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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 3, 1931.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Brown of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills In First Reading

S. P. 268, L. D. 240 An act relating to examination of insane convicts.

S. P. 370, L. D. 760 An act relating to salary of superintendent of State School for Boys.

S. P. 341 An act relating to a State aid road in the town of Sangerville.

From the Senate:

Resolve providing for a State pension for Bertha M. Spear of West Gardiner (H. P. No. 637) (L. D. No. 738).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Ellen Bird of Farmingdale (H. P. No. 1178) (L. D. No. 747).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Kate Bird of Farmingdale (H. P. No. 1177) (L. D. No. 746).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Alden Doe of Washington (H. P. No. 1776) (L. D. No. 745).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Bertha Gordon of Union (H. P. No. 1175) (L. D. No. 744).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Charles S. Follett of Industry (H. P. No. 1174) (L. D. No. 743).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Henry W. Plummer of Whitefield (H. P. No. 1173) (L. D. No. 742).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Roxie C. Harvey of Belfast (H. P. No. 1172) (L. D. No. 741).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Flora E. Babb of West Gardiner (H. P. No. 638) (L. D. No. 739).

Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Emily F. Grotton of Washington (H. P. No. 634)

(L. D. No. 736) which were passed to be engrossed in the House February 26th.

Comes from the Senate recommended to the Committee on Pensions in non-concurrence.

In the House that body voted to reconsider its former action where-by these several resolves were passed to be engrossed; and it further voted to concur with the Senate in the recommitment of these resolves to the committee on Pensions.

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

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Jackson of Bath: Petition signed by John H. Freeman of Bath and 18 others in favor of liberalizing the Sunday Blue Laws (H. P. No. 1195).

By Mr. Robie of Westbrook: Petition signed by H. A. Jones of Peaks Island and 27 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1196).

By the same gentleman: Petition signed by Robert Gomez of Long Island and 25 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1197).

By Mr. Wright of Bath: Petition signed by Melvin A. Haggatt of Bath and 22 others in favor of same (H. P. No. 1198).

Orders

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, it was

Ordered, that the Official Reporter of the House be authorized to procure the services of an Assistant Reporter, also the services of a typist for the Assistant Reporter for assistance in the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record, the compensation of each to be the same as at the last regular session.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Fenlason from the Committee on Education reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to instruction in accident prevention in the Public Schools (H. P. No. 715) (L. D. No. 235).

Mr. Burr from the Committee on Claims reported same on resolve to reimburse the town of Salem for

support of Sydney G. Reed, a State pauper (H. P. No. 489).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of Guy B. Durrell (H. P. No. 490).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of the town of Stoneham (H. P. No. 495).

Mr. Littlefield from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of the town of Mt. Vernon (H. P. No. 484).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of Mrs. Willis H. Smith, Exeter, Maine (H. P. No. 794).

Mr. Smith from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of the town or Newry, Oxford County (H. P. 786).

Mr. Webber from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of town of Vienna (H. P. 724).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of M. W. Bessey of Hebron (H. P. 471).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of Mrs. George F. Brann of Somerville (H. P. 781).

Mr. White from same Committee reported same on resolve to reimburse the town of Medway for support of Lloyd L. Downes and family, paupers whose settlement cannot be determined (H. P. 493).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of Mrs. Olive Finch, Dennysville, Maine (H. P. 784).

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill an act relative to decoys in hunting waterfowl (H. P. 92) (L. D. 63).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Tompkins from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the Guilford Water District (H. P. 593) (L. D. 222), reported that same be referred to the next Legislature.

(The above matter recalled by the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to that Committee.)

Mr. Tompkins from the Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on bill an act creating the office of registrar of motor vehicles (H. P. 909) (L. D. 363).

(Tabled by Mr. Clement of Durham pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Judiciary reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to registration of motor vehicles (H. P. 113) (L. D. 81).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act to authorize foreclosure by sale of the mortgaged premises (H. P. 823) (L. D. 309).

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act relating to liability of guest riders (H. P. 208) (L. D. 118).

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Varney from same Committee reported same on bill an act to reduce the salary of the Fire Commissioner of Lewiston (H. P. 657) (L. D. 588).

(Tabled by Mr. Hamel of Lewiston pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Sargent from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland (H. P. 607) (L. D. 208).

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Smith from the Committee on Claims on resolve in favor of Frank Moulton of Alfred (H. P. 728) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1199) under same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. White from same Committee on resolve in favor of Horace Kelly (H. P. 522) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1200) under same title and that it ought to pass.

(Tabled by Mr. Blodgett of Buckport pending acceptance of the report.)

Mr. Burr from the Committee on Claims reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the town of Stetson (H. P. 516).

Mr. Littlefield from same Committee reported same on resolve in favor of the town of Danforth (H. P. 500).

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

Mr. Owen from the Committee on Education reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to State aid for academies (H. P. 83) (L. D. 56).

Mr. MacKinnon from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported same on bill an act relating to fishing in Spear Stream in Peru (H. P. 187) (L. D. 137).

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. 1189) (L. D. 778) An act to enable special officers of Bangor police to receive benefits of departments.

(H. P. 1190) (L. D. 779) An act relating to the Highway Commission of Lewiston.

(H. P. 1191) (L. D. 780) An act relating to loan and building associations.

(H. P. 1193) (L. D. 782) An act to grant a new charter to the city of Bangor.

(H. P. 1194) (L. D. 781) An act to provide a penalty for circulating false reports concerning banks and loan and building associations.

(Tabled by Mr. Burkett of Portland pending second reading.)

Passed to Be Engrossed

(S. P. 368) (L. D. 389) An act relating to whistles on railroad locomotives.

(H. P. 126) (L. D. 51) An act to regulate the practice of the system, method or science of healing known as Naturopathy and to create a board of examination and registration for those desiring to practice the same and providing penalties for violation of this act.

(H. P. 133) (L. D. 767) An act relating to catching smelts in Salt Pond in the towns of Bluehill, Sedgwick and Brooklin.

(H. P. 613) (L. D. 213) An act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Brewer High School District."

(H. P. 663) (L. D. 768) An act relating to lobster fishing in waters adjacent to Crienhaven.

(H. P. 817) (L. D. 769) An act relating to Hancock County Publishing Company.

(H. P. 827) (L. D. 770) An act relating to Mount Hope Cemetery Corporation.

(H. P. 835) (L. D. 317) An act relating to the counting and sealing of ballots.

(H. P. 974) (L. D. 495) An act relating to removal of patients from State hospitals when requested,

towns may become liable for support on failure to remove.

(H. P. 997) (L. D. 439) An act relating to the exemptions of estates from taxation.

(H. P. 1131) (L. D. 706) An act to designate certain waters of the Kennebec River as Wyman Lake

(H. P. 1186) (L. D. 771) An act in regard to qualifications of teachers.

(H. P. 1187) (L. D. 772) An act relating to Probation Officers for Cumberland County.

(H. P. 1188) (L. D. 773) An act providing appeals in certain tax cases.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Farris of Augusta it was voted to take from the table the 21st unassigned matter, House Report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Interior Waters on bill an act to change the name of certain waters in Piscataquis county, H. P. 572, tabled by that gentleman February 27, pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Wells, it was voted to take from the table the 18th unassigned matter, bill an act to increase maximum and minimum rates under the the Workmen's Compensation Act, H. P. 932, L. D. 503, which was referred to the committee on Labor in the House February 11, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence, tabled by that gentleman February 27, pending reconsideration; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the House voted to insist on its former action.

On motion by Mr. Lowell of Lincoln it was voted to take from the table the 13th unassigned matter, Joint Order relative to facilitating business of the 85th Legislature, tabled by that gentleman February 26th, pending passage in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the order was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Potter of Bangor, it was voted to take from the table, House report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Banks and Banking on bill an act to place

holding companies of banks and trust companies and investment affiliates under the supervision of the Bank Commissioner, H. P. 1007, L. D. 544, tabled by that gentleman February 25, pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking for further hearing.

On motion by Mr. Potter of Bangor, it was voted to take from the table the 7th unassigned matter, House report, ought not to pass, of the committee on Banks and Banking on bill an act relating to loans on trust and banking companies' capital stock, H. P. 1082, L. D. 658, tabled by that gentleman February 25, pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking for further hearing.

On motion by Miss Martin of Bangor, it was voted to take from the table the 19th unassigned matter, House report, ought not to pass of the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act relating to commitment of patients to State hospitals for temporary observation, H. P. 976, L. D. 497, tabled by that member February 27, pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same member the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Quint of Limerick, it was voted to take from the table the 4th unassigned matter bill an act relating to the town of Standish, H. P. 434, L. D. 719, tabled by that gentleman February 24, pending second reading; and on further motion the bill had its second reading and tomorrow assigned.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Berwick, it was voted to take from the table the 14th unassigned matter, House report ought to pass of the committee on Pensions on resolve providing for a State pension for Cora B. Young of South Berwick, H. P. 220, which in the House on February 19, was read and accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed, and which came from the Senate recommitted to the committee on Pensions, tabled by that gentleman February 26, pending reconsideration.

On further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was recommitted to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Lewis of Boothbay,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning.