

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 1, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Moyle of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Messages and Documents

The following report from the Public Utilities Commission, in compliance with an order presented by Mr. Wing of Kingfield on Tuesday, January 25.

During the reading of the report by the Clerk of the House, Mr. Wing of Auburn moved that the further reading of the communication be dispensed with, that the same be printed, and that in the meantime the report lie upon the table.

The motion prevailed.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Augusta General Hospital, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of certain persons (H. P. No. 161.)

Claims

By Mr. Anderson of New Sweden: Resolve to reimburse the town of Washburn for support of a State pauper (H. P. No. 162.)

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: Resolve in favor of the town of Castine for reimbursement of money paid out for the care of State paupers (H. P. No. 163.)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Bucksport for refund of an inheritance tax (H. P. No. 164.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Albert C. Swasey and others of Bucksport in favor of same (H. P. No. 165.)

Education

By Mr. Webber of China: Resolve

in favor of Erskine Academy (H. P. No. 166.)

By Mr. Bailey of Harmony: Resolve in favor of Hartland Academy for maintenance (H. P. No. 167.)

By Mr. Richardson of Monmouth: Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy, Monmouth, Maine, for maintenance, repairs and equipment (H. P. No. 168.)

By Mr. Ayer of Cornish: Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary for general maintenance (H. P. No. 169.)

By Mr. Flint of Monson: Resolve appropriating funds to Monson Academy (H. P. No. 170.)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Bailey of Harmony: Petition of Colby W. Eldridge and 50 others of Cambridge and Parkman, asking for the repeal of the license trapping law in incorporated towns (H. P. 174.)

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act relating to pollution of water by beavers and muskrats (H. P. No. 172.)

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: An act relating to the trapping of foxes in Knox and Lincoln counties (H. P. No. 173.)

By Mr. Bailey of Harmony: Petition of John E. Willey and 103 others asking for a change in the closed season on deer in Somerset county (H. P. No. 175.)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: An act relating to ice fishing in Upper and Lower Cold Stream Ponds in Penobscot county (H. P. No. 176.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of L. W. Fogg and 149 other residents of Enfield and Howland in favor of same. (H. P. No. 177.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: An act to create the Office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, place the administration of several motor vehicle provisions of law under his jurisdiction and administration; and to place the State Highway Police, the appointment of Highway Police Officers, and the administration of the State Highway Police Law, under the jurisdiction and control of said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. (H. P. No. 178) (500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act to prevent trespassing upon

lands owned by and used by any water company or municipal corporation engaged in furnishing water for domestic consumption. (H. P. No. 179)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Library

By Mr. Rawley of St. George: Resolve for the purchase of seventy-five copies of *Matinicus Isle*, its story and its people. (H. P. No. 180)

Pensions

By Mr. Jones of Corinna: Resolve for teacher's pension for Etta M. Paten. (H. P. No. 181)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: An act to incorporate the Great Pond Railway Company. (H. P. No. 182)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An act relating to the pay of jurors. (H. P. No. 183)

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland, pending reference)

By the same gentleman: An act to provide for compensation of Justices of the Superior Courts. (H. P. No. 183)

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland, pending reference).

By the same gentleman: An act to provide for compensation of Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. (H. P. No. 183)

(Tabled by Mr. Hale of Portland, pending reference)

By Mr. Jackson of Portland: An act relating to the increase of the salaries of the County Attorney and the Assistant County Attorney, for the county of Cumberland. (H. P. No. 186)

Taxation

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: An act establishing a low rate tax on intangible personal property in accordance with Constitutional Amendment permitting the same. (H. P. No. 187)

(Tabled by Mr. Page of Skowhegan and 1000 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Snowman of Deer Isle: Petition of H. G. Eaton and 175 others in favor of raised road between Little Deer Isle and Big Deer Isle. (H. P. No. 210)

By Mr. Milliken of Old Orchard: Petition of Charles G. Blaisdell and 47 others of York in favor of State

aid in repairing Old Post Road. (H. P. No. 211)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of Kossuth Plantation (H. P. No. 188)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Forest City International Bridge over St. Croix River between the township of Forest City, Washington County, Maine, and the parish of North Lake, York County, New Brunswick. (H. P. No. 189)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Lambert Lake Plantation. (H. P. No. 190)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Codyville Plantation. (H. P. No. 191)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Princeton. (H. P. No. 192)

By Mr. Winslow of Freeport: Resolve in favor of the town of Freeport. (H. P. No. 193)

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: Resolve for the repair of the "Valley Road" in Freeman. (H. P. No. 194)

By the same gentleman: Resolve for permanent improvements and rebuilding of Foster Hill Road in Freeman. (H. P. No. 195)

By Mr. Brown of Bethel: Resolve in favor of Old Toll Bridge in the town of Bethel, Oxford County. (H. P. No. 196)

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of Winterville Plantation, Aroostook County (H. P. No. 197).

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of the town of Lincoln for aid to its State aid highway (H. P. No. 198).

By Mr. Hathaway of Milo: Resolve appropriating money to aid in repairing a highway in the town of Medford, in the county of Piscataquis, and providing for the future maintenance thereof (H. P. No. 199).

By Mr. Williams of Webster: Resolve in favor of the town of Webster to aid in repairing the road leading from Lewiston to Bowdoinham (H. P. No. 200).

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Abbot (H. P. No. 201).

By Mr. Pike of Lubec: Resolve in favor of the town of Trescott to aid in building a road (H. P. No. 202).

By Mr. McKnight of Poland: Resolve in favor of the town of Greene (H. P. No. 203).

By Mr. Marriner of Vassalboro:

Resolve in favor of the town of Winslow (H. P. No. 204).

By Mr. Goodwin of Lebanon: Resolve in favor of the town of Wells (H. P. No. 205).

By Mr. Pendexter of Hiram: Resolve in favor of Hiram bridge in the town of Hiram, Oxford County (H. P. No. 206).

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Sangerville (H. P. No. 207).

By Mr. Boston of Gardiner: Resolve in favor of the towns of Gardiner and Randolph (H. P. No. 208).

By Mr. Comins of Eddington: Resolve in favor of the town of Eddington (H. P. No. 209).

Orders

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was

Ordered, that an invitation be and hereby is extended to Honorable Gifford Pinchot, former governor of Pennsylvania, to address the Maine House of Representatives upon the occasion of his coming visit to Maine as the guest of Governor Brewster, the date and hour of the address to be fixed by the Clerk of the House and to be at the convenience of Governor Pinchot.

On motion by Mr. Deering of Saco, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted for a discussion of State of Maine publicity matters for the evening of Tuesday, February 8.

On motion by Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock, it was

Ordered that the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs be allowed the use of the hall of the House of Representatives on Friday, February 11, 1927, after the session of the House, if any, for the purpose of holding their annual meeting.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Paper 111, an act providing a field agent for the blind; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Richardson of Monmouth

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.