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HOUSE

Friday, March 4, 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.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the Cobscookseecontee Fish and Game Association, H. P. 42, H. D. 144, which was finally passed in the House March 2nd and passed to be engrossed February 18th.

Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was finally passed; on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed; on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to adopt Senate Amendment A in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve as amended by Senate Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act granting to the Cumberland County Power and Light Company the right to exercise the power of eminent domain for certain purposes, H. P. 17, S. D. 17, which was recommitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs together with House Amendment A in the House February 25th.

Comes from the Senate with a report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, reporting "ought not to pass" accepted in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Chase of Cape Elizabeth, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the acceptance of the report of the committee on Legal Affairs, ought not to pass.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they ad-

journ to meet Tuesday afternoon, March 8, at 4.30 o'clock.

In the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Ellis of Fairfield: An act relating to the registration of milk dealers. (H. P. 994)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: An act to repeal Section 9 of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes relating to payment for condemned cattle. (H. P. 995)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Wyman of Sidney: Remonstrance of Mrs. C. M. Lord of Oakland and 63 others against increase of license fee for resident hunters and fishermen. (H. P. 1006)

By Mr. Flint of Monson: An act relating to the taking of white fish and cusk. (H. P. 1007)

By Mr. Bailey of Harmony: An act relating to the trapping of fur bearing animals. (H. P. 1008)

(Tabled by Mr. Bailey of Harmony pending reference.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Bartlett of Bangor: An act authorizing National Banks to act as executors and trustees. (H. P. 1009)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An act relating to administration upon estates of persons who have disappeared and been unheard from for a period of at least seven years from the date of disappearance. (H. P. 1010)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Griffin of Biddeford: An act relating to the tenure of office of chief engineers and members of fire departments in cities. (H. P. 1011)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wheeler of South Paris: An act relating to the Oxford County Agricultural Society. (H. P. 1013)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. St. Clair of Rockland: Remonstrance of A. C. McLoon and 97

others of Rockland against the passage of act abolishing the Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. 996)

By Mr. Kane of Addison: Remonstrance of Henry A. Berube and 10 others of Saco against same. (H. P. 997)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: Remonstrances of Walter E. Hatch and 67 others of Wells Beach and Kennebunkport; (H. P. 998) and Clarence Goldthwaite and 39 others of Biddeford Pool and Kennebunkport against same. (H. P. 999)

By Mr. Forhan of Canton: Remonstrances of James Seavey and 17 others (H. P. 1000); F. W. Ames and 18 others (H. P. 1001); W. A. Eastman and 12 others (H. P. 1002); A. J. Smalley and 29 others (H. P. 1003); E. S. Lord and 96 others (H. P. 1004); and W. S. Stanley and 23 others of Monhegan against same. (H. P. 1005)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft: An act to amend the act providing for state and county aid in the construction of highway bridges. (H. P. 1012)

Orders

Mr. Hale of Portland presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the time limit for introducing all bills, resolves and orders, excepting such as pertain to facilitating the business of the Eighty-Third Legislature heretofore fixed, by order adoption on February 18, for Tuesday, March 8, be extended until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 9.

The order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, it was

Ordered that 500 copies be printed of H. P. 271, bill an act relating to a bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Hale from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to Maintenance of the State Highway Police (H. P. 46) (S. D. 14), reported same be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

(On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn so referred.)

Same gentleman from same Com-

mittee reported same on Resolve to appropriate money for the maintenance of State Highway Police (H. P. 38) (H. D. 14)

(On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn so referred.)

Mrs. Folsom from the Committee on Education reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act to increase the scope of Portland Academy (S. P. 267 of last session)

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on bill an act relating to the salaries of the chief, captains and inspectors of the Police Department of the city of Lewiston (H. P. 886) (H. D. 234)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Page from the Committee on Banks and Banking reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act relating to investments by Savings Banks in obligations of steam railroads (H. P. 121) (H. D. 43)

Mr. Sargent from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on bill an act relating to purposes for which a city or town may raise money (H. P. 379) (S. D. 59)

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

Mr. Bartlett from the Committee on Judiciary bill an act relating to notices of foreclosure of mortgages of personal property (H. P. 525) (H. D. 134) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1016) under the same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Hale from same Committee on bill an act defining dealers in motor vehicles (H. P. 93) (H. D. 32) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1015) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Littlefield from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act relating to two or more towns maintaining Union Town Farm (H. P. 532) (H. D. 140) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1014) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Reports read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, may I make a motion out of order?

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Dover-Foxcroft, Mr. Merrill, asks permission of the House to make a motion out of order.

Thereupon that gentleman was

granted permission and moved that 500 copies of H. P. 1012, bill an act to amend the act providing for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges, be printed.

The motion prevailed.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 368) (H. D. 312) An act authorizing and empowering the Register of Deeds for the county of Cumberland to make a true copy of contents of Vol. 151 of the Cumberland County Records of Deeds and to certify that it is a true copy.

(H. P. 369) (H. D. 311) An act to provide for the purchase of books for the Penobscot County Law Library.

(Tabled by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor pending assignment for third reading.)

(S. P. 14) (H. D. 304) Resolve in favor of the Pownal State School for maintenance.

(S. P. 15) (H. D. 305) Resolve in favor of the Pownal State School for addition and improvements.

(H. P. 878) (H. D. 306) Resolve providing for the purchase of 100 copies of Province and Court Records of Maine, 1638-1668.

Passed to Be Engrossed

(H. P. 130) (H. D. 294) An act to regulate fishing in the outlet of Grand Lake, so-called, wholly or partly in Forest City, so-called, an unorganized township in the county of Washington.

(H. P. 106) (H. D. 295) An act to protect pheasants in the town of Poland in the county of Androscoggin.

(H. P. 386) (H. D. 296) An act relating to juvenile institutions.

(H. P. 545) (H. D. 300) An act relating to exemption from taxation of the estates of War Veterans.

(H. P. 476) (H. D. 297) Resolve in favor of Cora M. Perkins, providing a State pension.

(H. P. 964) (H. D. 301) Resolve in favor of Louise D. Mayhew of Mount Vernon, in lieu of teacher's pension.

(H. P. 537) (H. D. 298) Resolve providing for a State pension for Mary J. French, of Carmel.

(H. P. 538) (H. D. 299) Resolve providing for a State pension for Emily Noddin, of Kenduskeag.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under orders of

the Day there is a communication from Washington relative to the George Washington Bicentennial, which the Clerk will read.

"HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CLERK'S OFFICE
Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1927.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

State Legislature,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to transmit in accordance therewith copy of a concurrent resolution of the Congress of the United States inviting the co-operation of the executives and legislatures of the several states and territories of the United States with the United States Commission for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Very Respectfully,

WM. TYLER PAGE

Clerk of the House of Representatives."

On motion by Mr. Wing of Auburn it was voted that the communication and accompanying resolution be referred to the committee on Judiciary, and that 500 copies of each be printed.

The SPEAKER: We are proceeding under orders of the day.

Mr. KITCHEN of Presque Isle: Mr. Speaker at the suggestion of Representative Rawley, who is unable to be present this morning, I wish to take from the table the act relative to the tax on gasoline H. P. 981 assigned for next Wednesday, March 9. His reason is that he wishes it to go with the other bills to the joint committees on Taxation and Ways and Bridges.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle, the House voted to reconsider its assignment of this matter for March 9; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the joint committees on Taxation and Ways and Bridges.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like under orders of the day to have the unanimous consent of the Legislature to present certain views relative to the charter of the city of Portland.

Unanimous consent was granted the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, and that gentleman said as follows:

Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of the House: I was accused yesterday, in a committee room, of being a grafter, by a gentleman from Portland. I resent that. I want it distinctly understood that what he said was untrue. I never was in the City Government with that gentleman, in the first place. I did build a sewer on Peaks Island. I offered to give it to the city of Portland. They would not accept it, but they would buy it from me. I said "No, they will say I am grafting on the city." And that sewer today stands in my name, eight hundred feet through a ledge. I did it to protect the waterworks on Peaks Island. I say it is a disgrace that anybody sent here with the largest vote that anybody received in the city of Portland should be called a grafter just because he does not agree with "The Four Hundred" who came up here yesterday.

I want it distinctly understood; and I think the man should be called to account for making such a statement as he made in the room of the committee on Legal Affairs yesterday. I want to say here that it was so bad that the newspaper reporter would not print those remarks so that it would go out to the city of Portland that I was such a man. And it is time for this House to take some action to stop such business when anybody comes here and belittles any of its members. They have had the books looked over for years. They have tried to find where I have grafted, but they could not do it, and I never before had such a vote as I received at the last election. I sup-

pose it was the grafters who gave it to me, according to his understanding! I think the gentleman voted for me but I am an awful grafter in his estimation! I think it is time that this House takes some recognition of that slur that he put on a member of this House.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under orders of the day.

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, if in order to make a motion, I would move that it go on record that the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, says he is not a grafter.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that that is not in order.

Mr. ALDRICH of Topsham: Mr. Speaker, I would move that this House go on record as extending to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, a vote of the confidence of this House in his entire integrity.

Mr. STURGIS of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, I second that motion.

The SPEAKER: It is moved and seconded that the House go on record as voicing its confidence in the absolute integrity of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, and that it be by a rising vote.

Thereupon the motion prevailed by a unanimous vote, the members applauding.

The SPEAKER: Is there any further business under orders of the day?

There being no response, the Clerk read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Booker of Rumford,

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