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HOUSE

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clifford of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill, an act to refund excise tax on gasoline to towns, cities and village corporations, (H. P. 63) (L. D. 41) which was referred to the committee on Taxation in the House, January 21st.

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Allen of Sanford, tabled pending re-consideration.

From the Senate: Bill an act to authorize the county of Aroostook to build a jail at Caribou in said county, (H. P. 198) (L. D. 142)

Bill an act to authorize the county of Aroostook to enlarge and repair the county jail at Houlton (H. P. 201) (L. D. 143) which bills were referred to the committee on Judiciary in the House Jan 27th.

Come from the Senate referred to a Special Joint Committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, and with the following members appointed on its part Messrs. Kitchen of Aroostook, Farnsworth of Aroostook and Story of Aroostook.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Briggs of Caribou the House voted to concur with the Senate in referring the above bills to the Special Joint Committee already appointed on the part of the Senate together with the sixteen members of the Aroostook delegation to be appointed on the part of the House.

Thereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. White of Crystal, Adams of Linneus, Tompkins of Houlton, White of Dyer Brook, Tompkins of Bridgewater, Briggs of Caribou, Ashby of Fort Fairfield, Bennett of Presque Isle, MacPherson of Easton, Ward of Limestone; Gagnon of Van Buren, Daigle of Madawaska, Audibert of Fort Kent, Burns of

Eagle Lake, Smith of Masardis and Thomas of Woodland.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to provide for the examination, registration, regulation and licensing of chiropodists and podiatrists and penalties for violation of this act (S. P. 31) (L. D. 3), reporting ought not to pass.

Comes from the Senate read and accepted.

In the House, on motion by Mrs. Day of Gorham, bill and report tabled pending acceptance 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:

Aeronautics and Radio Control

By Mr. Biddle of Portland: An act creating a temporary commission to study the needs and requirements of aviation and its development and initiate a State system of weather observation service and making an appropriation therefor (H. P. 721)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Banks and Banking

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton: An act relating to increase of capital stock of Trust Companies (H. P. 722)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Claims

By Mr. Cram of Mount Vernon: Resolve in favor of the town of Vienna (H. P. 724)

By Mr. Ellis of Rangeley: Resolve appropriating money for payment of expenses of Tancerede Morin, an employee of the State Highway Commission (H. P. 725)

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: Resolve in favor of Edwin T. Clifford (H. P. 726)

By Mr. MacPherson of Easton: Resolve in favor of the town of Easton (H. P. 727)

By Mr. Smith of Waterboro: Resolve in favor of Frank Moulton of Alfred (H. P. 728)

By Mr. Smith of Vinalhaven: Resolve to reimburse the town of Vinalhaven for support of Charles Abbott, a State pauper (H. P. 729)

By Mr. Towne of Kennebunkport: Resolve in favor of Elwyn Houston, of Wells (H. P. 730)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Burkett of Union: Petition of Maynard Hills of Union and 62 others in favor of an open season on moose in Knox County (H. P. 731)

By Mr. Sturtevant of Livermore Falls: Petition for change in hunting and fishing license (H. P. No. 733).

By Mr. Plummer of Portland: An act relating to the hunting of water fowl or any other wild bird in Back Bay, so-called, in Portland. (H. P. No. 732)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: An act opening Upper and Lower Cold Stream Ponds to ice fishing. (H. P. No. 734)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Horace W. Weatherbee and 148 others, residents of Enfield, Lowell and Lincoln in favor of the above bill. (H. P. No. 735)

By Mr. Burkett of Union: An act to provide for an open season on moose in Knox County (H. P. No. 723).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act permitting hunting on Sundays (H. P. No. 736)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to abolish the Knox County Game Preserve. (H. P. No. 737).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to compensate the owners of lands situated in the limits of a game preserve for loss of hunting privileges and for damage to property. (H. P. No. 738)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jackson of Bath: An act to extend the open season on partridge. (H. P. No. 739)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to foxes in Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and York counties. (H. P. No. 740)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lewis of Boothbay: An act relating to eels in Damariscotta River. (H. P. No. 741)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: An act regulating fishing in certain Oxford County waters. (H. P. No. 742)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: An act regulating fishing in Cambo-

lasse Pond and Cambolasse Stream, in Lincoln. (H. P. No. 743)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Wilbur of Bridgton: An act to permit the use of flashlights in taking raccoons. (H. P. No. 744)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Interior Waters

By Mr. Farris of Augusta: Petition of Joseph W. Lamson and 34 others of Augusta in favor of changing the name of Three Cornered Pond. (H. P. No. 747)

Judiciary

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: An act relocating the residence of Fred E. Mitchell. (H. P. No. 745)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor: An act to repeal the special law relating to political caucuses in the City of Bangor. (H. P. No. 746)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act to grant a new charter to the City of Portland. (H. P. No. 748)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to increase the powers of the Portland High School Athletic Field Commission. (H. P. No. 749)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Bennett of Presque Isle: An act to provide a Town Council and Manager Form of Government for the town of Presque Isle, in the county of Aroostook. (H. P. No. 750)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: An act to grant a new charter to the city of Old Town. (H. P. No. 751)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Friend of Skowhegan: An act relating to commitments to the Reformatory for Women. (H. P. No. 752)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Pensions

By Mr. Fernald of Winterport: Resolve providing for a State pension for Annie L. Clapp of Winterport. (H. P. No. 753)

By Mr. Hills of Northport: Resolve providing for a State pension for Ada Gordon of Liberty. (H. P. No. 754)

By Mr. Hobbs of Hope: Resolve in favor of Ora M. Ripley. (H. P. No. 755)

By Mr. Littlefield of Monroe: Resolve providing for a State pension

for Charles H. Lenfest of Swanville. (H. P. No. 756)

By Mr. Patterson of Freeport: Resolve providing for a State pension for Emma O. Kilby. (H. P. No. 757)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield: An act relating to the Fort Fairfield Municipal court. (H. P. 758)

By Mr. Burkett of Union: An act to increase the salary of the Knox County Register of Deeds. (H. P. 759)

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: An act to empower the Treasurer of Kennebec County to pay an additional compensation to the Recorder of the Winthrop Municipal Court. (H. P. 760)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: An act to increase the salary of the Register of Deeds in Oxford County. (H. P. 761)

By Mr. Tompkins of Houlton: An act increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate in Aroostook County. (H. P. 762)

By the same gentleman: An act increasing the salary of the Sheriff of Aroostook County. (H. P. 763)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Crane of Machias: An act relating to the destruction of fish in East Machias waters. (H. P. 764)

By Mr. Weeks of Dresden: An act relating to close time on Dam-ariscotta River. (H. P. 765)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Biddle of Portland: An act providing for the disposition of monies collected from tax on gasoline used in aeroplane engines or purchased for such purposes. (H. P. 766)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ellis of Rangeley: Resolve in favor of the town of Salem. (H. P. 767)

By Mr. Littlefield of Monroe: Resolve in favor of the town of Burnham. (H. P. 768)

By Mr. Lowell of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of the town of Lowell. (H. P. 769)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Burlington. (H. P. 770)

By Mr. Shaw of Bar Harbor: Resolve in favor of the town of Hancock. (H. P. 771)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Bar Harbor. (H. P. 772)

By Mr. Tompkins of Bridgewater:

Resolve in favor of the town of Monticello. (H. P. 773)

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Blaine. (H. P. 774)

By Mr. Towne of Kennebunkport: Resolve in favor of the town of Kennebunkport. (H. P. 775)

By Mr. Weeks of Dresden: Resolve in favor of the Polly Clark bridge in Wiscasset. (H. P. 776)

Orders

Mr. Jackson of Bath presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a committee of five be appointed, two from the Senate to be named by the President of the Senate and three from the House to be named by the Speaker of the House, whose duty it shall be to study the problem of old age compensation and acts now in operation in other states, and any other matter pertinent thereto. Such committee shall consider the necessity and feasibility of such legislation in this State and shall report their conclusions in the draft of such act pertaining to old age compensation as may seem to them best applicable to the State of Maine, said act to be introduced in January 1933 for the consideration of the Eighty-sixth Legislature.

Said committee shall meet as soon as convenient after appointment and shall organize with the choice of a chairman and a secretary.

Said committee shall receive such per diem compensation, allowances for travel, etc., as may be approved by the Governor and Council.

On motion by Mr. Morse of Oakland, tabled pending passage.

On motion, by Mr. Jack of Lisbon, it was

Ordered, that the board of State Assessors furnish the House of Representatives a list and table showing the amount of electric light and power company property returned to them as assessed in the several cities, towns and plantations of the State against such property in the year 1930 in each of said cities, towns and plantations, said list and table to be furnished on or before the 17th day of February, 1931, and delivered to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint select committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate, to be appointed by the President, and three on the part of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker, shall be appointed and charged with the duty of examining the rules and procedure now used by the Legislature, to consider the desirability of amending the same. Said committee, which shall be known as the Committee on Rules and Procedure, is hereby authorized to report, by order or otherwise. Proposed amendments to the rules, bills and orders dealing with legislative procedure shall be referred to such committee.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren, it was voiced to take from the table House Paper 199, Petition of George J. Keegan and 58 others in favor of an act to authorize the county of Aroostook, to build a jail at Caribou in said county; and on further motion by the same gentleman House Paper 199 was referred to the special Aroostook county committee.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Augusta, it was voted to take from the table House Report, ought not

to pass, of the committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to offences against habitations and other buildings, H. P. 3 L. D. 2, tabled by that gentleman January 29, pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table bill an act to authorize the Treasurer of State, under the direction of the Governor and Council to issue bonds for State Highway construction and reconstruction for the calendar year 1931, (S. P. 254) tabled by that gentleman January 29, pending reference to the committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby 1000 copies of the above bill were ordered printed; and on further motion by the same gentleman, 500 copies were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Gray,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning.