desirable in our present system of courts and judicial procedure to secure greater efficiency, beg leave to submit the following report:

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, it was voted that the further reading of the report at this time be dispensed with, and that one thousand copies be printed.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman from Auburn (Mr. Wing) care to have it referred to the Committee on Judiciary to be announced later today?

Mr. WING: There is no committee at the present time.

The SPEAKER: To be announced later today.

Thereupon by motion by Mr. Wing

of Auburn it was voted that the report be referred to the committee on Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the veto message tabled by that gentleman yesterday; and on further motion by the same gentleman January 19 was assigned as the time for its consideration.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it voted to assign January 19th as the date for the consideration of the veto message.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I now move, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Maine, that we forthwith proceed to consider the veto message.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, we have quite a number of lawyers beside the one from Auburn in the House and Senate, and in the Senate the veto of the resolve appropriating money to pay claim allowed by the committee on claims was tabled until the 19th. Therefore I thought it would be feasible to do the same thing here; but being a layman perhaps I did not know the Constitution as well as the gentleman from Auburn. I supposed that they had a right to do that in the Senate so I took that Honorable Body's word for it, and had it tabled at the same time. If the Constitution says "forthwith", and the gentleman wishes to be technical, why didn't he pick it up in the first instance? Three days, not including Sunday, would be Saturday night; and as I understand from the clerk he had no record of it until Tuesday. Therefore, it looks to me as though five days had gone by.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I do not care to enter into any controversy with the distinguished gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds). Neither do I care to have it understood that the business of this House is entirely subservient to the wishes of the Chamber at the other end of the building. We should proceed in our own way and within our own rights. Whatever that body does is not for us on a demand of this kind. I am here, I hope, to conduct the public business promptly and fairly and justly. I hope this Legislature, or this House, will take that point of view. I think it

will mean better cooperation and better results in the end. I do not know anything about the other veto message. The House ought to know, and probably does know, that each measure is returned to the House or the body in which it originated. This particular measure originated here and it is here voted upon first. If a veto is sustained, that is the end of the matter, and if a veto is sustained in the Senate on the other measures, that is the end of the matter there. Now we can as well vote on this at one time as another. I wonder how much or how little the members of this House know about the planking of a bridge at Norridgewock! Two years have gone by. I hope the bridge has been planked. I think we should go about our business and finish up what was left over in a prompt and vigorous way.

The SPEAKER: The motion before the House is that of the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wing, that the veto be given immediate consideration. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, I perfectly agree with the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wing, that the members of this House know but very little about the condition of the bridge at Norridgewock, and I am of the opinion that if we had until the 19th, as the gentleman from Portland (Mr. Rounds) suggests, it would give us a chance to investigate; and I would move that it be tabled until the 19th.

Mr. CHASE of Cape Elizabeth: Mr. Speaker, I seem to recall that on the first day of the session an order was passed by which our Clerk was to have a copy of Webster's Dictionary and a copy of the Century Dictionary. I wondered at the time why so many dictionaries were needed; but it would seem at this time that the whole thing turns on the interpretation of the word "forthwith". I confess I do not know what it means. I supposed it means in due order and not necessarily immediately.

The SPEAKER: The Chair feels that the motion of the gentleman from Auburn (Mr. Wing) is before the House, which is that we proceed with the veto message immediately. Those in favor of the motion will say aye, those opposed no.

A viva voce vote being doubted.

A division of the House was had

A sufficient number having voted in the negative the motion failed of passage.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, you have not announced the vote.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Auburn (Mr. Wing) insist upon a count

Mr. WING: Oh no!

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman from Ellsworth, Mr. Foster, make the motion that the bill now lie on the table with the definite assignment?

Mr. FOSTER: Until the 19th.

Thereupon the matter of the veto message was tabled, and definitely assigned for January 19th.

Papers from the Senate, out of order, and under suspension of the rules.

From the Senate: Bond of William S. Owen as Treasurer of State in the sum of \$75,000 with the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation as surety, and the bond of William S. Owen as Treasurer of State in the sum of \$75,000 with the Century Indemnity Company as surety.

In the Senate, referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House so referred in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair announces the following committees for this session which the Clerk will read:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

On Ways and Means

Ingraham of Bangor, Stone of Bridgton, Crawford of Houlton, Snow of Brunswick, Webber of China, King of Orono, Hamel of Lewiston.

On Leave of Absence

Burns of Eagle Lake, Gagne of Biddeford, Webber of China, MacKinnon of Mexico, Harris of Minot, Bissett of Portland, Cowell of Berwick.

On Rules and Business of the House

The Speaker, ex-officio, Wing of Auburn, Dudley of Calais.

On Bills in the Third Reading

Eustis of Strong, Allen of Yarmouth, Berry of Waterville, Wing of Kingfield, Decker of Portland, Ferguson of Shapleigh, Cain of Clinton.

On Engrossed Bills

Norwood of Warren, Holman of Bangor, Eustis of Strong, Pendexter of Hiram, Gagne of Biddeford, Carleton

of Portland, Miss Laughlin of Portland.

On Elections

Melcher of Rumford, Ellis of Fairfield, Belleau of Lewiston, Weston of Harrison, Lait of Old Town, Staples of Eliot, Pendexter of Hiram.

On County Estimates

Greenleaf of Auburn, Seavey of Sherman Mills, Rounds of Portland, Farrington of Jay, Snowman of Deer Isle, Douglas of Chelsea, Gilchrest of Thomaston, Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro, Brown of Bethel, Holman of Bangor, Hathaway of Milo, Butler of Bath, Brackett of Detroit, Mears of Morrill, Gillespie of Meddybemps, Smith of Biddeford.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

On Aeronautics and Radio Control

Senators

Slocum of Cumberland
Crafts of Piscataquis
Holmes of Androscoggin

Representatives

Ferguson of Shapleigh
Griffin of Biddeford
Harris of Minot
Jackson of Portland
Morin of Brunswick
Marriner of Vassalboro
Pendexter of Hiram

On Agriculture

Senators

Buzzell of Oxford
Lord of York
Bragdon of Aroostook

Representatives

Sturgis of Auburn
Norwood of Warren
Robie of Gorham
Gillespie of Meddybemps
Crawford of Houlton
Carleton of Winterport
Farrington of Jay

On Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Senators

Foster of Kennebec
Spear of Cumberland
Mitchell of Aroostook

Representatives

Foster of Ellsworth
Bisbee of Damariscotta
Deering of Saco
Vail of Hodgdon
Wheeler of So. Paris
Maloon of Bowdoin
Ruggles of Carmel

On Banks and Banking

Senators

Foster of Kennebec
Miner of Washington
Roberts of York

Representatives

Page of Skowhegan
Crockett of Hollis
Boston of Gardiner
Seavey of Sherman
Sturtevant of East Livermore
Decker of Portland
Clifford of Bath

On Claims

Senators

Smith of Somerset
Dunbar of Hancock
Harriman of Kennebec

Representatives

Rounds of Portland
Allen of Yarmouth
McLean of Bar Harbor
Webber of China
Leathers of Herman
Dudley of Castle Hill
King of Orono

On Commerce

Senators

Harriman of Kennebec
Case of Washington
Bragdon of Aroostook

Representatives

Mears of Morrill
Nadeau of Lewiston
Briggs of Monticello
Dudley of Castle Hill
Tripp of Casco
Houghton of Lee
Williams of Falmouth

On Counties

Senators

Bond of Lincoln
Nickerson of Waldo
Bragdon of Aroostook

Representatives

Gilchrest of Thomaston
Roy of Lewiston
Pendexter of Hiram
Goodwin of Lebanon
Kitchen of Presque Isle
Holbrook of Vanceboro
Cowell of Berwick

On Education

Senators

Speirs of Cumberland
Pinkham of Aroostook
Allen of Penobscot

Representatives

Crockett of Hollis
Eustis of Strong
Brewster of Dexter
Holman of Bangor
Folsom of Norridgewock
Gay of Waldoboro
Booker of Rumford

On Federal Relations

Senators

Slocum of Cumberland
Dunbar of Hancock
Harriman of Kennebec

Representatives

Cyr of Waterville
Nadeau of Lewiston
Chamberlain of Fort Fairfield
Saucier of Wallgrass Plantation
Varnum of Westbrook
Dennison of East Machias
Gagne of Biddeford

On Indian Affairs

Senators

Miner of Washington
Perkins of Penobscot
Granville of York

Representatives

Lait of Old Town
 Flint of Monson
 Norwood of Warren
 Williams of Falmouth
 Anderson of New Sweden
 Anderson of South Portland
 Jones of Corinna

On Inland Fisheries and Game**Senators**

Crafts of Piscataquis
 Lord of York
 Drake of Sagadahoc

Representatives

Kinsman of Augusta
 Flint of Monson
 Stone of Bridgton
 Buker of Bath
 Storm of Westmanland Plantation
 MacKinnon of Mexico
 Wood of Patten

On Insane Hospitals**Senators**

Woods of Penobscot
 Mitchell of Aroostook
 Granville of York

Representatives

Forhan of Canton
 Breen of Lewiston
 Jones of Corinna
 Staples of Eliot
 Clifford of Bath
 Wyman of Sidney
 Marriner of Vassalboro

On Interior Waters**Senators**

Crafts of Piscataquis
 Douglas of Hancock
 Lord of York

Representatives

Greenleaf of Auburn
 Piper of Jackman
 Milliken of Old Orchard
 Douglas of Chelsea
 Powers of Caribou
 Richardson of Monmouth
 Briggs of Monticello

On Judiciary**Senators**

Maher of Kennebec
 Carter of Androscoggni
 Oakes of Cumberland

Representatives

Wing of Auburn
 Hale of Portland
 Bartlett of Bangor
 Dudley of Calais
 Aldrich of Topsham
 Patterson of Castine
 Wing of Kingfield

On Labor**Senators**

Smith of Somerset
 Roberts of York
 Harriman of Kennebec

Representatives

Davitt of Millinocket
 Gilchrest of Thomaston
 Bruce of Belfast
 Greene of Madison
 Chaney of Lisbon
 Deakin of Howland
 White of Dyer Brook

On Legal Affairs**Senators**

Morrison of Franklin
 Dwinall of Knox
 Holmes of Androscoggin

Representatives

Fuller of Southwest Harbor
 Laughlin of Portland
 Blaisdell of Franklin
 Sargent of Brewer
 Littlefield of Kennebunk
 McCart of Eastport
 Goodwin of Sanford

On Library**Senators**

Holmes of Androscoggin
 Allen of Penobscot
 Slocum of Cumberland

Representatives

McKnight of Poland
 White of Dyer Brook
 Weston of Harrison
 Berry of Waterville
 Roy of Lewiston
 Mansfield of Jonesport
 Folsom of Norridgewock

On Maine Publicity**Senators**

Lord of York
 Crafts of Piscataquis
 Douglas of Hancock

Representatives

Eustis of Strong
 Gay of Waldoboro
 Hamel of Lewiston
 McLean of Bar Harbor
 Boynton of South Portland
 Winslow of Freeport
 Leathers of Hermon

On Manufactures**Senators**

Dunbar of Hancock
 Oakes of Cumberland
 Bragdon of Aroostook

Representatives

Jackson of Portland
 Winslow of Freeport
 Robie of Westbrook
 Church of Hallowell
 Heath of Guilford
 Bruce of Belfast
 Kane of Addison

On Mercantile Affairs and Insurance**Senators**

Drake of Sagadahoc
 Woods of Penobscot
 Speirs of Cumberland

Representatives

Bishop of Boothbay Harbor
 Wheeler of Paris
 Decker of Portland
 Ingraham of Bangor
 Sturtevant of East Livermore
 Sargent of Brewer
 Dennison of East Machias

On Military Affairs**Senators**

Slocum of Cumberland
 Drake of Sagadahoc
 Perkins of Penobscot

Representatives

Buker of Bath
 Hale of Portland

Robie of Gorham
Mansfield of Jonesport
Bartlett of Bangor
Chase of Cape Elizabeth
Cole of South Portland

On Mines and Mining

Senators

Dwinal of Knox
Buzzell of Oxford
Nickerson of Waldo

Representatives

Snow of Brunswick
Griffin of Biddeford
Hughes of Mapleton
Storm of Westmanland P1
Saucier of Wallagrass P1
McIntire of Norway
Butler of Bath

On Pensions

Senators

Perkins of Penobscot
Buzzell of Oxford
Speirs of Cumberland

Representatives

Brown of Bethel
Bailey of Harmony
Bissett of Portland
Ferguson of Shapleigh
Briggs of Monticello
Deakin of Howland
Smith of Biddeford

On Public Buildings and Grounds

Senators

Lord of York
Smith of Somerset
Woods of Penobscot

Representatives

Kinsman of Augusta
Metcalf of Farmington
Cyr of Waterville
Folsom of Norridgewock
Belleau of Lewiston
Staples of Eliot
Berry of Waterville

On Public Health

Senators

Miner of Washington
Pinkham of Aroostook
Harriman of Kennebec

Representatives

Greenleaf of Auburn
Ellis of Fairfield
Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft
McIntire of Norway
Hathaway of Milo
Chaney of Lisbon
Chamberlain of Fort Fairfield

On Public Utilities

Senators

Granville of York
Drake of Sagadahoc
Dunbar of Hancock

Representatives

Comins of Eddington
Page of Skowhegan
Bishop of Boothbay Harbor
Hughes of Mapleton
Thurston of Appleton
Tucker of Sanford
Chase of Cape Elizabeth

On Reference of Bills

Senators

President Holley (ex-officio)
Maher of Kennebec

Representatives

The Speaker (ex-officio)
Wing of Auburn
Deering of Saco

On Salaries and Fees

Senators

Perkins of Penobscot
Crafts of Piscataquis
Granville of York

Representatives

Bishop of Boothbay Harbor
Melcher of Rumford
Smith of Bangor
McKnight of Poland
Gillespie of Meddybemps
Wyman of Sidney
Williams of Webster

On School for Feeble Minded

Senators

Speirs of Cumberland
Harriman of Kennebec
Nickerson of Waldo

Representatives

Daigle of Madawaska
Williams of Webster
Brackett of Detroit
Winslow of Freeport
Greene of Madison
Jackson of Portland
Boynton of South Portland

On Sea and Shore Fisheries

Senators

Case of Washington
Dunbar of Hancock
Slocum of Cumberland

Representatives

Littlefield of Kennebunk
Forhan of Canton
Boynton of South Portland
Snowman of Deer Isle
Kane of Addison
St. Clair of Rockland
Rawley of St. George

On State Lands and Forest Preservation

Senators

Roberts of York
Buzzell of Oxford
Bond of Lincoln

Representatives

Piper of Jackman
Hammond of Van Buren
Melcher of Rumford
Milliken of Old Orchard
Houghton of Lee
Tucker of Sanford
Hawkes of Standish

On State Prison

Senators

Morrison of Franklin
Bond of Lincoln
Pinkham of Aroostook

Representatives

Brewster of Dexter
Sturgis of Auburn
Cole of South Portland
Heath of Guilford
Carleton of Winterport
Boston of Gardiner
Varnum of Westbrook

On State Sanatoriums**Senators**

Miner of Washington
Woods of Penobscot
Spear of Cumberland

Representatives

Daigle of Madawaska
Davitt of Millinocket
Burns of Eagle Lake
Ellis of Fairfield
Powers of Caribou
Brown of Bethel
Booker of Rumford

**On State School for Boys, State
Schools For Girls and State
Reformatories****Senators**

Perkins of Penobscot
Foster of Kennebec
Morrison of Franklin

Representatives

Flint of Monson
Smith of Bangor
Cain of Clinton
Williams of Falmouth
Bailey of Harmony
Church of Hallowell
Morrill of Gray

On Taxation**Senators**

Roberts of York
Douglas of Hancock
Nickerson of Waldo

Representatives

Hammond of Van Buren
Piper of Jackman
Hathaway of Milo
Cram of Mt. Vernon
Holbrook of Vanceboro
Goodwin of Lebanon
Carleton of Portland

On Temperance**Senators**

Bragdon of Aroostook

Allen of Penobscot
Case of Washington

Representatives

Sturgis of Auburn
Anderson of New Sweden
Williams of Webster
Anderson of South Portland
Comins of Eddington
Thurston of Appleton
Tripp of Casco

On Towns**Senators**

Buzzell of Oxford
Maher of Kennebec
Case of Washington

Representatives

Mears of Morrill
Cram of Mt. Vernon
Stone of Bridgton
Breen of Lewiston
Robie of Westbrook
Brackett of Detroit
Pendexter of Hiram

On Ways and Bridges**Senators**

Smith of Somerset
Case of Washington
Bond of Lincoln

Representatives

Kitchen of Presque Isle
Pike of Lubec
Marden of Waldo
Ayer of Cornish
Metcalf of Farmington
Lowell of Lincoln
Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft

On motion by Mr. Burns of Eagle
Lake,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning
at ten o'clock.