

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, February 19, 1929

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. R. H. Moyle of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

From the House: An act to provide better government for the town of Mount Desert and correct an error. (S. P. 439)

(In Senate, February 14, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs)

In the House, referred to the 85th Legislature in non-concurrence.

In the Senate:

Mr. DOUGLAS of Hancock: Mr. President, a word of explanation in regard to this bill. The bill was given to me and I asked unanimous consent that it be introduced, understanding at that time that it was to correct an error. It corrected that error and added four sections of which I did not approve. I move that the Senate recede and concur with the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Hancock, Senator Douglas, moves that the Senate recede and concur with the House in the reference of this bill to the 85th Legislature. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

**House Bills in First Reading**

Resolve in favor of Silas L. Barrows of Waterville, to compensate him for personal injuries and property damage, occasioned by his being shot by Hollis Spear, a state ward. (H. D. 341)

An act relating to classification of stock. (H. D. 121)

(In House, report accepted, bill read twice and then recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.)

In the Senate, the report was accepted, and the bill recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

An act relating to the inspection of buildings and the authority and duty to remedy fire hazards. (H. D. 17)

An Act to incorporate the Union River Railway Company. (H. D. 328)

An Act to increase the salary of

the County Treasurer of Franklin County. (H. D. 329)

An Act to increase the salary of the Sheriff of Franklin County. (H. D. 330)

An Act increasing the amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County. (H. D. 331)

An Act increasing the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Androscoggin County. (H. D. 332)

The following bills, resolves, petitions, etc. were received and on recommendation by the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

**Banks and Banking**

By Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An Act to amend the Act defining the term "Securities" under the "Blue Sky Law." (S. P. 457) (500 copies ordered printed.) Sent down for concurrence.

**Education**

By Mrs. Pinkham of Aroostook: An Act relating to the transportation or board of children in places of temporary residences, provided for, procedure to obtain, payment of, how made. (S. P. 458)

By the same Senator: An Act relating to rules and regulations governing the issuance of teachers' pensions. (S. P. 459)

By Mr. Crockett of York: An Act relating to the temporary closing of schools. (S. P. 460) (500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

By Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: petition of George L. Loring and 31 others in favor of bill "An Act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners." (S. P. 461)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Legal Affairs**

By Mrs. Pinkham of Aroostook: remonstrance of Mrs. Henry Ross and 22 others against H. P. 1156, "An Act relating to prohibiting business and recreation on Sunday." (S. P. 462)

Sent down for concurrence.

**State Prison**

By Mr. Bond of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of the State Prison. (S. P. 463)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Taxation**

By Mrs. Allen of Penobscot: remonstrance of John B. Skinner and 13 others of Veazie (S. P. 464); remonstrance of F. E. Littlefield and 11 others of Hampden Highlands (S. P. 465); remonstrance of Garfield W. Henderson and 31 others of Corinna (S. P. 466); remonstrance of F. Baxter Luce and 14 others of Newburg (S. P. 481) against any additional gasoline tax;

By Mr. Bond of Lincoln: remonstrance of Blanche Gilman and 31 others of Whitefield (S. P. 467) against the same;

By Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: remonstrance of E. A. Fortier of Dexter and 170 others (S. P. 468) against the same;

By Mr. Harriman of Kennebec: remonstrance of E. E. Gile and 11 others of Fayette (S. P. 469) against the same;

By Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: remonstrance of Harry M. Hutchins and 18 others of Wellington (S. P. 470) against the same;

By Mr. Littlefield of York: remonstrance of John A. Hill of Wells, Maine and 114 others (S. P. 471) against the same;

By Mr. Mitchell of Aroostook: remonstrance of Albert E. Mooers of Houlton and 208 others (S. P. 472); remonstrance of Albert G. Merritt and 16 others (S. P. 473) against the same;

By Mr. Page of Somerset: remonstrance of F. L. Furbush and 73 others of Skowhegan (S. P. 474) against the same;

By Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: remonstrance of Roland L. Gray and 7 others of Sebago Lake (S. P. 475); remonstrance of Victor A. Woodbury and 2 others of Sebago Lake (S. P. 476); remonstrance of W. A. Roberts and 17 others of Sebago Lake (S. P. 477); remonstrance of Lemuel Rich and 3 others of Sebago Lake (S. P. 478); remonstrance of Alexander M. Orr and 110 others (S. P. 479) against the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Temperance**

By Mr. Wheeler of Oxford: An act to regulate the manufacture and sale of soft drinks, syrups, and non-alcoholic beverages. (S. P. 480)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders**

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, the House concurring, that bill An act relating to the Portland Water District (S. P. 321) (S. D. 116) be recalled from the Committee on Public Utilities; and that bill An act relating to a filtering plant or system for the Portland Water District (S. P. 237) (S. D. 102) be recalled from the Committee on Public Health; and that bill An act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District (S. P. 246) (S. D. 105) be recalled from the Committee on Taxation; and be it further

Ordered, the House concurring, that these three bills be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, to be heard in Portland, Friday, February 22.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, in support of my motion—there are three bills of particular interest, these three bills to the residents of Portland and the near vicinity. The Legislature last week passed an order referring a bill, with reference to the Portland City Charter, to the Legal Affairs Committee for hearing in Portland this coming Friday. It would seem only in the interests of economy and efficiency and service to the people, where they are to have a hearing in the city of Portland and the people there being the only ones particularly interested in these measures, that these bills could be quite rightly referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs for hearing in Portland at that time, and I hope my motion will prevail.

Mr. CARLTON of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I would like to ask the Senator through the chair if he thinks the people would be satisfied with the notice they get where the hearing will be next Friday.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Carlton, asks a question of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Slocum, through the Chair which he may answer if he desires.

Mr. SLOCUM: I took this matter up with the proponents of the measures and they believed in every instance that three and a

half days notice would be sufficient because the papers will, of course, give wide publicity to an order of this kind bringing it quite vividly to the attention of everyone that there will be a hearing on these measures other than the city charter if this order passes.

Mr. PAGE of Somerset: Mr. President, I move that the order lie on the table and be assigned for Thursday morning.

Mr. SLOCUM: Is a motion—

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that a motion to table is not debatable. The date of assignment is debatable.

Mr. SLOCUM: With reference to the date of assignment—if this is held over, even until tomorrow, it will be impossible to give the people sufficient notice to appear at the hearing and I appreciate that it is short notice to the members of this body to act upon this measure and I am sorry that any member should feel that this should be delayed and thereby make it impossible to have these hearings at the same time as the Portland City Charter.

Mr. PAGE: I will frankly state that I don't know anything about this. I will withdraw my day for assignment and make it tomorrow morning if that would meet with the approval of the Senator from Cumberland (Senator Slocum).

Mr. SLOCUM: In order to give a reasonable time of notice through publishing this change of hearing in the papers it would be necessary for both houses to act upon this, this afternoon. If both houses act this afternoon favorably it will be possible to telephone to the newspapers in Portland and the advertisements can appear tomorrow morning, tomorrow night, Thursday morning, Thursday night and Friday morning, and make it possible for the people to have reasonable time to be assured that there will be a hearing at that time. Tomorrow morning I fear would defeat the whole purpose of the order.

Mr. PAGE: Mr. President, I will withdraw my motion altogether and not vote on it.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Somerset, Senator Page, asks permission to withdraw his motion. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The permission was granted.

Mr. OAKES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I am going to ask that the order be reread in order that we may get the sense of it.

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will again read the order.

The Secretary reread the order.

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the passage of the order. Is it the pleasure of the Senate that the order have passage?

The order received a passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that five thousand copies of the Report of the Agricultural Survey Committee of the Maine Development Commission on Progress and Maine Agriculture, 1850 to 1920, be purchased under the direction of the State Superintendent of Public Printing and the cost thereof be made a part of the contingent expenses of the 84th Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Bills in First Reading

Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for additional equipment and renovations. (S. D. 174)

Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for maintenance and other purposes for the fiscal years 1930 and 1931. (S. D. 175)

An Act to repeal Section 94 of Chapter 98 of the Public Laws of 1921 (relating to transportation of lobsters). (S. D. 181)

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Bragdon, from the Committee on Agriculture, on Resolve relating to Capper-Ketchum Act—for the giving of the State's assent of the Act of Congress of May 22, 1928 (S. P. 127) (S. D. 58) reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted, the resolve read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Martin, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill. An Act relating to the Portland Terminal Company (S. P. 147) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator, from the same Committee, on bill An Act to dissolve the Somerset Railway Company and the Washington County

Railway Company (S. P. 148) reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were severally read and accepted and the bills laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mrs. Pinkham, from the Committee on Public Health, on Resolve for aid to typhoid carriers to be expended under the State Department of Health (S. D. 59) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Carlton, from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, on bill An Act relative to the salary of the Forest Commissioner (S. D. 39) reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were severally read and accepted, the bill and resolve each read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for maintenance. (S. D. 28)

An Act authorizing the erection of a bridge or roadway across tide-waters between Harbor Island in the town of Phippsburg in the

county of Sagadahoc and the mainland of said town. (S. D. 42)

An Act relating to Portland Gas Light Company. (S. D. 101)

#### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: Is there anything that can be taken from the table under orders of the day?

Mr. OAKES of Cumberland: Mr. President, at the last session I asked permission to introduce a resolve in favor of the Children's Heart Work Society of Maine and the Senate gave me unanimous consent to do so. I would like now to ask that the matter lie upon the table in the Senate.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Oakes of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its action of last Friday whereby this resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Boulter of York,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.