

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, January 22, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. F. S. Walker of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: Properly we may pause today to express as the Senate of Maine, and also personally, our sympathy to a former member of the Senate and a presiding officer of this Senate, Frank H. Holley, in the passing of his beloved wife, Elizabeth Holley. A perfect companionship and comradeship has been permanently terminated. May Frank Holley find consolation in the sweet memory of his wife and the thought that the State of Maine grieves with him.

On motion by Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of the Senate convey to the Honorable Frank H. Holley, of North Anson, an expression of the deep sympathy of the Senate in his bereavement.

From the House:

Resolve in favor of Department of Maine Grand Army of the Republic. (H. P. 46)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending reference.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

An act for the taxation of billboards and the regulation and control of outdoor advertising. (H. P. 29)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc, tabled pending reference.

From the House:

An act relating to taxation of billboards and outdoor advertising. (H. P. 28)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc, tabled pending reference.

From the House:

An act to refund excise tax on gasoline to towns, cities and village corporations. (H. P. 63)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, tabled pending reference.

**Communication from the State Auditor**

Communication from the State Auditor, transmitting the biennial report of the financial operations of the State for the period from July 1, 1928 to June 30 1930.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the report was accepted, ordered placed on file, five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**Agriculture**

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: Resolve providing for the payment of certain amounts due exhibitors at the Central Maine Fair Association in nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, on account of State stipend. (S. P. 75)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Claims**

Mr. Holman of Franklin: Resolve to reimburse the town of Farmington for supplies furnished a State pauper. (S. P. 76)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Holman of Franklin: An act to regulate fishing in Clearwater Pond. (S. P. 77)

Mr. Boulter of York: An act relating to hunting with jack-lights. (S. P. 78)

Mr. Boulter of York: An act relative to transportation of deer beyond the limits of the State. (S. P. 79)

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin:

An act relative to closed season on deer. (S. P. 80)

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act classifying the bear as a game animal. (S. P. 81)

Mr. McLean of Hancock: An act relative to the stamping of beaver skins. (S. P. 82)

Mr. McLean of Hancock: An act relative to trapping licenses. (S. P. 83)

Mr. McLean of Hancock: An act relative to hunting licenses. (S. P. 84)

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to penalties for violations of rules and regulations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. (S. P. 85)

Mr. Boulter of York: An act relating to snares for bobcats. (S. P. 86)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Interior Waters

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act to amend an act to incorporate the Pistol Stream Dam Company. (S. P. 87)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act relating to the annual payments to the Somerset Law Library. (S. P. 88)

Mr. Murchie of Washington: An act relative to County Buildings. (S. P. 89)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Boulter of York: An act relative to temporary number plates on motor vehicles. (S. P. 90)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relative to wearing of State Highway Police uniform. (S. P. 91)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to authorize Beal college to confer certain degrees. (S. P. 92)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relative to duties of clerks of corporations. (S. P. 93)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relative to the organization of corporations without capital stock. (S. P. 94)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: Resolve providing for a state pension for Harold E. Trueworthy of Athens. (S. P. 95).

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Health

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act to prevent the polluting of the waters of the West Basin on China Lake. (S. P. 96).

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Utilities

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act providing for the regulation, supervision and control of motor vehicles used in the transportation of property for hire in the State of Maine. (S. P. 97).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to authorize the appointment of an assistant County Attorney for Penobscot county. (S. P. 98).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to change the salary of the clerk of courts for Penobscot County. (S. P. 104).

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act to increase the salary of the sheriff of Somerset County. (S. P. 99).

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Taxation

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act relating to Loan and Building Associations. (S. P. 74).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges

Mr. Story of Arostook: Resolve in favor of the town of Washburn. (S. P. 100).

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Knox. (S. P. 101).

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Freedom. (S. P. 102).

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Montville. (S. P. 103).

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby, An act providing for registration of two

and one-half ton trucks (H. P. 25) was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was tabled pending reference.

#### Orders

On motion by Mr. Small of Waldo, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, January 27, at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order came back from the House read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, that the Senate Chamber be made available for the regular annual meeting of the Maine Sportsmen's Association, to be held at 2.00 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, January 30th.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland,

Ordered, the House concurring, that a joint committee be appointed, three on the part of the Senate to be appointed by the President thereof, and seven on the part of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, with power to investigate the methods now employed in the State Assessors Department in apportioning and equalizing the state taxes, and to study and report on the statutes and laws of the State appertaining to the above.

Which was read and on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland was tabled pending passage and five hundred copies ordered printed.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Slocum, from the Special Joint Committee on telephone serv-

ice for the legislature, to which was referred the order relating to telephone service, reported the following order, and that it ought to pass.

Ordered, the House concurring, that free telephone service be provided for each member of the Senate and House to the number of fifty (50) calls, of reasonable duration, from Augusta to points within the limits of the State of Maine, and that each member of the Senate and House be provided with a card to be certified to by the Secretary of State or his deputy; the cost of this service to be paid to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at regular tariff rates.

Which report was accepted, and the order read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Judiciary, on Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution relating to sessions of the legislature. (S. P. 12) reported that legislation is inexpedient.

Which report was read and accepted.

#### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: Is there any business under Orders of the Day? If not, it may be of interest to the Senate to know that during the first seven days of the present session 127 acts and resolves have been presented, compared with 39 during the first seven days of the session of 1929, showing that the members of this Legislature are very active in beginning their duties.

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland,

Adjourned, until Tuesday, January 27th, at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.