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HOUSE

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Nutter of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to Chief of Fire and Police Departments city of South Portland (H. P. 618), which was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs in the House January 28th.

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

In the House that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

From the Senate: Bill an act providing for registration of two and one-half ton trucks (H. P. 25) (L. D. 36) which was referred to the committee on Judiciary in the House January 22nd.

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

In the House that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that a joint select committee consisting of seven members on the part of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, with such members as the House may join, be appointed to consider the apportionment and assignment of councillor districts, senatorial districts and districts for representatives to the legislature, as well as such matters as relate to the apportionment and assignment of congressional districts, and report to the Legislature by bill or otherwise;

Comes from the Senate read and passed with the following members appointed on its part: Messrs. Murchie of Washington, Foster of Hancock, Leland of Piscataquis, Littlefield of York, Hol-

man of Franklin, Jackson of Cumberland and Towle of Kennebec.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin, the order was tabled pending passage in concurrence.

Senate Bill in First Reading

S. P. 30, L. D. 109: Resolve in favor of the Kennebec Law Library Association.

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. Rogers of Yarmouth: An act regulating the transportation of poultry (H. P. No. 777).

(500 copies ordered printed).

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor: An act appropriating money for the State Geologist. (H. P. No. 778)

By Mr. Morin of Brunswick: Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick. (H. P. 779)

(Tabled by Mr. Morin of Brunswick pending reference).

Banks and Banking

By Mr. Carleton of Portland: An act amending the banking law. (H. P. No. 780)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

Claims

By Mr. Bailey of Whitefield: Resolve in favor of Mrs. George F. Brann, of Somerville. (H. P. No. 781)

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton: Resolve in favor of Heber H. Allen. (H. P. No. 782)

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Resolve in favor of Mary E. Rogers. (H. P. No. 783)

By Mr. Clarke of Cooper: Resolve in favor of Mrs. Olive Finch, Dennysville, Maine. (H. P. No. 784)

By Mr. Drisko of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of George Mawhinney of Jonesboro. (H. P. 785)

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: Resolve in favor of the town of Newry, Oxford County. (H. P. 786)

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: Resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman for assistance to Annie B. Baker, the wife of a disabled

veteran of the World War. (H. P. 787)

By Mr. Kent of Benton: Resolve in favor of James M. Brown of Clinton. (H. P. 788)

By Mr. Lancaster of Canaan: Resolve in favor of the town of St. Albans. (H. P. 789)

By Mr. Plouff of Dexter: Resolve to reimburse the town of Dexter for support of Ernest L. Brailey, a State pauper. (H. P. No. 790)

By Mr. Rogers of Yarmouth: Resolve to reimburse the town of Yarmouth for burial expenses of Zatique Malurin, a State pauper. (H. P. No. 791)

By Mr. Sanborn of Baldwin: Resolve in favor of the town of Baldwin. (H. P. No. 792)

By Mr. Smith of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Daniel Maher of Bangor, Maine. (H. P. No. 793)

By Mr. Soper of Newport: Resolve in favor of Mrs. Willis H. Smith, Exeter, Maine. (H. P. No. 794)

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve to reimburse the town of Merrill for support of State pauper. (H. P. No. 795)

Education

By Mr. Jacobs of Auburn: An act relating to State aid for academies. (H. P. No. 796)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Angell of Saco: An act regulating fishing in Milliken's Mill Pond, in the town of Old Orchard Beach, in the county of York. (H. P. No. 797)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act providing for a State Game Farm. (H. P. No. 798)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act relating to wild hares or rabbits. (H. P. No. 799)

(Tabled by Mr. Gibson of Harrington pending reference)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: An act relating to fishing in Sullivan Brook, so called, in the town of Sullivan, Hancock county. (H. P. No. 800)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Blodgett of Bucksport: An act to open Craig Pond in the town of Orland to ice fishing. (H. P. No. 801)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Cram of Mount Vernon:

An act closing the tributaries to Belgrade Lakes to fishing. (H. P. 802)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Drisko of Jonesboro: An act regulating trapping of fur bearing animals in the county of Washington. (H. P. 803)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Eaton of Calais: An act relative to the issuing of hunting and guiding licenses. (H. P. 804)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to ice fishing in Grand Lake Stream, Washington County. (H. P. 806)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relative to ice fishing in Nash Lake, sometimes called East Maguero-wock Lake. (H. P. 807)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Hussey of Augusta: An act relative to ice fishing for pickerel. (H. P. 808)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jones of Winthrop: An act opening Wilson Lake to ice fishing. (H. P. 809)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Kent of Benton: An act regulating fishing in Lovejoy Pond, in Albion, and its tributaries and Outlet Stream. (H. P. 810)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: An act regulating fishing in tributaries to Heald Pond in Moose River Plantation. (H. P. 812)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act regulating fishing in Lone Jack Pond, Little Lang Pond, and Parlin Stream. (H. P. 813)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act opening Lake Moxie, in Somerset County, to ice fishing. (H. P. 814)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act regulating fishing in Baker Stream. (H. P. 815)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Eaton of Calais: Resolve appropriating money to remodel, rebuild and repair the fish ways in the St. Croix River in Calais, county of Washington. (H. P. 805)

By Mr. Luce of Farmington: Resolve appropriating money to aid in screening the outlet of Clearwater Pond, in Franklin County. (H. P. 811)

Judiciary

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to legalize and make valid certain doings of the Cumberland Bar Association. (H. P. 816)

By Mr. Snow of Bluehill: An act relating to Hancock County Publishing Company. (H. P. 817)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to Western Hancock Municipal Court. (H. P. 818)

By Mr. Bowers of Portland: An act relating to parole of life prisoners. (H. P. 819)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act relating to probation officers for Cumberland County. (H. P. 820)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the property of an unincorporated or voluntary association, organization, society, lodge or club, and authorizing the trustees thereof to transfer the title to the same. (H. P. 821)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Carleton of Portland: An act relating to powers of attorney. (H. P. 822)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act to authorize foreclosure by sale of the mortgaged premises. (H. P. 823)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the granting of administration upon estates of persons upon circumstantial or presumptive evidence of death. (H. P. 824)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: An act relating to reciprocity in registration fees of trucks. (H. P. 825)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relating to pensions for the police department of the city of Portland. (H. P. 826)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Smith of Bangor: An act relating to Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation. (H. P. 827)

By Mr. Thompson of Belfast: An act relating to the charter of the city of Belfast. (H. P. 828)

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: An act relating to the charter of the city of Waterville. (H. P. 829)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner: An

act relating to steam and gasoline engines. (H. P. 830)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: An act relating to the charter of Old Town. (H. P. 831)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Graves of Mount Desert: An act to extend the time for ratifying change in government for the town of Mount Desert. (H. P. 832)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Hamel of Lewiston: An act relating to elections in the city of Lewiston. (H. P. 833)

(Tabled by Mr. Scates of Westbrook pending reference.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to Highway Commission of Lewiston. (H. P. 834)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jack of Lisbon: An act relating to the counting and sealing of ballots. (H. P. 835)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Jacobs of Auburn: An act to permit the city of Auburn to pension present and former members of its Fire Department. (H. P. No. 836)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Picher of Waterville: An act relating to the charter of the city of Waterville. (H. P. No. 837)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Sturtevant of Livermore Falls: An act to provide a penalty for circulating false reports concerning bank and loan and building associations. (H. P. No. 838)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Labor

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to extend the free employment service. (H. P. No. 839)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner: An act relating to the employment of minors. (H. P. No. 840)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Library

By Mr. Smith of Vinalhaven: Resolve for the purchase of "Bibliography of Maine Imprints". (H. P. No. 841)

Military Affairs

By Mr. Bowers of Portland: Resolve appropriating money for the completion of the statue of General Howard. (H. P. No. 842)

Pensions

(On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, House Paper 843 to 856 inclusive were referred to the committee on Pensions without reading).

By Mr. Bailey of Whitefield: Resolve providing for a State pension for Fannie E. Keene of Waldoboro. (H. P. No. 843)

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton: Resolve providing for a State pension for Lot Edmund Whitman of Jay. (H. P. No. 844)

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Resolve in favor of James W. Tenney for State pension. (H. P. No. 845)

By the same gentleman: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Mary J. French of Carmel. (H. P. No. 846)

By the same gentleman: Resolve providing for a State pension for Ella J. Nutter of Plymouth. (H. P. No. 847)

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner: Resolve providing for a State pension for Fred Taber of Gardiner. (H. P. No. 848)

By the same gentleman: Resolve providing for a State pension for Hattie A. Livermore of Gardiner. (H. P. No. 849)

By Mr. Farris of Augusta: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Olive E. Brann of Auburn. (H. P. No. 850)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve providing for a State pension for Anna Cropley of Danforth. (H. P. No. 851)

By Mr. Jacobs of Auburn: Resolve in favor of Grace E. Bucknam of Buckfield. (H. P. No. 852)

