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HOUSE

Friday, February 11, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Manning of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to empower the Governor and Council to lease the right to gather and harvest kelp, seaweed and other vegetable growth on tide lands or reefs within the jurisdiction of the State, (S. P. 130) (S. D. 53).

In the Senate referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Rawley of St. George, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

Messages and Documents

(State Forest Commissioner)
To the Honorable, the House of Representatives:

In accordance with the order passed February 3rd, relative to the Hardwood Association, I wish—

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman the communication was tabled and ordered printed.

Senate Orders, Out of Order

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday afternoon, February 22nd, at 4.30 o'clock.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby the foregoing order was passed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered, the House concurring, that 1000 extra copies of the report of the Inland Fisheries and Game Department be printed at a cost of \$85.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

The following bills, resolves and

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Robie of Gorham: An act defining "Storage or Processed Eggs" and regulating the distribution thereof (H. P. No. 499).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: Petitions of Henry H. Small and 20 others of Thorndike (H. P. No. 502); Frank Stanley and 34 others of Dixfield (H. P. No. 503); Laban H. Thayer and 17 others of Gray (H. P. No. 504); Adam Briggs and others of Anson (H. P. No. 505); B. H. Lawrence and 30 others of Fairfield (H. P. No. 506); H. L. Worden and 36 others of Canton (H. P. No. 507); Roy C. Evans and 31 others of Hiram (H. P. No. 508); F. R. Hill and others of Skowhegan in favor of bounty on hedgehogs (H. P. No. 509).

By Mr. Bissett of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind at Portland (H. P. No. 500).

By Mr. Boston of Gardiner: Resolve in favor of the Gardiner General Hospital at Gardiner (H. P. No. 501).

Claims

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: Resolve in favor of Blanche M. Banks (H. P. No. 510).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support of a State pauper (H. P. No. 511).

By Mr. Allen of Yarmouth: Resolve in favor of the town of North Yarmouth (H. P. No. 512).

By Mr. Winslow of Freeport: Resolve in favor of F. C. Handy for reimbursement for checks lost in the mail (H. P. No. 513).

By Mr. Houghton of Lee: Resolve in favor of Fred A. Budge of Mattawamkeag (H. P. No. 550).

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Prentiss for poultry killed by dogs and wild animals in the years 1917 and 1918 (H. P. No. 514).

Senate order, out of order:

Ordered, the House concurring,

that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday afternoon, February 15, at 4.30 o'clock.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

By Mrs. Gay of Waldoboro, Resolve in favor of the town of Whitefield, for reimbursement for sheep killed by dogs (H. P. No. 515.)

Education

By Mr. Holman of Bangor: An act permitting children to be excused from the public schools to receive religious instruction (H. P. No. 516.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Farrington of Jay: Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy at Wilton (H. P. No. 517.)

By Mr. Brackett of Detroit: Resolve in favor of the Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield. (H. P. 518)

By Mr. Crawford of Houlton: Resolve in favor of Ricker Classical Institute, at Houlton. (H. P. 519)

By Mr. Dennison of East Machias: Resolve in favor of Washington Academy. (H. P. 520)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Hawkes of Standish: An Act relating to fishing in Watchic Pond in the town of Standish. (H. P. 521)

By Mr. Piper of Jackman: An Act relating to fly fishing in the East Outlet of Kennebec River and in the West Outlet of Kennebec River in the county of Somerset, down as far as The Forks bridge. (H. P. 523)

By Mr. Pike of Lubec: An Act to prohibit bedding, advance baiting or corning, so-called, or feeding of wild ducks. (H. P. 524)

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: Resolve in favor of the construction of a fishway at Aroostook Falls on the Aroostook River in the Province of New Brunswick (H. P. 522)

Judiciary

By Mr. Cyr of Waterville: An Act relating to notices of foreclosure of mortgages of personal property. (H. P. 525)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act relating to active retired justices of the supreme judicial court. (H. P. 526)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: An Act repealing the inheritance tax law

as to non-resident decedents. (H. P. 527)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Butler of Bath: An Act to prohibit the nomination of an individual of more than one political party. (H. P. 528)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Miss Laughlin of Portland: An Act relating to the age at which persons are capable of consenting to marriage. (H. P. 529)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same member: An Act making the father and moth joint natural guardians of their minor children with equal powers and rights, and repealing Sections 44 and 47 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes (H. P. 530)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Decker of Portland: An Act to authorize the city of Portland to provide by ordinance for the retirement, pension and annuity to dependents of members of the police and fire departments. (H. P. 531)

(Tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland pending reference.)

By Mr. Bruce of Belfast: An Act relating to two or more towns maintaining union town farm. (H. P. 532)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: An Act creating a city planning board for the city of Rockland. (H. P. 533)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Library

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve for the purchase of 250 copies of "Portland by the Sea." (H. P. 534)

Pensions

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Resolve in favor of the town of Sherman to assist in the support of a pauper. (H. P. 535)

By Mr. Cram of Mt. Vernon: Resolve in favor of Louise D. Mayhew of Mount Vernon in lieu of teacher's pension. (H. P. 536)

By Mr. Ruggles of Carmel: Resolve providing for a State pension for Mary J. French of Carmel. (H. P. 537)

By the same gentleman: Resolve providing for a State pension for Emily Noddin, of Kenduskeag. (H. P. 538)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Carleton of Winterport: An Act to amend an act to incorporate the Stockton Springs Water Company. (H. P. 539)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Williams of Webster: An Act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in the county of Androscoggin. (H. P. 540)

By Mr. Bruce of Belfast: An Act relating to clerk hire in the office of the Register of Probate in Waldo County. (H. P. 541)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relating to compensation of Judges of Probate. (H. P. No. 542).

By Mr. Harris of Minot: An act to make the chairman of the Androscoggin County Commissioners a full time officer with the duty of Superintendent of Buildings and to increase his salary to fifteen hundred dollars. (H. P. No. 543).

Taxation

By Mr. Staples of Eliot: An act relative to exemption from payment of taxes by veterans. (H. P. No. 544).

By Mr. Boynton of South Portland: An act relating to exemption from taxation of the estates of war veterans. (H. P. No. 545).

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Deering of Saco: Resolve in favor of the city of Saco for Ferry road. (H. P. No. 546).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Buxton road in Saco. (H. P. No. 547).

By Mr. Mears of Morrill: Resolve in favor of the town of Knox. (H. P. No. 548).

By Mr. Norwood of Warren: Resolve in favor of the town of Warren. (H. P. No. 549).

By Mr. Storm of Westmanland Plantation: Resolve in favor of the town of Connor. (H. P. No. 551).

By Mr. Vail of Hodgdon: Resolve in favor of the town of Weston. (H. P. No. 552).

By Mr. Farrington of Jay: Resolve in favor of road in Washington Plantation. (H. P. No. 553).

By Mr. Anderson of New Sweden: Resolve in favor of the town of New Sweden. (H. P. No. 554).

By Mr. Wood of Patten: Resolve in favor of repairs on stage route between Patten and Mattagmon in the county of Penobscot. (H. P. No. 555).

By Mr. Brown of Bethel: Resolve in favor of the town of Andover. (H. P. No. 556).

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. F. Colburn and 46 others in favor of same. (H. P. No. 557).

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: resolve for the repair and improvement of road in the town of Mexico. (H. P. No. 558).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Woodstock. (H. P. No. 559).

By Mr. Brackett of Detroit: Resolve in favor of the town of Pittsfield. (H. P. No. 560).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Detroit. (H. P. No. 561).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Palmyra. (H. P. No. 562).

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: Resolve in favor of the town of Surry. (H. P. No. 563).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Bluehill. (H. P. No. 564).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Surry. (H. P. No. 565).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the city of Ellsworth. (H. P. No. 566).

By Mr. Dennison of East Machias: Resolve to aid in repairing bridges in Township 31, Middle Division, Washington County. (H. P. No. 567).

By the same gentleman: Resolve to aid the town of Wesley in repairing a road. (H. P. No. 568).

By the same gentleman: Resolve to aid the town of Marion in repairing a road. (H. P. No. 569).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of East Machias to aid in repairing a road. (H. P. No. 570).

Mr. ROBIE of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, if not out of order, I should like to reconsider our vote referring the bill relative to storage or processed eggs to the committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman be willing to withhold his motion until we are proceeding under orders of the day?

Mr. Robie acquiesced.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Bishop of Boothbay Harbor, it was

Ordered, that there be printed 500 copies of Senate Paper 133, being 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.

Mr. Mansfield of Jonesport presented the following order and moved its passage by a rising vote:

Ordered, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives convey to Honorable James G. Smith, a representative in this House from the city of Biddeford, the friendly sympathy of this House and his fellow members and the wish that his return to health be rapid and sure.

The order received passage by a unanimous rising vote.

At this point Miss Anna C. Withers of Castine, the President of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, was escorted by the Messenger to a seat beside the Speaker, amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, it was

Ordered, that resolve in favor of Forks Plantation to build a bunter in Kennebec River for protection of Forks bridge be returned to the House.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was

Ordered, that the Speaker of the House is hereby requested to invite the members of the Senate and the Governor and Council to attend a special session of the House on Wednesday evening, February 16, to listen to an address by Honorable Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, and that the public generally be invited to attend, and a committee of ten members be appointed to escort him in.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Hale from the committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act for the regulation of collection agencies (H. P. No. 3) (H. D. N. 3)

Mr. Fuller from the committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act providing for the Secretary of State to file with each town, city or plantation, statements showing registrations of motor vehicles (H. P. No. 138)

Mr. McCart from same committee reported same on bill an act relative to the practice of chiropractic by veterans of the Spanish American War. (H. P. No. 95) (H. D. No. 33)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Blaisdell from committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act relating to the city of Bangor Water Works loan bill, (H. P. No. 96) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 571) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Bartlett from the committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act relating to Portland Terminal Company. (H. P. No. 16)

Miss Laughlin from the committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act to change the name of the Associated Charities to The Family Welfare Society of Portland. (H. P. No. 137)

Mr. Sargent from same committee reported same on bill an act relative to automobile plates. (H. P. No. 159)

Reports read and accepted and the bills ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. McCart from same committee reported same on bill an act to provide for the retirement of police officers and firemen, in the city of Westbrook upon half pay. (H. P. No. 108) (S. D. No. 22)

Mr. Fuller from same committee reported same on bill an act to repeal acts incorporating the Kendall's Mills Village Corporation and the Fairfield Village Corporation, H. P. 55, S. D. 26.

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

First Reading of Printed Bills

H. P. 2, H. D. 107: An act relating to the Edward Little Institute and to appoint trustees of said corporation.

H. P. 11, H. D. 108: An act to establish the Narragansett Game Sanctuary in the town of Gorham, in the county of Cumberland.

Passed to be Engrossed

H. P. 56, S. D. 27: An act relating to pilots for the Port of Portland.

H. P. 4, H. D. 4: An act relating to and defining the duties of certain officers with reference to aliens committed for violation of law.

S. P. 6, S. D. 41: Resolve appropriating money for the construction

and equipment of a new wing for the Bangor State Hospital.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby House Paper 499, bill an act defining "Storage or Processed Eggs" and regulating the distribution thereof was referred to the committee on Agriculture, and 500

copies ordered printed; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman,

Adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, February 15, at 4.30 o'clock.