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HOUSE

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Garland of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills In First Reading

(S. P. 353) (L. D. 376) An Act relating to regulation of loans by trust companies.

(S. P. 266) (L. D. 239) An act relating to capital stock of trust companies.

(S. P. 317) (L. D. 293) An act to incorporate Turner Boom Company.

(S. P. 149) (L. D. 596) Resolve providing for a State pension for George A. Choate.

(S. P. 214) (L. D. 597) Resolve for a State pension for Carl Newton of Lewiston.

Mr. CRAM of Mount Vernon: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman may state his point.

Mr. CRAM: Mr. Speaker and members of the House: There comes a day each year in the lives of all of us which marks the passing of a milestone which we are pleased to call a birthday. One of the members of our body is celebrating that event today and it seems to the members of the House that we should lay aside the routine of the afternoon for a little while and proceed to give our attention to this celebration. The member to whom I allude has made marked success in his chosen profession of medicine, but I believe he has achieved a higher success by his pleasing personality and constant kindness. He has formed a large group of friends all over our fair State of Maine, an achievement far greater than that of financial gain, a consummation much to be desired by all of us. Three times this member has been chosen to represent his constituency in the

hall of this Legislature and he has served them with marked ability. In this 85th Legislature he has been accorded the highest honor in the gift of the House by being made Speaker of this body.

Now Mr. Speaker, I take keen pleasure in presenting you with this basket of roses as a token of the high esteem in which you are held by the members of this body, and I know there goes with this gift the best wishes of every member. (Applause, the member rising.)

The SPEAKER: Gentlemen and ladies of the House: I wish that my birthday could steal on me as unawares as this subject matter of the present moment has done. How you have concealed this from my knowledge is beyond conception. I esteem it more highly than the emotions within my heart will permit me to express. I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart and assure you that the good will and the intention back of the eloquent words, which I do not deserve, from the member from Mount Vernon (Mr. Cram), who is an intimate friend of mine and ought to know better, find a response and I assure you will draw from me my very best effort throughout the remainder of the session to be absolutely non-partisan, to be absolutely neutral in all matters of legislation, to treat all members, gentlemen and ladies, alike. Mistakes I shall make. The man who ever does anything makes mistakes; but with the bulwark in front of me to fall behind and to consult, I assure you that I will manfully acknowledge what mistakes I make and throw myself upon the charity of the House. Again I thank you very heartily. (Applause.)

Reports of Committees

Mr. Morse from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported ought not to pass on bill an act to increase the salary of the County Commissioners for Kennebec County (H. P. No. 225).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court (H. P. No. 228).

Mr. Bailey from the same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to Western Hancock Municipal Court (H. P. No. 662).

Mr. Cobb from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to the Fort Fairfield Municipal Court (H. P. No. 758).

Mr. Pratt from same Committee reported same on bill an act to increase the salary of the Knox County Register of Deeds (H. P. No. 759).

Mr. Cobb from same Committee reported same on bill an act to empower the Treasurer of the county of Kennebec to pay an additional compensation to the Recorder of the Winthrop Municipal Court (H. P. No. 760).

Mr. Pratt from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to expenses of Judges of Probate (H. P. No. 864).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Sterling from the Committee on Agriculture on bill an act relating to payment of damages done by dogs or wild animals (H. P. No. (L. D. No. 149) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1171) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Richardson from the Committee on Pensions on resolve providing for a State pension for Roxie C. Harvey of Belfast (H. P. No. 221) reported same in a new draft (H. P. No. 1172) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same Committee on resolve providing for a State pension for Charles S. Follett of Industry (H. P. 633) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1174) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Morse from same Committee on resolve providing for a State pension for Henry W. Plummer of Whitefield (H. P. 632) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1173) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve providing for a State pension for Kate Bird of Farmingdale (H. P. 639) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1177) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve providing for a State pension for Ellen Bird of Farmingdale (H. P. 640) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1178) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Burkett from same Committee on resolve providing for a State pension for Bertha Gordon of Union (H. P. 635) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1175) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same Committee on resolve providing for a State pension for Alden Doe of Washington (H. P. 636) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1176) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Pratt from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill an act to increase the salary of the Judge of the Farmington Municipal Court (H. P. 62) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1179) under same title and that it ought to pass.

Reports read and accepted and the new drafts ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Blaisdell from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the City of Belfast School District (H. P. 625)

Mr. Burkett from the Committee on Pensions reported same on resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Emily F. Grotton of Washington (H. P. 634).

Mr. Morse from same Committee reported same on resolve providing for a State pension for Bertha M. Spear of West Gardiner (H. P. 637).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve providing for a State pension for Flora E. Babb of West Gardiner (H. P. 638).

Reports read and accepted and the bill and resolves ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Mr. Sterling from the Committee on Agriculture reported ought to pass on bill an act relative to the apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies (H. P. 919) (L. D. 397).

Report read and accepted and the bill having already been print-

ed was read twice under suspension of the rules and tomorrow assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on towns reporting ought not to pass on bill an act to re-establish the town line between the towns of Hancock and Lamoine (H. P. 65) (L. D. 42).

Report was signed by the following members:
Messrs.

SPEAR of Cumberland
LITTLEFIELD of York
WEYMOUTH of Penobscot
of the Senate
ROBIE of Westbrook
RICHARDSON of So. Portland
LITTLEFIELD of Monroe
HATCH of Lovell
THOMAS of Harpswell
of the House.

Minority Report of same Committee reporting ought to pass on same bill.

Report was signed by the following members:
Messrs.

PATTERSON of Freeport
KENT of Benton
of the House.

(Tabled by Mr. Graves of Mount Desert, pending the acceptance of either report.)

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

(H. P. 227) (L. D. 718) An act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of Register of Deeds in the county of Cumberland.

(H. P. 434) (L. D. 719) An act relating to the town of Standish.

(Tabled by Mr. Quint of Limerick pending second reading.)

(H. P. 707) (L. D. 720) An act to amend the charter of the Livermore Falls Municipal Court.

(H. P. 1144) (L. D. 721) An act relating to the salary of the County Commissioners of Androscoggin County.

(Tabled by Mrs. Morey of Lewiston pending second reading.)

(H. P. 1145) (L. D. 722) An act increasing the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of the Recorder of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland.

Passed To Be Engrossed

(S. P. 322) (L. D. 298) An act relating to the payment for sup-

port of inmates of the Pownal State School.

(S. P. 114) (L. D. 593) Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Annie M. Welch of Kennebunk.

(S. P. 116) (L. D. 594) Resolve for State pension in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta.

(S. P. 146) (L. D. 595) Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a State pension for Frank A. Choate.

(H. P. 571) (L. D. 701) An act to amend the charter of the Big Black River Dam Company.

(H. P. 582) (L. D. 702) An act to enlarge the powers of Richardson Wharf Co.

(H. P. 584) (L. D. 704) An act relating to the property of extinct or disbanded Universalist churches, Parishes or Societies.

(H. P. 602) (L. D. 205) An act to amend the charter of the city of Saco.

(H. P. 617) (L. D. 703) An act relating to liability for support of a pauper in the town of Gouldsboro.

(H. P. 620) (L. D. 705) An act to authorize the city of South Portland to pass ordinances to regulate cemeteries and burials.

(H. P. 1132) (L. D. 707) An act to legalize and make valid certain doings of the Cumberland Bar Association.

(H. P. 49) (L. D. 700) Resolve in favor of the town of Frankfort.

(H. P. 69) (L. D. 698) Resolve in favor of the town of Stockton Springs.

(H. P. 220) (L. D. 699) Resolve providing for a State pension for Cora B. Young of South Berwick.

The following bills for introduction were filed with the Clerk before 4 p. m. Friday, February 20th:

By Mr. Boody of Windham, H. P. 1169: An act relating to excess earnings of public utilities.

On motion by Mr. Boody the bill was referred to the committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed.

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico, H. P. 1170: An act requiring civil service examinations for all wardens and hatchery employees in permanent service with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. MacKinnon

the bill was referred to a Joint Committee of Inland Fisheries and Game and Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Daigle of Madawaska the House voted to reconsider its action whereby S. P. 322, L. D. 298, an act relating to the payment for support of inmates of the Pownal State School was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was tabled pending passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the second unassigned matter, S. P. 212, L. D. 122, an act to amend the charter of the city of Portland, tabled by that gentleman February 17, pending third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was given its third reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Scates of Westbrook it was voted to take from the table the 4th unassigned matter, an act relative to tax on gasoline, H. P. 1017, tabled by that gentleman February 18, pending reference to a committee.

Mr. SCATES: Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Caratunk, Mr. Sterling.

On motion by Mr. Sterling the bill was referred to the committees on Taxation and Ways and Bridges jointly, and 1000 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, it was voted to take from the table the 11th unassigned matter, an act to designate certain waters of the Kennebec River as Wyman Lake, H. P. 1131, L. D. 708, tabled by that gentleman February 20, pending second reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was recommitted to the committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook it was voted to take from the table the 13th unassigned matter, House report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Interior Waters, on bill an act to change the name of Pleasant Pond to Sunset Lake, H. P. 110, tabled by that gentleman February 20, pending acceptance of

report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, it was voted to take from the table the 14th unassigned matter, Senate report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Interior Waters, on bill an act to change the name of Lower Narrows Pond to Lake Ashaluna, S. P. 309, tabled by that gentleman February 20, pending acceptance of report in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Interior Waters in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook it was voted to take from the table the 15th unassigned matter, Senate report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Interior Waters on bill an act to change the name of Morrill Pond, Somerset county, S. P. 310 tabled by that gentleman February 20, pending acceptance of report in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Interior Waters in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Leonard of Hampden, it was voted to take from the table the third unassigned matter House order relative to audit of the books of the State Highway Department, L. D. 653, tabled by that gentleman February 18, pending passage.

Mr. LEONARD: Mr. Speaker and members of the 85th Legislature: There is an error in this order. It states that there was no report made by the Highway Commission for 1929. There was a report made for that year. On account of this error I ask permission of the House to withdraw the order.

Permission being given the order was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Lewis of Boothbay it was voted to take from the table the 12th unassigned matter, bill an act authorizing the county commissioners of Lincoln county to transfer certain real estate, S. P. 194, L. D. 581, tabled by

that gentleman February 20, pending third reading; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill had its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the 9th unassigned matter, House order relative to printing editorial of Bangor Daily News, tabled by that gentleman February 20, pending passage.

Br. BURKETT: Mr. Speaker, it did not seem proper when I tabled this order for an editorial from any paper to be published in the Journal of the House. I took the matter up with the gentleman from Biddeford, Mr. Allison, who introduced the order, and after talking with him he agreed with me. He has arranged for the printing of the editorial and its distribution to the members in another way. Therefore, with his consent, I move that the order be indefinitely postponed.

The motion prevailed, and the order was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the 18th unassigned matter, bill an act relating to descriptive roadside signs, indicating names of river, lakes, and so forth, H. P. 1168, tabled by that gentleman February 20th, pending reference to a committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Maine Publicity.

On motion by Mr. Goudy of South Portland, it was voted to take from the table the 17th unassigned matter, bill an act relative to the construction of pole and wire lines upon and along State and State Aid highways; S. P. 485, L. D. 646, tabled by that gentleman February 20, 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.

On motion by Mr. Goodrich of York,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning.