

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

Thursday, February 10, 1927.

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

Prayer by Chaplain Hershey, National Soldiers Home.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to amend Section 68 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes relating to use of purse or drag seines in certain waters. (S. P. No. 133).

In the Senate, referred to the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Boynton of South Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

### Senate Bills in First Reading

S. P. 6, S. D. 41: Resolve appropriating money for the construction and equipment of a new wing for the Bangor State Hospital.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to fees for registration of vehicles, H. P. 283, H. D. 70, which in the House was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs, February 3rd, comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor, tabled pending consideration.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to a tax upon gasoline, H. P. No. 297, H. D. No. 75, which in the House was referred to the committee on Taxation, February 3rd, comes from the Senate referred to the committees on Taxation and Ways and Bridges jointly in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Hale of Portland, that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

The Speaker: The Chair will state that the use of the House has already been extended to the State Federation of Women's Business and Professional Clubs tomorrow, and, the House being willing it seems advisable to have a session tomorrow.

row. It would also be an act of courtesy when we do adjourn that the adjournment be placed at nine o'clock so as not to interfere with the use of the hall by the women, already granted.

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

### Agriculture

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: An act relating to the survey and sale of wood. (H. P. No. 437)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act providing for edible meat products when properly inspected. (H. P. No. 438)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Tabled by Mr. Wing of Auburn, pending reference.

By Mr. King of Orono: Resolve in favor of Highmoor Farm, in the town of Monmouth. (H. P. No. 439)

By the same gentleman: Resolve making appropriation for the support and maintenance of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station. (H. P. No. 440)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of scientific investigation in agriculture in Aroostook County. (H. P. No. 441)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of animal husbandry. (H. P. No. 442)

By the same gentleman: Resolve to appropriate money for co-operative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture. (H. P. No. 443)

### Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: Resolve in favor of Presque Isle General Hospital. (H. P. No. 444)

By Mr. Smith of Bangor: Resolve appropriating money for the Good Samaritan Home Association of Bangor, Maine. (H. P. No. 445)

By Mr. Bruce of Belfast: Resolve in favor of the Home for Aged Women in Belfast. (H. P. No. 446)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf. (H. P. No. 447)

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: Resolve in favor of the Pennell Institute at Gray. (H. P. No. 448)

### Banks and Banking

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act legalizing the guaranteed mortgage bond as an investment for the Savings Banks of Maine. (H. P. No. 449)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to collateral loans by Savings Banks. (H. P. No. 450)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Claims

By Mr. Hathaway of Milo: Resolve to reimburse the town of Milo for support of a State pauper. (H. P. No. 451)

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: Resolve in favor of the town of Caribou for reimbursement of monies expended in defending five actions at law. (H. P. No. 452)

By Mr. Eustis of Strong: Resolve in favor of the town of New Vineyard, for reimbursement for damage done by bears in killing sheep. (H. P. No. 453)

By Mr. Vail of Hodgdon: Resolve to reimburse Reed Plantation for support of a State pauper. (H. P. No. 454)

By Mr. Cram of Mt. Vernon: Resolve in favor of Joseph H. Underwood for damages caused by beaver. (H. P. No. 455)

By Mr. McIntire of Norway: Resolve in favor of Richard Jacobson of East Waterford, compensating him for damage done his orchard by deer. (H. P. No. 456)

By Mr. Marden of Waldo: Resolve to reimburse the town of Unity for support of a State Pauper. (H. P. No. 475)

### Counties

By Mr. Hale of Portland: An act to create the office of Deputy Treasurer of Cumberland County. (H. P. No. 457)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Education

By Mr. Greene of Madison: Resolve in favor of Somerset Academy located at Athens, for maintenance. (H. P. No. 458)

By Mr. Staples of Eliot: Resolve in favor of Robert W. Traip Academy. (H. P. No. 459)

By Mr. King of Orono: Resolve in favor of the trustees of the University of Maine. (H. P. No. 460)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the University of Maine

for maintenance. (H. P. No. 461)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve in favor of the Lincoln Academy at Newcastle. (H. P. No. 462)

### Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Remonstrance of Edward W. Brann and 70 others against any change in the pickerel fishing law relating to Grahams and Leonard's Lakes, the Union River and its tributaries in Hancock County. (H. P. No. 463)

By Mr. Flint of Monson: An act relating to fly fishing in the tributaries to the South Branch and West Branch of the Penobscot River; in the tributaries to the East Branch of the Penobscot River; and in the tributaries to the Allagash and St. John Rivers. (H. P. No. 464)

By Mr. McIntire of Norway: An act to regulate bass fishing in Virginia Lake in the County of Oxford. (H. P. No. 466)

By the same gentleman: An act to regulate fishing in Virginia Lake, county of Oxford. (H. P. No. 467)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act to establish a Game Preserve in the towns of Wells and Kennebunk, York County. (H. P. No. 465)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Judiciary

By Mr. Cain of Clinton: An act relating to the registration of undertakers. (H. P. No. 468)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Hamel of Lewiston: An act relating to prohibiting business and recreation on Sunday. (H. P. No. 469)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Library

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve to appropriate money for the erection of a new State Library. (H. P. No. 470)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Eustis of Strong: Resolve for the purchase of 100 copies of "Brief Biographies, Maine, a Biographical Dictionary of Who's Who in Maine, Vol. 1, 1926-27". (H. P. No. 471)

By Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro: Resolve for the purchase of 150 copies of "Two American Pioneers". (H. P. No. 472)

**Military Affairs**

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: Resolve in favor of the Department of Maine, Grand Army of the Republic. (H. P. No. 473)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Resolve in favor of the State Armory in the city of Portland. (H. P. No. 474)

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the resolve in favor of the State Armory in the city of Portland, referred to the committee on Military Affairs, I think has an emergency clause attached.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland is correct.

Mr. ROUNDS: I would like to have that referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. If I may be allowed to speak on it at this time, the bricks are falling out, the roof is leaking, and we would like to get it along as fast as we can. I think it ought to be done because one man was hurt last week by bricks falling on him.

Thereupon the House on motion by Mr. Rounds, reconsidered its vote whereby this resolve was referred to the committee on Military Affairs; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Mr. FOSTER of Ellsworth: Mr. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby the remonstrance of Edward W. Brann and 70 others against any change in the pickerel fishing law relating to Grahams and Leonard's Lakes, the Union River and its tributaries, in Hancock county, was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman from Ellsworth (Mr. Foster) be willing to withdraw his motion and take it up under orders of the day, to facilitate business?

Mr. Foster acquiesced.

**Pensions**

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: Resolve in favor of Cora M. Perkins, providing a State pension. (H. P. No. 476)

**Public Health**

By Mr. Powers of Caribou: Resolve in favor of the Aroostook Test Laboratory. ((H. P. No. 477)

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: An act relating to the obtaining of vital records of the State. (H. P. No. 478)

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Salaries and Fees**

By Mr. Metcalf of Farmington: An act relating to the fees of the County Commissioners of Franklin County. (H. P. No. 479)

**Sea and Shore Fisheries**

By Mr. Gilchrest of Thomaston: An act to abolish the Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries and the Director of Sea and Shore Fisheries and to create the office of Commissioner. (H. P. No. 480)

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Taxation**

By Mr. Hawkes of Standish: An act relating to exemptions from taxation. (H. P. No. 481)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

**Ways and Bridges**

By Mr. Wing of Kingfield: An act relating to creation of mill tax highway fund and expenditure. (H. P. No. 483)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Cain of Clinton: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Benton. (H. P. No. 482)

By Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro: Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoboro for a road. (H. P. No. 484)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: Resolve in favor of Highland Plantation, Somerset County to aid in building road. (H. P. No. 485)

By Mr. Hathaway of Milo: Resolve in favor of Sebec Village Bridge, Sebec, Piscataquis County. (H. P. No. 486)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve in favor of the town of Dyer Brook. (H. P. No. 487)

By Mr. Jones of Corinna: Resolve in favor of the town of Newport. (H. P. No. 488)

By Mr. Wood of Patten: Resolve in favor of the town of Drew. (H. P. No. 489)

By Mr. Vall of Hodgdon: Resolve in favor of the town of Haynesville. (H. P. No. 490)

By Mr. Sturtevant of East Livermore: Resolve in favor of the town of East Livermore. (H. P. No. 491)

By Mr. Lait of Old Town: Resolve in favor of Old Town - Mil-

ford bridge, city of Old Town and town of Milford, Penobscot County. (H. P. No. 492)

By Mr. Wheeler of So. Paris: Resolve in favor of the town of South Paris for the repair of road. (H. P. No. 493)

By Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock: Resolve in favor of the town of Norridgewock. (H. P. No. 494)

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: Resolve in favor of the towns of Gray and Raymond. (H. P. No. 495)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the towns of Gray and Raymond. (H. P. No. 496)

By Mr. Richardson of Monmouth: Resolve in favor of the town of Winthrop for road from Winthrop to Readfield. (H. P. No. 497)

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Dudley from the committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act to provide for the assessment of betterments in case of laying out public parks. (H. P. No. 19)

Mr. Bartlett from same committee reported same on bill an act to expedite the trial of certain actions at law. (H. P. No. 5) (H. D. No. 5)

Mr. Hale from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the State Board of Children's Guardians. (H. P. No. 48) (H. D. No. 15)

Mr. Aldrich from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the State Board of Mother's Aid. (H. P. No. 51) (H. D. No. 18)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Patterson from same committee reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to and defining the duties of certain officers with reference to aliens committed for violations of law. (H. P. No. 4) (H. D. No. 4)

Report read and accepted and the bill, having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Mr. Wing from same committee reported "ought to pass" on bill an act relating to the civil jurisdiction of the Piscataquis Municipal Court. (H. P. No. 91)

Report read and accepted and the bill ordered printed under the joint rules.

The member from Portland, Miss Laughlin, from the committee on

Legal Affairs on bill an act relating to pilots for the Port of Portland, H. P. 56, S. D. 27, reports that the same "ought to pass."

Report read and accepted.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of South Portland the rules were suspended and the bill was given its two several readings and tomorrow assigned for its third reading.

Mr. Sargent from the same committee, on bill an act to provide a better government for the town of Bar Harbor, H. P. 52, S. D. 24, reports same in new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Report read and accepted, and bill ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Cyr from the committee on Federal Relations reported same on resolutions favoring passage by Congress of legislation relative to retirement of disabled emergency officers of the United States Army. H. P. 321.

Report read and accepted.

On motion by Mr. Varnum of Westbrook the resolutions were adopted.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Foster of Ellsworth the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the remonstrance of Edward W. Brann and 70 others against any change in the pickerel fishing law relating to Grahams and Leonard's Lakes, the Union River and its tributaries, in Hancock county, was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the remonstrance was tabled, pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 54, communication of Public Utilities Commission relative to charges for advertising by Central Maine Power Company, tabled by that gentleman February 1, pending consideration; and on further motion by the same gentleman the communication being printed, was received and accepted, and made a part of the record of the House.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn it was voted to take from the

table the joint order relating to creating committee on Charities and Corrections, tabled by that gentleman January 11th, pending passage.

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Portland, Mr. Cole.

On motion by Mr. Cole of South Portland, the joint order referred to was indefinitely postponed.

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On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 57, an act to authorize the town of Boothbay Harbor to raise money to help keep in repair the Old Burying Ground situated in the town of Boothbay, tabled by that gentleman February 9, pending third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was given its

third reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Page of Skowhegan, the House voted to reconsider its action earlier this morning whereby House Paper 464, an act relating to fly fishing in the tributaries to the South Branch and West Branch of the Penobscot river, in the tributaries to the East Branch of the Penobscot river, and in the tributaries to the Allegash and St John rivers, which was referred to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was tabled pending reference.

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On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor,

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.