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**HOUSE**

Tuesday, February 17, 1931

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wood of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Mr. ALLEN of Sanford: Mr. Speaker, Representative Goodrich of York is in the Hall of the House ready to take upon himself the oath prescribed by the Constitution to enable him to enter upon his official duties.

On motion by Mr. Allen it was voted that a committee of one be appointed to escort the gentleman from York, Mr. Goodrich, to the Governor and Council for the administering of the oath of office.

Thereupon the Speaker appointed the gentleman from Sanford, Mr. Allen, as such committee, who escorted the gentleman from York, Mr. Goodrich, to the executive chamber.

Subsequently the committee returned with the gentleman from York, Mr. Goodrich, and reported that that gentleman had taken the oaths required by the Constitution.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure at this time to introduce Mr. Goodrich of York. (Applause, the members rising).

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to repeal the bounty on porcupines. (S. P. 408) (L. D. 516).

Comes from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Leonard of Hampden, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to disposition of inheritance taxes. (S. P. 440) (L. D. 579.)

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

In the House, on motion by Mr. Harrington of Patten, tabled pending reference in concurrence, and 500 additional copies ordered printed.

From the Senate: Resolve in fa-

vor of the town of Brunswick. (H. P. 779), which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in the House on February 12th.

Comes from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in non-concurrence.

In the House, that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference of this resolve to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

From the Senate: Bill an act with respect to the trial terms of the superior court within and for the counties of Androscoggin and Franklin (H. P. 946) (L. D. 455), which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the House on February 11th.

Comes from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. in non-concurrence.

In the House, that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this bill to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

From the Senate: Resolution relative to Legislative Research Bureau, which was adopted in the House on January 17th.

Comes from the Senate, indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of this resolution.

**Senate Bills in First Reading**

S. P. 44. L. D. 25. An act relating to definition of the term "securities" in the Blue Sky Law.

S. P. 254. L. D. 269. An act to authorize the treasurer of state under direction of the governor and council to issue bonds for state highway construction for the calendar year 1931.

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

**Inland Fisheries And Game**

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Remonstrances of Ruel E. Holden and 41 others against ice

fishing in Big Wood and Attean Lakes, (H. P. 1048).

By Mr. Crane of Machias by request: An act repealing the bounty on bears. (H. P. 1056)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ellis of Rangeley: An act relating to hunting from railways. (H. P. 1057.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hathaway of Milo: An act relating to hunting from automobiles. (H. P. 1058.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: An act relating to fishing in Howard Pond in Hanover. (H. P. 1059.)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By same gentleman: An act relating to a biennial revision of Fish and Game Laws (H. P. No. 1060).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Smith of Waterboro: An act relating to the purposes for which cities and towns may raise money (H. P. No. 1061).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Public Health

By Mr. Burgess of Rumford: Petition signed by Silas F. Peaslee of Upton and 20 others in favor of S. S. Greenleaf practising veterinary surgery (H. P. No. 1049).

By Mr. Eastman of Stow: Petition signed by R. B. Knight of Waterford and 60 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1050).

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: Petition signed by Alton Stowell of Greenwood and 50 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1051).

By same gentleman: Petition signed by Fred W. Hight of Newry and 28 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1052).

By Mr. Hatch of Lovell: Petition signed by Arthur Cross of Albany and 63 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1053).

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: Petition signed by Dana O. Dudley of Woodstock and 69 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1054).

By Mr. Melcher of Rumford: Petition signed by Alton Bartlett of Hanover and 14 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1055).

#### Public Utilities

By Mr. Bennett of Presque Isle:

An act relating to contracts by corporate public utilities with holding corporations and with associated subsidiary corporations (H. P. No. 1062).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: An act relating to clerk hire in Registry of Deeds in Aroostook County (H. P. No. 1063).

Mr. Bowers of Portland: An act relating to transportations of paroled prisoners (H. P. No. 1064).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By same gentleman: An act relating to transportation of discharged prisoners (H. P. No. 1065).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: Petition of William Murtha and 16 others in favor of the Jackman-Greenville Road (H. P. No. 1066).

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Petition of Millard Metcalf and 139 others in favor of the Jackman to Rockwood Road (H. P. No. 1067).

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield it was

Ordered, that the Committee on State Administrative Code is authorized to use the Hall of the House of Representatives for hearings upon Wednesday evening, February 25th.

Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Clerk of the House prepare a register of all bills and resolves introduced into both branches of the legislature to and including February 18th, showing titles, paper numbers, document numbers, names of members introducing the same, and the committees to which referred, and that there be printed 750 copies of the same.

The Clerk of the House is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, to employ the necessary clerical assistance to prepare such register.

Thereupon the order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Ellis of Rangeley it was

Ordered, that there be printed 500 copies of House Paper 283.

**Reports of Committees**

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Pensions reported ought not to pass on resolve for a State pension for Isabelle Willet. (H. P. 11)

Report was read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported ought to pass on resolve providing for a State pension for Maria E. Collins of Chelsea. (H. P. 125)

Report read and accepted and the Resolve ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Carleton from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on bill an act to appropriate moneys for the payment of certain claims and departmental and institutional overdrafts for which no legislative appropriation has been made and to provide for carrying on the activities of departments and institutions for the remaining months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and for other purposes (H. P. 463) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1068) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to county law libraries (H. P. 588) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1069) under same title and that it ought to pass.

(Tabled by Mr. Snow of Blue Hill pending acceptance of report.)

Mr. Hawkes from the Committee on Pensions on resolve providing for a State pension for Meda C. Peabody of Dixmont (H. P. 124) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1070) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

**First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves**

(H. P. 200) (L. D. 554) An act to provide for the general up-keep, enlargement, and betterment of the Law Library in the county of Androscoggin.

(H. P. 580) (L. D. 555) An act to extend the charter granted to the Union Terminal Company.

(H. P. 583) (L. D. 556) An act relating to the right of Warren Me-

morial Foundation to hold property.

(H. P. 622) (L. D. 557) An act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Portland to Rosa B. Reidy.

(H. P. 1042) (L. D. 558) An act to amend the charter of the President and Trustees of Colby College.

(H. P. 1043) (L. D. 559) Resolve in favor of granting teacher's pension to Cora B. Crabtree of Vinalhaven.

(H. P. 1044) (L. D. 560) Resolve granting teacher's pension to Mrs. Susan Pope of Westbrook.

**Passed to Be Engrossed**

(H. P. 203) (L. D. 145) An act relating to certified copies of certain records in county of Aroostook.

(H. P. 212) (L. D. 122) An act to amend the charter of the city of Portland.

(Tabled by Mr. Plummer of Portland pending third reading.)

(H. P. 216) (L. D. 125) An act to increase the powers of the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

(H. P. 595) (L. D. 203) An act additional to the acts which constitute the charter of Colby College, formerly Colby University.

(H. P. 596) (L. D. 204) An act to repeal Section 2 of Chapter 10 of the Private and Special Acts of 1887, entitled "An Act additional to the Acts which constitute the Charter of Colby University.

(H. P. 621) (L. D. 538) An act relating to the Bangor Theological Seminary.

(H. P. 624) (L. D. 537) An act to provide a better government for the town of Bar Harbor.

(S. P. 135) (L. D. 418) Resolve in favor of M. Isabel Libby of Saco.

(S. P. 136) (L. D. 419) Resolve in favor of Nellie M. Hill of Saco.

(S. P. 231) (L. D. 417) Resolve authorizing the Forest Commissioner to convey a certain lot of land to Edmund B. Lapointe.

(H. P. 1026) (L. D. 536) Resolve in favor of Harry C. Aldrich.

**Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Lubec the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted unanimous consent by the House to present out of order Resolve in favor of the town of Edmunds; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Lubec the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted the

unanimous consent of the House to present out of order Resolve providing for a state pension for Mary E. Ramsdell of Lubec; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted the unanimous consent of the House to present out of order Resolve to aid the city of Portland in the construction of the highway at the northerly end of Tukey's bridge in said city; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Union the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted the unanimous consent of the House to present out of order Resolve providing for a state pension for Germaine Farris of Union; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Union the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted the unanimous consent of the House to present out of order Resolve providing for a state pension for Sarah V. Packard of Somerville; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Leonard of Hampden the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted the unanimous consent of the House to present out of order resolve in favor of the town of Hampden providing for a fishway; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent the rules were suspended and that gentleman was given the unanimous consent of the House to present out of order Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Kent; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Perham of Paris the rules were suspended and that gentleman was given the unanimous consent of the House to present out of order the following order:

Ordered, that there be printed 1000 additional copies of house paper 940, legislative document 421, bill an act relating to the packing and grading of apples.

The order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the fourth unassigned matter, bill An act to supplement the 'State Administrative 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), tabled by that gentleman February 6th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Administrative Code in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the 5th unassigned matter, 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), tabled by that gentleman February 6th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Administrative Code in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hathaway of Milo, it was voted to take from the table the 3rd unassigned matter, bill an act relating to State Administrative Code (S. P. 60) (L. D. 20), tabled by that gentleman February 5th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Administrative Code in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. White of Dyer Brook, it was voted to take from the table the 9th unassigned matter, House report of the Committee on Claims, ought not to pass, on Resolve in favor of the town of

Shirley for support of the family of Angus A. Green (H. P. 80), tabled by that gentleman on February 12th pending acceptance of report.

Mr. WHITE: Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds

On motion by Mr. Rounds the report was recommitted to the Committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Daigle of Madawaska it was voted to take from the table the 8th unassigned matter, bill an act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company (H. P. 4) (L. D. 394), tabled by that gentleman February 11th pending third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn, it was voted to take from the table the 7th unassigned matter, bill An act to transfer to maintenance of highways the funds now appropriated by Special Road Resolves (H. P. 1003) tabled by that gentleman February 11th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence, and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Biddle of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the 10th unassigned matter, bill An act making air trans-

portation companies public utilities (S. P. 398) (L. D. 472), tabled by that gentleman February 13th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Tompkins of Houlton, it was voted to take from the table the 11th unassigned matter, House report ought not to pass of the Committee on Taxation on bill An act relating to taxation on shares of stock of trust and banking companies (H. P. 711) (L. D. 233), tabled by that gentleman February 13th, pending acceptance of report.

Mr. TOMPKINS: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Waterville, Mr. Picher.

Mr. PICHER: There seems to be an error in printing the Committee report in this matter on this particular calendar. The calendar report is ought not to pass, but the Committee report was ought to pass, and I remove that we accept that report.

The SPEAKER: There is evidently an error in the printing of the calendar, and the gentleman now moves that the report ought to pass be accepted.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Augusta, the matter was tabled until tomorrow morning, pending acceptance of the report.

On motion by Mr. Towne of Kennebunkport, Adjourned until tomorrow morning.