

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

Thursday, February 3, 1927

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Quimby of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate,

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet next Tuesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

In the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Temporary Home for Women and Children. (H. P. No. 248)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the Children's Hospital. (H. P. No. 249)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Resolve in favor of procuring testimonials for the purpose of marking the unmarked graves of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. (H. P. No. 250)

By Mr. Holman of Bangor: Resolve providing for sanatorium treatment by the Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association in Bangor for persons who are in need of the same and are unable to pay for it. (H. P. No. 251)

By Mr. Metcalf of Farmington: Resolve appropriating money for Franklin Hospital Association Inc., in the town of Farmington. (H. P. No. 252)

By Mr. Carleton of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf. (H. P. No. 254)

Banks and Banking

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: An

act relating to Savings Deposits in Trust Companies. (H. P. No. 253)
(1000 copies ordered printed)

Claims

By Mr. Kane of Addison: Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield, in the county of Washington, for reimbursement for monies expended in defense of three actions at law brought against it. (H. P. No. 255)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of H. H. Gray and Henry W. Sawyer of Milbridge, in the county of Washington. (H. P. No. 256)

By Mr. Deering of Saco: Resolve to reimburse the Biddeford & Saco Railroad Company for over-payments on taxes. (H. P. No. 257)

By Mr. Douglas of Chelsea: Resolve in favor of the South Kennebec Agricultural Society. (H. P. No. 258)

By Mr. Hammond of Van Buren: Resolve in favor of Xaxier Deschaines of Van Buren. (H. P. No. 259)

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Resolve in favor of the town of Abbot for reimbursement of monies expended for the support of Scott W. Pierce and family. (H. P. No. 260)

By Mr. Mears of Morrill: Resolve in favor of Arthur B. Clough compensating him for damages done his garden by moose. (H. P. No. 261)

Education

By Mr. Holman of Bangor: An act relating to equal school privileges for all pupils. (H. P. No. 262)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the superintendents of towns and school unions. (H. P. No. 263)

By Mr. Crockett of Hollis: An act relating to school supervisory unions. (H. P. No. 264)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: Remonstrance of R. E. Paterson of Fairfield and 387 others against the passage of an act relating to the registration of resident hunters and fishermen. (H. P. No. 265)

By Mr. Rawley of St. George: Remonstrance of R. A. Davis and 210 others of Friendship, Warren, Thomaston, St. George, Cushing and Rockland, against any change in the present smelt law on George's River. (H. P. No. 266)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: Petition of Daniel Hancox and 29 citizens of Jackman in favor of Fish Feeding Station at Jackman or vicinity. (H. P. No. 267)

By the same gentleman: An act prohibiting fishing in Big Lake Austin and Little Lake Austin Ponds in Somerset County except with artificial flies. (H. P. No. 268)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Orrin J. Hill of Bingham and 29 others in favor of same. (H. P. No. 269)

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: An act relative to Sunday hunting. (H. P. No. 270)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: An act relating to a bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs. (H. P. No. 271)

By Mr. Williams of Webster: Resolve to appropriate money to aid in the screening of Sabattus Pond in Androscoggin county. (H. P. No. 272)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: Resolve in favor of establishing a feeding or rearing station for fish, at or near Jackman in the county of Somerset. (H. P. No. 273)

Interior Waters

By Mr. Wood of Patten: An act to change the names of Upper Shin Pond and Lower Shin Pond in the town of Mount Chase. (H. P. No. 274)

By Mr. Hamel of Lewiston: An Act to change the name of "No Name Pond," so called, in Lewiston. (H. P. No. 275)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: Resolve in favor of Forks Plantation, Somerset county for the purpose of building a bunter in the river that protects the covered bridge over the Kennebec river. (H. P. No. 276)

Judiciary

By Mr. Deakin of Howland: An act to abolish the Superior Court of the county of Penobscot. (H. P. No. 277)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to abolish the municipal courts of Newport and Old Town. (S. P. No. 278)

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: An act defining and restricting the powers and duties of the State Highway Police. (H. P. No. 279)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: An act relating to foreclosure of mortgages. (H. P. No. 280)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the regulation of advertising signs in public view. (H. P. No. 281)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: An act relating to registration of motor vehicles by non-residents. (H. P. No. 282)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to fees for registration of vehicles. (H. P. No. 283)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jackson of Portland: An act to create a Board of Registration of Master Plumbers. (H. P. No. 284)

(500 copies ordered printed)

(Tabled by Mr. Eustis of Strong, pending reference).

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act to establish Maine Board of Music. (H. P. No. 285)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act to incorporate the Union River Railway Company. (H. P. No. 286)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act to incorporate "Trustees of St. Peters By-the-Sea Protestant Episcopal Church." (H. P. No. 287)

By Mr. Decker of Portland: An act relating to Opportunity Farm Association. (H. P. No. 288)

Library

By Mr. Holman of Bangor: An act to provide for the completion of the vital records of the State. (H. P. No. 289)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Roy of Lewiston: Resolve providing for the purchase of "Music and Musicians of Maine." (H. P. No. 290)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: An act to incorporate the Bluehill Water Company. (H. P. No. 291)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: An act relating to the Augusta Water District. (H. P. No. 292)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: An act relating to clerk hire in the office of Register of Probate of Penobscot county. (H. P. No. 293)

By Mr. Wyman of Sidney: An act relating to clerk hire in the office of the County Treasurer. (H. P. No. 294)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: An act

relating to close time on scallops. (H. P. No. 296)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Fuller of Southwest Harbor: An act to confirm the title of Rumill's Hub in Tremont, Hancock county. (H. P. No. 295)

Taxation

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: An act relating to a tax upon gasoline. (H. P. No. 297)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Norwood of Warren: Resolve in favor of the town of Washington (H. P. No. 298)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Union, appropriating money to aid in the construction of a road. (H. P. No. 299)

By Mr. Leathers of Hermon: Resolve in favor of the town of Hermon. (H. P. No. 300)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Glenburn. (H. P. No. 301).

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve in favor of the town of Dresden in the county of Lincoln. (H. P. No. 302)

By Mr. Winslow of Freeport: Resolve in favor of the town of Freeport. (H. P. No. 303)

By Mr. Richardson of Monmouth: Resolve in favor of the town of Monmouth. (H. P. No. 304)

By Mr. Heath of Guilford: Resolve in favor of the town of Parkman for repairing road. (H. P. No. 305)

By Mr. Mears of Morrill: Resolve in favor of road in town of Morrill. (H. P. No. 306)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Searsmont. (H. P. No. 307)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: Resolve in favor of the Plantation of Kingfield to help construct road leading from New Portland to Kingfield. (H. P. No. 308)

By Mr. Carleton of Winterport: Resolve in favor of the town of Frankfort. (H. P. No. 309)

By Mr. Patterson of Castine: Resolve in favor of the town of Penobscot. (H. P. No. 310)

By Mr. Jones of Corinna: Resolve in favor of the town of Stetson. (H. P. No. 311)

By Mr. Carleton of Winterport: Resolve in favor of the town of Searsport. (H. P. No. 312)

By Mr. Wyman of Sidney: Resolve in favor of the town of Sidney. (H. P. No. 313)

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Fairfield to repair and rebuild a road. (H. P. No. 314)

By Mr. Wood of Patten: Resolve in favor of the town of Prentiss. (H. P. No. 315)

By Mr. Greene of Madison: Resolve in favor of the town of Madison for repairing and rebuilding a road. (H. P. No. 316)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve in favor of town of Sherman for repair of road (H. P. No. 317)

By Mrs. Chaney of Lisbon: Resolve in favor of the town of Lisbon to aid in repairing and rebuilding the road leading from Lewiston to Bowdoinham in the town of Lisbon. (H. P. No. 318)

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska: Resolve in favor of the towns of Madawaska and Grand Isle. (H. P. No. 319)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve in favor of the town of Dresden, in the county of Lincoln. (H. P. No. 320)

On motion by Mr. Buker of Bath that gentleman was accorded the privilege of introducing the following resolution, out of order, under suspension of the rules:

Resolution favoring the passage by Congress of legislation relative to retirement of disabled emergency officers of the United States Army. (H. P. 321)

On further motion by the same gentleman the resolution was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Orders

Mr. Piper of Jackman presented the following order:

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives convey to Honorable Sherman L. Berry, a representative in this House from the city of Waterville, the friendly sympathy of this House and his fellow members and the wish that his return to health be rapid and sure.

The order was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

On motion by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren, it was

Ordered, that the forest commissioner furnish to the Legislature a statement in regard to the hardwood survey of the State started by them and the Hardwood Association; also furnish to the Legislature a

statement of the progress being made in interesting outside of state hardwood manufacturers to come to Maine and locate.