By Mr. Luce of Farmington: Resolve providing for a State pension for Carrie E. Fitch of Farmington. (H. P. No. 853)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Lydia A. Bodfish of Onawa. (H. P. No. 854)

By Mr. Thompson of Belfast: Resolve providing for a State pension for Bertha Tarrabain of Belfast. (H. P. No. 855)

By Mr. Webber of China: Resolve providing for a State pension for George H. Pottle of Pittston. (H. P. No. 856)

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Resolve in favor of Everett W. Porter of Dixmont. (H. P. No. 857)

By Mr. Brewster of Wells: Re-

solve creating an Old Age Pension Recess Committee. (H. P. No. 898)

(Tabled by Mr. Morse of Oakland pending reference).

By Mr. Stern of Biddeford: An act to provide for a system of non-contributory old age pensions. (H. P. No. 899)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Bowers of Portland: An act to provide for a Board of Examiners of Chiroprodists to consist of the Commissioner of Health and two other persons. (H. P. No. 858)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act relating to the control of the State Department of Health over plumbing. (H. P. No. 859)

(Tabled by Mr. Brewster of Wells pending reference).

Public Utilities

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: An act amending an act to incorporate the Bethel Water Company (H. P. No. 860)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act relating to service charge by water or gas companies in Portland, South Portland or Westbrook. (H. P. No. 861)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Authier of Sanford: An act to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of the city of Biddeford. (H. P. No. 862)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: An act to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Washington County. (H. P. No. 863)

By Mr. Snow of Bluehill: An act relating to expenses of Judges of Probate. (H. P. No. 864)

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Lewis of Boothbay: An act relating to fishing for smelts in Damariscotta River (H. P. No. 865). (500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Snow of Scarboro: An act regulating the taking and sale of clams in the town of Scarboro. (H. P. No. 866)

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

State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories

By Mr. Boody of Windham: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys. (H. P. 867)

By the same gentleman: Resolve

in favor of the State School for Girls. (H. P. 868)

Temperance

By Mr. Smith of Waterboro: An act for the promotion of temperance. (H. P. 869)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

(On motion by Mr. Goudy of South Portland) Papers on the House Advance Journal and Calendar, commencing on Page 11 with H. P. 897 to and including H. P. 900 on Page 13, were referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges without reading.)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Petition of R. D. Marriner and others of Guilford in favor of an appropriation to finish building the Greenville-Jackman highway. (H. P. 897)

By Mr. Angell of Saco: An act relating to railroad underpasses, at North Kennebunkport and Saco. (H. P. 870)

By Mr. Hussey of Augusta: An act relating to the construction of a road in the city of Augusta. (H. P. 880)

By Mr. Jackson of Bath: An act relating to the bridge between Richmond and Dresden. (H. P. 882)

By Mr. Morse of Oakland: An act relating to the construction of a road in the town of Oakland. (H. P. 884)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the construction of roads in the town of Sidney. (H. P. 885)

By Mr. Viles of Madison: An act relating to road construction in the town of Athens. (H. P. 891)

By Mr. Adams of Linneus: Resolve in favor of the town of Haynesville. (H. P. 871)

By Mr. Bailey of Whitefield: Resolve in favor of the town of Whitefield. (H. P. 872)

By Mr. Bennett of Presque Isle: Resolve in favor of the town of Presque Isle. (H. P. 873)

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Resolve in favor of the town of Gouldsboro, Hancock County. (H. P. 874)

By Mr. Blodgett of Bucksport: Resolve in favor of the town of Dedham. (H. P. 875)

By the same gentleman: Resolve

in favor of the town of Bucksport. (H. P. 876)

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Resolve in favor of Orelus Leathers for State pension. (H. P. 877)

By Mr. Crane of Machias: Resolve in favor of the trustees of the bridge between East Machias and Machiasport. (H. P. 878)

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: Resolve in favor of the city of Old Town. (H. P. 879)

By Mr. Jack of Lisbon: Resolve in favor of the town of Lisbon. (H. P. 881)

By Mr. Mack of East Millinocket: Resolve in favor of the Townships of Township One, Range Nine, Township Two, Range Nine, Township Two, Range Ten, and Township Three, Range Ten, Piscataquis County. (H. P. 883)

(Tabled by Mr. Mack of East Millinocket pending reference).

