

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, February 18, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Moyle of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for new construction (H. P. 943), which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in the House February 11th.

Comes from the Senate referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals in non-concurrence.

In the House, that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of this resolve to the Committee on Insane Hospitals.

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Claims reporting ought not to pass on Resolve in favor of Brown Bros. Hardware Co., of Gorham (S. P. 176).

Comes from the Senate report read and accepted.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Webster of Buxton, the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Claims in non-concurrence.

**Senate Bills in First Reading**

S. P. 165: An act to incorporate the Federal Employees Credit Union of Maine.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that the time for introduction of all new legislation be limited to Friday, February 20th, at 4 P. M.

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. Clarke of Cooper: An act

to provide for cooperation between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Commissioners of Agriculture of the New England States and the Maine Department of Agriculture in the collection and publication of statistics and for other purposes (H. P. 1078).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Sterling of Kittery: An act relating to damages by dogs and wild animals (H. P. 1079).

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: An act with reference to the State Highway Police (H. P. 1080).

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Banks and Banking**

By Mr. Duquette of Biddeford: An act relating to interest charged by small loan agencies (H. P. 1081).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Potter of Bangor: An act relating to loans on trust and banking companies' Capital Stock (H. P. 1082).

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: An act relating to fishing in Littlefield Pond in the town of Sanford (H. P. 1083).

(500 copies ordered printed)

**Judiciary**

By Mr. Boody of Windham: An act to change the fiscal year for the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of motor vehicle operators to July first (H. P. 1084).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act designating town and city clerks as agents of Secretary of State for certain purposes (H. P. 1085).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Bowers of Portland: An act relating to enforcement officials (H. P. 1086).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to secondary bells at railroad crossings (H. P. 1087).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act to provide for the appointment of a commission on revision of the inheritance and estate tax law. (H. P. 1088)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: An act relating to county commissioners. (H. P. 1089)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Clement of Durham: An act relating to the weight of commercial vehicles. (H. P. 1090)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Fenlason of Anson: An act proposing an amendment to the motor vehicle law requiring hand signals on turning or stopping or signals by a mechanical device approved by the Secretary of State. (H. P. 1091)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Goudy of South Portland: An act relating to reciprocity to trucks bringing household goods to persons dwelling in this State. (H. P. 1092)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. MacPherson of Easton: An act relating to use of the high-ways by motor vehicles. (H. P. 1093)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to parking of motor vehicles. (H. P. 1094)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to stopping of motor vehicles at grade crossings. (H. P. 1095)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Morin of Brunswick: An act relating to exemptions from attachment. (H. P. 1096)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Picher of Waterville: An act relating to registration of motor vehicles and licensing of operators of motor vehicles. (H. P. 1097)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

### Labor

By Mr. Duquette of Biddeford: An act relating to employment of females. (H. P. 1098)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Allison of Biddeford: An act to create an unemployment insurance commission, to create an Employers' Mutual Unemployment Insurance Company, to provide for payments to men out of work, and to establish a system of unemployment insurance. (H. P. 1099)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bowers of Portland: An act relating to whistling at crossings by railroads. (H. P. 1100)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: An act relating to care of burying grounds. (H. P. 1101)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Fernald of Winterport: An act relating to purposes for

which cities and towns may raise money. (H. P. 1102)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ford of Brooklin: An act to prohibit lobsters being shipped through Maine unless in bond. (H. P. 1103)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: An act relating to legal holidays. (H. P. 1104)

(500 copies ordered printed)

### Public Health

By Mr. Biddle of Portland: An act regarding the practice of any healing art or science. (H. P. 1105)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Brewster of Wells: An act relating to the control of the State department of health over plumbing. (H. P. 1106)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Picher of Waterville: An act to create a plumbing rules and regulations council. (H. P. 1107)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

### Public Utilities

By Mr. Leonard of Hampden: An act relating to rates and inventories of electrical companies. (H. P. 1108)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

### Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Burkett of Portland: An act relating to subordinate officers of the House of Representatives. (H. P. 1109)

By Mr. Boody of Windham: An act increasing the salary of governor, and abolishing the governor's personal contingent fund. (H. P. 1110)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

### State Prison

By Mr. Berry of Waterville: An act relating to designation of roads for repair by prisoners. (H. P. 1111)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