Also a general statement as to the outlook for the future in the hardwood industry.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Blaisdell from the committee on Legal Affairs reported "ought to pass" on bill an act to amend "An Act to Incorporate the Division of Maine, Sons of Veterans." (H. P. No. 54) (S. D. No. 28)

Mr. McCart from same committee reported same on bill an act to authorize the town of Boothbay Harbor to raise money for the purpose of helping keep in repair the Old Burying Ground situated in the town of Boothbay. (H. P. No. 57) (H. D. No. 19)

Reports read and accepted and the bills having already been printed, were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Goodwin of Sanford from the committee on Legal Affairs reported "ought not to pass" on bill an act to allow amendment of reasons of appeal in probate cases. (H. P. No. 22) (S. D. No. 23)

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve to appropriate money for the maintenance of State Highway Police (H. P. No. 38) (H. D. No. 14) reporting that both House and Senate recede and that the same be referred to the committee on judiciary. (Signed)

Messrs. HALE of Portland
DEERING of Saco
THURSTON of Appletton
Committee on part of House.
SMITH of Somerset
GRANVILLE of York
BOND of Lincoln

Committee on part of Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the report of the conference committee was accepted.

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Resolve to appropriate money for the State Highway Department (H. P. No. 37) (H. D. No. 13) reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate in referring

same to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

(Signed)

Messrs. HALE of Portland
DEERING of Saco
THURSTON of Appletton
Committee on part of House.
SMITH of Somerset
GRANVILLE of York
BOND OF LINCOLN

Committee on part of Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland the report of the conference committee was accepted.

Mr. HALE: I will say, Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the members that these appropriation resolves will go in the first instance to the committee on Ways and Bridges and afterwards go to the committee on Appropriations on joint order.

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on bill an act relating to appropriation of motor vehicle registration and operators' license fees (H. P. No. 44) (S. D. No. 12) reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate in referring same to the Committee on Ways and Bridges. (Signed)

Messrs. HALE of Portland
DEERING of Saco
THURSTON of Appletton
Committee on part of House.
SMITH of Somerset
GRANVILLE of York
BOND of Lincoln

Committee on part of Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the report of the conference committee was accepted.

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on bill an act relating to appropriation of automobile fees (H. P. No. 45) (S. D. No. 13) reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate in referring same to the Committee on Ways and Bridges. (Signed)

Messrs. HALE of Portland
DEERING of Saco
THURSTON of Appletton
Committee on part of House.
SMITH of Somerset
GRANVILLE of York
BOND of Lincoln
Committee on part of Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the report of the conference committee was accepted.

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on bill an act to revise the schedule of fees for registration of motor vehicles (H. P. No. 50) (H. D. No. 17) reporting that the House recede and concur with the Senate in referring same to Committee on Ways and Bridges.

(Signed)

Messrs. HALE of Portland
DEERING of Saco
THURSTON of Appleton
Committee on part of House.
SMITH of Somerset
GRANVILLE of York
BOND of Lincoln

Committee on part of Senate.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the report of the conference committee was accepted.

Report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on bill an act relating to maintenance of the State Highway Police (H. P. No. 46) (S. D. No. 14) reporting that the Senate recede and concur with the House in referring same to Committee on Judiciary.

(Signed)

Messrs. HALE of Portland
DEERING of Saco
THURSTON of Appleton
Committee on part of House.
SMITH of Somerset
GRANVILLE of York
BOND of Lincoln

Committee on part of Senate.

Were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, the report of the conference committee was accepted.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Dexter, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby House Paper 238 relative to teacher's pension for Fannie Marble was referred to the committee on Pensions.

Mr. BREWSTER of Dexter: I will explain, Mr. Speaker, that this is a teacher's pension, and that the funds are taken from the school fund. It has been the custom to refer these matters to the Education Committee, also there is a general bill coming in to cover these matters.

On further motion by Mr. Brewster of Dexter the resolve was referred to the committee on Education.

On motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Papers 183, 184 and 185, tabled by that gentleman on February 1, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman, these bills were referred to the committee on Salaries and Fees in accordance with the recommendation of the committee of reference, and 500 copies of each were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson the House voted to reconsider its action on bill an act relating to the bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs, House Paper 271, which was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game this morning.

Mr. FLINT of Monson: Mr. Speaker, I move to indefinitely postpone the bill to save advertising in about fifty newspapers.

Mr. FORHAN of Canton: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that is rather unjust. I have several petitions in favor of this bill, and it is pretty generally known throughout the State that this is a very important measure.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is upon the indefinite postponement of this bill.

On motion by Mr. Ingraham of Bangor, the bill was tabled pending motion by Mr. Flint for indefinite postponement.

On motion by Mr. Mansfield of Jonesport,

Adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon, February 8, at 4.30 o'clock.