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HOUSE

Friday, February 6, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Moulton of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

From the Senate: Bill an act to supplement the "State Administrative Reorganization Code" by establishing a Bureau of the Treasury in the Department of Finance, assigning certain powers and duties to this Bureau, and repealing conflicting acts and parts of acts. (S. P. 291) (L. D. 281)

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Administrative Code.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for eliminating the office of Treasurer of State and establishing a State Budget System. (S. P. 290) (L. D. 280)

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Administrative Code.

In the House on motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to advertising signs on highways. (S. P. 319) (L. D. 295)

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Judiciary.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Gibson of Harrington, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to authorize Bliss Business College of Lewiston, Maine, to confer certain degrees. (S. P. 321) (L. D. 297)

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Biddle of Portland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to provide for the appointment of a

Commission on Pensions for State employees. (S. P. 321) (L. D. 301)

Comes from the Senate referred to the committee on Pensions.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Jack of Lisbon, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 10, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House read and passed in concurrence.

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Addison of Auburn: An act relative to the apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies. (H. P. 919)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Lancaster of Canaan: An act relative to night hunting. (H. P. 920)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Judiciary

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act relating to the Attorney General. (H. P. 921)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Shaw of Bar Harbor: An act relating to allowances to widows. (H. P. 922)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. McLoon of Rockland: An act to facilitate the passing of one motor vehicle by another and to lessen the danger of collisions. (H. P. 923)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. McCart of Eastport: An act relating to temporary orders in libels for divorce. (H. P. 924)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to temporary allowances in libels for divorce. (H. P. 925)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to reports on inheritance taxes. (H. P. 926)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to division of inheritance taxes. (H. P. 927)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Shaw of Bar Harbor: An

act relating to allowances from estates of decedents. (H. P. 928) (500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the distribution of the estates of decedents. (H. P. 929) (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. McCart of Eastport: An act relating to disclosure proceedings. (H. P. 930) (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wright of Bath: An act to provide provisions for medical and surgical treatment of persons whose resources are insufficient to pay for same. (H. P. 931) (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Varney of Berwick: An act relating to sale of realty by administrators. (H. P. 932) (500 copies ordered printed.)

Labor

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor: An act regulating employment of females. (H. P. 933) (500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Tompkins of Houlton: An act to authorize cities and towns to create civil service rules for police and fire department. (H. P. 934) (500 copies ordered printed.)

Pensions

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act relating to State pension law. (H. P. 935)

Public Health

By Mr. Perham of Paris: An act relating to registration of veterinary surgeons. (H. P. 936) (500 copies ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. McCart of Eastport: An act relating to compensation of the Judge of Probate, Washington County. (H. P. 937)

Taxation

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: An act relating to Loan and Building Associations. (H. P. 938) (500 copies ordered printed.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Angell from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on petition of Leight V. Coffin and others in favor of taking smelts in Gouldsboro. (H. P. 180) reported that same be referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Mr. Goudy from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to the payment of compensation to

dependents of firemen who are killed in the performance of duty. (H. P. 122) (L. D. 87)

Mr. Blaisdell from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to signals of the driver of a vehicle. (H. P. 120) (L. D. 85)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act regulating the use, handling, storage and sale of flammable liquids. (H. P. 211) (L. D. 121)

Mr. Sargent from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to fire hazards. (H. P. 121) (L. D. 86)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Peacock from the Committee on Public Utilities reported ought to pass on bill an act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company. (H. P. 4)

Mr. Smith from same Committee reported same on bill an act to extend the charter of the Patten Water and Power Company. (H. P. 223)

Mr. Breen from same Committee reported same on bill an act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Company. (H. P. 224)

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

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend the charter of the Casco Title Guaranty Company. (H. P. 60) (L. D. 40)

Report read and accepted and the bill having already been printed was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Printed Bills

(H. P. 115) (L. D. 348) An act relative to the North Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

(H. P. 116) (L. D. 347) An act to change the name of the Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine and to enlarge its purposes.

(H. P. 117) (L. D. 346) An act relating to terms of the County Commissioners' Courts for the county of Washington.

Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. 40) (L. D. 237) An act relating to payments to County Law Libraries.

(S. P. 42) (L. D. 238) An act to authorize the Treasurer of the

county of Penobscot to purchase a set of Maine Reports.