### Taxation

By Mr. Boody of Windham: An act relating to the reduction of registration fees and the increase of the gasoline tax. (H. P. 1112)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act to exempt certain live stock from taxation. (H. P. 1113)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Fernald of Winterport: An act relating to taxation of National Bank deposits. (H. P. 1114)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Smith of Bangor: An act relating to taxation of motor vehicles. (H. P. 1115)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Snow of Bluehill: An act to amend the law relating to the taxation of street railroad corporations. (H. P. 1116)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: An act relative to tax on gasoline. (H. P. 1117)

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

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Perham of Paris: An act relating to maintenance of third class highways. (H. F. 1118)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to the distribution of gasoline tax. (H. P. 1119)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act defining location of third class highway construction. (H. P. 1120)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Quint of Limerick: An act relating to the construction of Third Class highway from special appropriations. (H. P. 1121)

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An act relative to the maintenance of Third Class highways. (H. P. 1122)

(500 copies ordered printed)

#### Orders

Mr. Leonard of Hampden, presented the following order:

Ordered: Whereas the laws of the State demand that the Highway Commission shall file a report with the Governor and Council and the Secretary of State before the 31st day of December of each year;

And, whereas, no such report has been made for the last two years,

And, whereas, the report on our State Survey says "The reports of the Highway Department leave much to be desired as a means of public information,"

And, whereas, this Legislature would like the matter cleared up, be it therefore ordered,—That the State Auditor shall audit all the books of the Highway Department so that said Highway Department can be cleared of these charges and receive the confidence of the people.

This audit shall show each year separate, 1929 and 1930.

The cost of all bridges built or being built.

The contract price of each and whole cost when completed.

The engineering cost and cost of

supervision for each bridge and other items, if any, that make up the difference between the contract price and the final cost.

The size and kind of bridge and how the cost was shared by State, county and town.

The amount of money expended by the Commission on all roads.

The cost of repairs separate from new construction.

The contract price and whole cost of each job giving the kind of construction and distance built.

The cost of engineering and supervision for each, and other items, if any, that make up the difference between the contract price and final cost.

The cost of that part that deals with motor trucks, cars and machinery. Wages paid; cost of repairs; cost of tires separate, with date of purchase, amount bought, sizes, cost of each size, and where purchased;

And aid the Highway Department in making two good yearly reports.

On motion by Mr. Leonard the foregoing order was tabled pending passage and 500 copies ordered printed.

Mr. BURKETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, we have a Rule of the House, House Rule No. 25, prohibiting smoking in the hall of the House during a session. At the suggestion of the lady members of the House, I have prepared an order suspending that rule during the remainder of the session. Under House Rules, I notice that that requires a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and also that notice must be given of the introduction of the order one day in advance. In compliance with Rule No. 59, I now give notice that tomorrow I shall present an order suspending Rule 25, which prohibits smoking in the House, and I ask that that be noted in the Journal in accordance with the Rule.

The SPEAKER: The notice of the order will be entered in the minutes.

On motion by Mr. Perham of Paris, it was

Ordered, that there be printed 1,000 additional copies of H. P. 940, L. D. 421, bill an act relating to

the packing and crating of apples.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on bill an act relative to the taxation of motor vehicles. (H. P. 604) (L. D. 163)

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to steam and gasoline engines. (H. P. 830) (L. D. 313)

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

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act relative to the taxation of motor vehicles. (H. P. 603) (L. D. 162)

(Tabled by Mr. McCart of Eastport pending acceptance of the report)

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act to increase the powers of the Portland High Athletic Field Commission. (H. P. 749) (L. D. 268)

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on bill an act relating to commitments to the Reformatory for Women. (H. P. 752) (L. D. 271)

Reports read and accepted and the bills having already been printed were read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 125) (L. D. 590) Resolve providing for a state pension for Maria E. Collins of Chelsea.

(H. P. 1068) (L. D. 592) Resolve to appropriate moneys for the payment of certain claims and departmental and institutional overdrafts for which no legislative appropriation has been made and 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. 1070) (L. D. 591) Resolve providing for a state pension for Meda C. Peabody, of Dixmont.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

(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 the direction of the governor and council to issue bonds for state highway construction and reconstruction for the calendar year 1931.

(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 Memorial 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 Enacted

An act relating to payments to county law libraries.

(Tabled by Mr. McCart of Eastport pending passage to be enacted.)

An act to authorize the treasurer of the county of Penobscot to purchase a set of Maine Reports.

An act relating to manner of payment of teachers' retirement fund collections.

An act relating to residence of libellee in divorce proceedings.

An act relating to jury trials in divorce proceedings.

An act relative to wearing of state highway police uniform.

An act relative to duties of clerks of corporations.

An act relative to the organization of corporations without capital stock.

An act relative to county buildings.

An act to amend the charter of the Casco Title Guaranty Company.

An act relative to the North Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

An act to change the name of

The Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine and to enlarge its purposes.

An act relating to terms of the county commissioners' court of the county of Washington.

An act to extend the charter of the Patten Water and Power Company.

An act to extend the charter of the Blue Hill Water Company.

**Finally Passed**

Resolve in favor of the Kennebec Law Library Association.

**Orders of the Day**

MR. BLAISDELL of Franklin: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire of the Clerk if an order was passed by the House this morning wherein the time limit was extended until next Friday?

THE SPEAKER: Such an order was passed.

MR. BLAISDELL: I have been requested, on behalf of the Senate, to move before this House that a messenger be immediately sent to the Senate to inform them of the action of this House in order that they may take several matters from their table; and I so move.

The motion prevailed, and the House Messenger conveyed the information to the Senate as requested.

On motion by Mr. Thomas of Harpswell, the rules were suspended and unanimous consent was granted that gentleman to introduce a bill out of order, being

Bill an act to render it unlawful to build any obstruction on Long Lake at Naples village.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, the bill was tabled pending reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. White of Dyer Brook, the rules were suspended and that gentleman was granted unanimous consent to introduce out of order, bill an act relating to the salary of the County Attorney of Aroostook County; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Gray, the rules were suspended and that gentleman was given unanimous consent to introduce out of order a bill amending the charter of the Gray Water District, entitled bill an act relating to the Gray

Water District; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table bill an act to render unlawful to build any obstruction on Long Lake at Naples Village, tabled by that gentleman earlier in the session; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Webber of China, the rules were suspended and unanimous consent was given that gentleman to introduce out of order Resolve providing for a State pension for James O. Plummer of Randolph; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, tabled and today assigned, House report "ought to pass" of the Committee on Taxation on bill an act relating to taxation of shares of stock of trust companies, (H. P. 711) (T. D. 233) tabled by Mr. Hussey of Augusta Feb. 17, pending the motion of Mr. Picher of Waterville that the report be accepted.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Augusta the report was accepted.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the first unassigned matter, bill an act to regulate salmon fishing on the Penobscot River, (H. P. 559), tabled by Mr. Smith of Bangor January 28th pending reference to a committee; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Smith.

On motion by Mr. Smith, the bill was referred to a joint committee made up of the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Picher of Waterville, the rules were suspended and H. P. 711, L. D. 233, an act relating to taxation of shares of stock of trust companies, had its two several readings and tomorrow was assigned for its third reading.

THE SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House the second unassigned matter, House report "ought

not to pass" of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to establish a boxing commission, (H. P. 118) (L. D. 83), tabled by the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Robie, Feb. 5, pending acceptance of the report and the Chair recognizes Mr. Robie.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, the report "ought not to pass" was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair lays before the House the third unassigned matter, bill an act to raise an excise tax on corporations organized for making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying electricity or electric current for power, lighting, heating, manufacturing or mechanical purposes, (H. P. 995), tabled Feb. 11, by Mr. Jackson of Bath, pending reference; and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. Jackson.

On motion by Mr. Jackson, the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation and 500 copies ordered printed.

**THE SPEAKER:** The Chair lays before the House the fourth unassigned matter, bill an act to provide for the appointment of a commission on pensions for State employees, (S. P. 331) (L. D. 301), tabled Feb. 13, by Mr. Jack of Lisbon, pending reference in concurrence;

and the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lisbon, Mr. Jack.

On motion by Mr. Jack, the bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Leonard of Hampden, it was voted to take from the table the fifth unassigned matter, bill an act to repeal the bounty on porcupines, (S. P. 408) (L. D. 516), tabled by that gentleman Feb. 17, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake, it was voted to take from the table Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine General Hospital, (H. P. 462) which was recalled to the House by Joint Order. On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve, under suspension of the rules, was referred to a committee, and the gentleman from Eagle Lake, Mr. Burns, was unanimously granted leave to withdraw the resolve.

On motion by Mr. Bearce of Hebron, adjourned until tomorrow morning.