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## HOUSE

Tuesday, March 8, 1927.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McAllister of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Cyr of Waterville the rules were suspended for the purpose of permitting that gentleman to present the credentials of David H. Staples of Waterville, the newly-elected member of the House from Waterville. The credentials were received and ordered placed on file.

On further motion by Mr. Cyr a committee was appointed by the Chair to escort Mr. Staples to the Governor and Council for the purpose of having the oath of office administered.

Thereupon the Chair appointed as such committee: Messrs. Cyr of Waterville, Hale of Portland, Lait of Old Town, Cain of Clinton, Webber of China and Wyman of Sidney.

The committee escorted Mr. Staples to the Governor and Council for the above purpose amid the applause of the House, the members rising.

Subsequently the committee reported through Mr. Cyr of Waterville that the oath of office had been administered to Mr. Staples.

Mr. CYR: Mr. Speaker, I have the honor to present to the House my colleague, the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Staples.

The SPEAKER: The House hears the report of the committee, the committee is discharged, and the Chair will ask the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Cyr, to escort his colleague, Mr. Staples, to his seat and the Chair assigns as his seat, Seat No. 23.

On motion by the member from Waldoboro, Mrs. Gay, the rules were suspended and the men were allowed the privilege of smoking. (Applause)

Mr. MERRILL of Dover-Foxcroft: Mr. Speaker, I wish at this time under suspension of the rules to present a resolution, and in doing so I wish to take up just a moment of your time to call attention to the nature of the resolution.

It seems to be befitting that during this session, the first that has been held since the organization of the Three Quarter Century Club, this House and Senate should take formal recognition of the significance of that organization. Being composed, as it is, of members seventy-five years of age and over, officered at the present time by men formerly members of this House, its Secretary the father of the Honorable gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wing, it seems to me highly fitting that we recognize the meaning of that organization in that again Maine has lead in the fact that no such organization exists in the United States, or in the whole world, and that Maine, because of that organization, has received recognition throughout the world for having done the proper thing in paying tribute to the men and women who because of the hardy nature of their ancestors and the hardy conditions of our Maine climate have reared such wonderful people. We hold that it is befitting that this House and Senate should pay this tribute; and in doing so I have asked that we make another record that from the time this resolution is read by the Clerk and accepted as I would suggest by a rising vote, to the time it is read in the Senate and signed by the Governor, shall be the shortest time that ever a resolution passed through the Legislature. Mr. Speaker, I now present the resolution which I wish read and accepted by a rising vote.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will read the resolution.

Resolution Memorializing "The Maine Three-Quarter Century Club."

WHEREAS there has come into existence an organization known as "The Maine Three-Quarter Century Club," membership in which is limited to natives and residents of the State of Maine who have reached the advanced age of 75 years and

WHEREAS many of the members of this unique club have served this State with honor and credit both to themselves and the State—many of them as members of the Legislature and in other responsible official positions—and

WHEREAS the Club is in no sense a profit making organization since it has not nor does it propose to have any annual dues, assessments or other money raising activities, and

WHEREAS the existence of such

an organization as this Club reflects great credit upon the State of Maine as a State in which the residents thereof live in great numbers through the useful, happy and productive years of middle life and on into the seventies, the eighties, the nineties and many beyond the age of 100 years, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighty-Third Maine Legislature that we extend a vote of sincere appreciation to these 15,000 and more splendid Maine men and women who have made such valuable contributions in service and achievement in building and in carrying on the ideals of the State of Maine as reflected in our State motto "Dirigo," and be it further

RESOLVED that we commend to the present younger generation—and to generations yet to come—the splendid example of good citizenship, fortitude and adversity, and courage to achieve which has been and still is being set before us by the Maine Three Quarter Century Club.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, and sent to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman it was voted that a copy of the resolution be sent to the President of the Club.

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to receive the credentials of the Representative from the Old Town Indians, out of order?

The House so voted, and the Clerk read the credentials as follows:

#### STATE OF MAINE

Office of Justin E. Gove  
Agent Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians

Perry, Maine, March 1, 1927.

#### CREDENTIALS

This is to certify that Simon Sotomah, the bearer, was elected Representative to the Legislature in 1927 and 1928 by elections held at Peter Dana's and Pleasant Point, and is entitled to a seat in the House at Augusta.

(Signed) JUSTIN E. GOVE,  
Agent.

On motion by Mr. Lait of Old Town the House voted to receive the credentials and ordered them placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman

from Old Town, Mr. Lait, states that the gentleman is already in his seat, and the Chair knows that the House is glad to welcome the new member. (Applause, the members rising.)

From the Senate: An Act to authorize the issuance of bonds for construction of State Highways conditioned upon an amendment of the Constitution increasing the amount of bonds issued for State highways and bridges. S. P. 407, S. D. 177.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Judiciary.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Merrill of Dover-Foxcroft, tabled pending reference in concurrence; and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

From the Senate: An Act relating to the fees of jurors, H. P. 961, which was referred to the committee on Salaries and Fees in the House, March 2.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman, tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

From the Senate: An Act to provide an excise tax upon tobacco products, and to make the proceeds available for the development of Maine and for general and rural education, H. P. 932, H. D. 274, which in the House was referred to the committee on Taxation on February 24.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committees on Taxation and Education jointly in non-concurrence.

Mr. BREWSTER of Dexter: Mr. Speaker, I move that the House recede and concur with the Senate:

On motion by Mr. Hammond of Van Buren, tabled and specially assigned for tomorrow morning.

#### Senate Resolves in First Reading

S. P. 10, S. D. 152: Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital.

S. P. 26, S. D. 153: Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on an act to

amend Section 1 of Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes relative to right to erect and maintain mill dams and to divert water by a canal for mills, S. P. 149, S. D. 62, reporting that the Senate recede and concur with the House in referring same to the committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters jointly.

(Signed)

Messrs. MAHER of Kennebec  
CRAFTS of Piscataquis  
GRANVILLE of York  
Committee on part of Senate  
PIPER of Jackman  
FOSTER of Ellsworth  
GREENLEAF of Auburn  
Committee on part of House

Comes from the Senate, report read and accepted.

In the House, report read and accepted in concurrence.

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

#### Agriculture

By Mr. Comins of Eddington: An act relating to dog licenses. (H. P. 1017)

(Tabled by Mr. Greenleaf of Auburn and specially assigned for Wednesday morning, March 9.)

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Gleason of Sidney: Petition of John S. Gleason and 127 others in favor of bill to regulate ice fishing in the Belgrade Chain of Lakes. (H. P. 1018)

By the same gentleman: Petition of T. W. Longly and 160 others in favor of same. (H. P. 1019)

By Mr. Cyr of Waterville: Petitions of R. M. Lightbody and others (H. P. 1020); Vilban Pomerleau and others (H. P. 1021); Harry E. Green and others (H. P. 1022); Roy Moore and others (H. P. 1023); Chester W. Getchell and others (H. P. 1024); and A. E. Osborne and others in favor of same (H. P. 1025).

#### Judiciary

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Remonstrance of Delmont Emerson and 20 others of Island Falls opposing repeal of Primary Law. (H. P. 1026)

By Mr. Briggs of Monticello: Remonstrance of Lee Beals and 24 others against same. (H. P. 1027)

By Mr. Seavey of Sherman: Re-

monstrance of Frederic Parker and 14 others against same. (H. P. 1028)

By Mr. Cowell of Berwick: Remonstrance of Ruby Grant and 49 others against same. (H. P. 1029)

By Mr. Winslow of Freeport: Remonstrance of John Stowell and 16 others against same. (H. P. 1030)

By Mr. Foster of Ellsworth: Remonstrance of Effie B. Tracy and 26 others against same. (H. P. 1031)

By Mr. Boston of Gardiner: Remonstrance of Mrs. J. B. Folsom and 24 others against same. (H. P. 1032)

By Mr. Robie of Gorham: Remonstrance of James H. Moulton and others against same. (H. P. 1033)

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Remonstrance of John C. Stoddard and 19 others against same. (H. P. 1034)

By Mr. Cram of Mt. Vernon: Remonstrance of W. W. Walton and 10 others of Wayne against same. (H. P. 1035)

By Mrs. Folsom of Norridgewock: Remonstrance of Olive Grundy and others of No. Anson against same. (H. P. 1036)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act relating to notice in divorce actions. (H. P. 1037)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Hale of Portland: An act to regulate advertising. (H. P. 1038)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Aldrich of Topsham: An act validating acts and deeds valid except for certain irregularities and omissions. (H. P. 1039)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Flint of Monson: An act relating to front lights on motor vehicles and tractors. (H. P. 1040)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Snowman of Deer Isle: Remonstrance of Amos Lord and 22 others against passage act abolishing Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries. (H. P. 1041)

By the same gentleman: Remonstrances of Eddie Huntley and 23 others (H. P. 1042); Ira B. Schurnace and 36 others (H. P. 1043); E. A. McFarland and 18 others (H. P. 1044); B. R. Simmons and 18 others (H. P. 1045) and David T. Thurlow and 74 others against same (H. P. 1046).

### Orders

Mr. Carleton of Portland presented the following order:

ORDERED, that the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be tendered to the Publicity Bureau for the showing of "Rock-Ribbed Maine" from the Fox Film Corporation of New York. The time suggested is 8 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, March 9.

MR. CARLETON: Mr. Speaker, I would say that this is a new film which has just been produced and never shown before. It takes about half an hour, and if any would like to see it the company will be pleased to present it.

Thereupon the order received passage.

### Reports of Committees

Mr. Fuller from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act to authorize the City of Portland to retire and pension members of its Fire Department (H. P. 94).

Miss Laughlin from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to the retirement of Police Officers of the city of Portland on Half Pay (H. P. 58) (H. D. 20).

Reports read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

Miss Laughlin from same committee on bill 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) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1047) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Mr. Chase from the Committee on Public Utilities on bill an act relating to precautions at temporary crossings (H. P. 160) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1048) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

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

Mr. Page from the same committee reported "Ought to pass" on bill an act relating to the Augusta Water District (H. P. 292).

Mr. Hughes from same committee reported same on bill an act to extend the Charter of the Quebec Ex-

tension Railway Company (H. P. 787).

Mr. Tucker from same committee reported same on bill an act to incorporate Bridgton and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize certain towns to grant assistance thereto (H. P. 786).

Mr. Hawkes from the committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on resolve authorizing sale of lot in Moose River Plantation (H. P. 894).

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

### First Reading of Printed Bills

H. P. 1014, H. D. 325. An act relating to two or more towns maintaining union town farm.

H. P. 1015, H. D. 326. An act defining dealers in motor vehicles.

H. P. 1016, H. D. 327. An act relating to notices of foreclosure of mortgages of personal property.

### Passed to Be Engrossed

H. P. 379, S. D. 59. An act relating to purposes for which cities and towns may raise money.

H. P. 121, H. D. 43. An act relating to investments by savings banks in obligations of steam railroads.

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 of said records.

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 additions 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.

### Orders of the Day

MR. HAMMOND of Van Buren: Mr. Speaker, I have House Document 181 in which to make a correction. There is a typographical error in line 13. The word "December" is written there when it should be "September." I move that it be recommitted to the committee on ways and bridges.

Thereupon it was voted to recommit H. D. 181, an act relating to the registration of motor vehicles, to the committee from when it was recalled, the committee on ways and bridges.

Mr. STURTEVANT of East Livermore: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask unanimous consent to present a bill under suspension of the rules. In explanation I will say that this is a bill amending the charter of the Livermore Falls Water District, and the reason for its not reaching me earlier in the session was that the chairman of the board of trustees has been away from home. It is a matter of considerable importance to this water district, and I trust my request will be granted.

Thereupon, unanimous consent being given, Mr. Sturtevant of East Livermore introduced bill an act to amend Chapter 390 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled an act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water District; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on public utilities.

Mr. HALE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire whether the document just presented is an act or a resolve?

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it is an act.

Mr. HALE: If it is an act, the time for its introduction has not yet expired, and I think the record should not show that it was introduced under suspension of the rules. It may be introduced in the ordinary course.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that this refers to Section 15 of Chapter 390 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907.

Mr. HALE: And is a special act?

The SPEAKER: The Chair would so feel; apparently a special act whereby the Livermore Falls Water District was incorporated in 1907. We are proceeding under Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Deering of Saco, it was voted to take from the table Senate Paper 16, S. D. 109, an act to provide for the marking of the Maine and New Hampshire boundary line, tabled by that gentleman March 2, pending passage to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Deering the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DEERING: I now offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

House Amendment A to S. D. 109.

Amend by striking out all of Section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 5. The Governor and Council are authorized to pay all expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter from monies in the

treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Deering of Saco it was voted to take from the table resolve to appropriate money to aid in the screening of Alford's Lake in the county of Knox, H. P. 789, H. D. 170, tabled by that gentleman, March 2, pending final passage.

On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DEERING: I now offer House Amendment A and move its adoption.

House Amendment A to H. D. 170.

"Amend by adding the words 'the same to be paid from the appropriation for Inland Fish and Game.'"

On motion by Mr. Flint of Monson tabled pending adoption.

On motion by Mr. Eustis of Strong it was voted to take from the table H. P. 472, H. D. 269, resolve for the purchase of 160 copies of "Two American Pioneers," tabled by that gentleman, March 2, pending second reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve had its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table "ought to pass in a new draft" report of the committee on Claims on resolve in favor of the South Kennebec Agricultural Society, H. P. 937, tabled by that gentleman, March 2, pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Harmony it was voted to take from the table H. P. 1008, an act relating to the trapping of fur-bearing animals, tabled by that gentleman, March 4, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the joint committees of Inland Fisheries and Game and Agriculture, and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Lubec

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.