Orders of the Day

Mr. MORRILL of Gray: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his point.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know about the printing of notices of hearings on bills. They are advertised in the Kennebec Journal and I would like to know why they are not advertised in three or four of the leading papers. I am asking simply for my own information in order that I may not be misled.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that matters of general importance are printed in the Kennebec Journal because that is the official State paper; that the disposition of other advertising matter for hearings in other papers lies wholly within the discretion of the clerks of the various committees.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, my point is this: If we were looking for anything that interested Androscoggin county for example, it would be perhaps advertised in the Lewiston Journal. Other State-wide subjects would be advertised in the Kennebec Journal, I suppose. I am not criticising anybody but am only seeking information.

The SPEAKER: The Chair has no information other than as stated that all hearings are supposed to be advertised in the official State paper, while regional hearings, or hearings pertaining to regional matters, are allocated by the several committees through their clerks.

Mr. MORRILL: Mr. Speaker, my only object in mentioning it is, as I have said, that it might mislead some people who would be looking in the Kennebec Journal for matters that might interest their counties.

The SPEAKER: Under existing rules there seems to be no way of alleviating that condition.

Mr. MORSE of Oakland: Mr. Speaker, I may be able to clarify this somewhat. This present week some hearings on Ways and Bridges, through someone's mistake, were not advertised in our official paper, the Kennebec Journal.

The SPEAKER: Are there any

other matters to be taken up under orders of the day?

On motion by Mr. Rogers of Yarmouth, it was voted to take from the table the 14th unassigned matter, bill an act to authorize the Treasurer of State to receive a portion of the residue of the estate of Joseph C. Greene, bequeathed to the Pownal State School, S. P. 336, tabled by that gentleman on February 5th, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Pownal State School in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Wells, it was voted to take from the table the 6th unassigned matter, bill an act relating to the control of the State Department of Health over plumbing, H. P. 958, tabled by that gentleman on February 4, pending reference to a committee, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Public Health and 500 copies ordered printed.

Mr. CHURCH of Hallowell: Mr. Speaker, I understand that that bill is off the table for printing, and I would like to retable it until the first of the week, although I do not care to assign any particular day. I move that the bill be retabled pending printing.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules that the motion of the gentleman from Hallowell, Mr. Church, is not in order inasmuch as the motion to refer and print had been carried, and the only way to reach the matter would be by a reconsideration of the action of the House on that vote. The action has already been carried to refer to the committee on Public Health and to print 500 copies.

Paper from the Senate, out of order.

Memorial to the Congress of the United States urging them to assist in excluding certain pulpwood from this country, S. P. 373.

RESOLVED, that whereas large quantities of Russian pulpwood, produced by convict and conscript labor, have recently been imported

into the United States from Russia, depriving the people of the State of Maine of a market for their Maine produced pulpwood, to the great injury of the citizens of Maine;

AND WHEREAS if this importation continues further great harm will be done to a large number of the citizens of the State of Maine and vitally affect the prosperity of our people:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in Legislature assembled that we urge the senators and representatives of the Congress of the United States to do everything in their power to promptly exclude all Russian pulpwood or pulpwood products so produced from importation into this country.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, duly certified by the Secretary of State, be forwarded to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington and to the several senators and representatives from the State of Maine in the Congress of the United States.

Comes from the Senate read and adopted.

In the House, read and adopted in concurrence.

The SPEAKER: If there are no other matters that the members wish to bring before the House under orders of the day the Chair at this time, pursuant to a Joint Order, providing for the appointment of a Special Committee on Administrative Code, which passed this House on January 22nd, announces the following members of that committee: the gentleman

from Portland, Mr. Burkett; the gentleman from Mount Vernon, Mr. Cram; the lady from Lewiston, Mrs. Morey; the gentleman from Rumford Falls, Mr. Melcher; the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Robie; the lady from Bangor, Miss Martin; the gentleman from Blue Hill, Mr. Snow; the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Rogers; the gentleman from Vanceboro, Mr. Holbrook; and the gentleman from Limerick, Mr. Quint.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk is in possession of a communication from the Senate which he will read.

“To the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the 85th Legislature:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith a list of the appointees of the committee on Administrative Code as appointed by the President of this body.

The Senator from Penobscot, Senator Weatherbee.

The Senator from Oxford, Senator Wheeler.

The Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Greenleaf.

The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Kitchen.

The Senator from Knox, Senator St. Clair.

The Senator from Waldo, Senator Small.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) ROYDEN V. BROWN,
Secretary of the Senate.”
Read and placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Hamel of Lewiston,

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, February 10, at 10 A. M.