By Mr. Plouff of Dexter: Resolve in favor of the town of Garland. (H. P. 886)

By Mr. Sanborn of Baldwin: Resolve in favor of the town of Sebago. (H. P. 887)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Resolve for the maintenance and repair of the "River" or "Air Line" road, so called, in Brewer. (H. P. 888)

By Mr. Snow of Scarboro: Resolve to aid the town of Scarboro in construction and maintenance of road. (H. P. 890)

By Mr. Webber of China: Resolve in favor of the town of Pittston for construction of a certain piece of road. (H. P. 892)

By Mr. Weeks of Dresden: Resolve in favor of the town of Edgecomb. (H. P. 893)

By Mr. Whitney of Friendship: Resolve in favor of the town of Thomaston. (H. P. 901)

By Mr. Worthen of Corinth: Resolve in favor of the town of Alton. (H. P. 894)

By Mr. Wright of Bath: Resolve in favor of the town of West Bath. (H. P. 895)

By Mr. Sweet of Holden: Resolve in favor of the town of Greenfield. (H. P. 896)

(Tabled by Mr. Sargent of Brewer pending reference).

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Resolve in favor of the town of Carmel. (H. P. 900)

By Mr. Scates of Westbrook: An

act providing for the surface treatment of State and State aid roads. (H. P. 889)

(500 copies ordered printed)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Harrington of Patten, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it referred House Paper 787, resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman for assistance to Annie B. Baker, the wife of a disabled veteran of the World War to the committee on Claims; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby House Paper 877, resolve in favor of Orelus Leathers for State pension, introduced by the gentleman from Dixmont, Mr. Bussey, and referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on Pensions.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair presents, tabled and assigned today, Joint Resolution on Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau, tabled by Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin, January 29, pending adoption and specially assigned for today; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Blaisdell.

Mr. **BLAISDELL**: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the Joint Resolution. I might say to the members of the House that this Joint Resolution entails no expense whatsoever on the part of the State. It is merely an approval of the work of the American Legislative Association in gathering together, correlating and getting into order the efforts of all the different legislatures of the states so that if any one wishes to receive the result of the efforts of all the states of the Union on any given subject, whether it be taxation, criminal law, or what not, this Legislative Reference Bureau, which is involved in this resolution would have the data for you in concise form and without expense. This resolution merely approves of the work that the Legislative Association is doing, and I move the

adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, all experienced persons know that in each State, legislative problems continually increase, both in number and in complexity.

Whereas, it is obvious that in order to solve such problems most effectively, each legislature must give systematic, scientific and business-like consideration to the actual facts which have a bearing upon each question—to the extent that such facts have been determined by reliable research.

Whereas, each legislature must give similar consideration to the methods and experience of other jurisdictions in dealing with problems similar to its own.

Whereas, experience indicates the necessity for an inter-state legislative reference bureau to serve as a clearing house of information between all of the legislative reference services which are now being conducted by numerous states, and also to serve as a clearing house of information between the legislatures and all other agencies which are engaged in the study and analysis of legislative problems, such as governmental departments, political science departments of universities, competent reputable associations, and all other sources of information.

Whereas, such an interstate legislature reference bureau cannot be maintained by any one State alone, without the cooperation of the legislatures of other States.

Whereas, the said American Legislators' Association has now established in the vicinity of the University of Chicago, the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau, which by explicit pledge is without color of politics, partisanship or propaganda, is conducted without profit, and is engaged upon three principal purposes:

First: to procure promptly for all inquiring state legislators, and their agents, whatever information or advice they desire in connection with any legislative problem, primarily by assisting them to secure, without cost, the benefit of all researches conducted by governmental departments, universities, associations, legislative reference bu-

reaus, and other agencies throughout the United States.

Second: to conduct a systematic study of the legislative processes of each of the States, in order to ascertain the practices which contribute most to efficient and economical organization and procedure; and to render all possible assistance to each legislature—and to each legislative reference bureau—which is endeavoring to improve its organization.

Third: to publish for the benefit of all state legislators the monthly magazine, State Government, as well as special Bulletins, and thus to disseminate information which will be helpful to all conscientious students of legislation.

Whereas, the character and project of the American Legislators' Association have the endorsement, and its organization has the active cooperation, not only of its membership, which consists entirely of members and ex-members of state

legislatures, but also of numbers of other responsible citizens, many of whom, having specialized knowledge, are serving on the Association's Advisory Boards.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved, the Senate concurring: That the organization of the American Legislators' Association and of the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau are hereby commended as legitimate and constructive efforts to assist the legislatures of the various States in the efficient performance of their work.

Thereupon the resolution was adopted.

The SPEAKER: Are there any other tabled and unassigned matters that can be taken from the table today? If not, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Gibson of Harrington,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning.