

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, January 27, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. W. Nutter of Hallowell.

Journal of Thursday, January 22, read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair announces with deep regret, at this time, the death of James F. Ashford this morning. For nineteen terms he was an officer of the Senate as a Messenger. I know that personally from a talk I had two or three months ago with him, it was his desire to complete a forty year service for the Senate of Maine, and all who have known him, and have served with him, know that there was never a more efficient and faithful officer to the Senate of the State of Maine than Mr. Ashford.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Resolved; that the profound sympathy of the Senate of the State of Maine be extended to the family of our former messenger, James F. Ashford, in the hour of their bereavement and be it further

Resolved; that the Senate of Maine is aware of the loyal, painstaking and faithful work of Mr. Ashford who acted as messenger of the Senate for the past thirty-eight years and be it further,

Resolved; that a copy of this expression of sympathy be forwarded to his family.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that any bills or resolves of a private or special character, which were not presented prior to Tuesday, January 27, 1931, be received and referred to appropriate committees if introduced between four o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 27, 1931, and four o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 3, 1931.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

An Act to register and license persons engaged in the practice of barbering and to create a board of Barber Examiners. (H. P. 127)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health.

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

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

**Agriculture**

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: An Act relative to the apportionment of State aid to Agricultural Societies. (S. P. 105)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Claims**

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of Coyt Ingraham of Knox. (S. P. 134)

Mr. Boulter of York: Resolve to reimburse the town of Kittery for support of Wallace England, an alien pauper and his family. (S. P. 106)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of Herbert A. Webster. (S. P. 107)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Education**

Mr. Crockett of York: Resolve in favor of M Isabel Libby of Saco. (S. P. 135)

Mr. Crockett of York: Resolve in favor of Nellie F. Hill of Saco. (S. P. 136)

Mr. Wheeler of Oxford: Resolve in favor of the Trustees of Hebron Academy. (S. P. 137)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: An Act regulating fishing in Upper Narrows Pond, in Winthrop. (S. P. 138)

Mr. Small of Waldo: An Act relating to foxes in Waldo county. (S. P. 139)

Mr. Small of Waldo: An Act shortening the closed season on partridges in Waldo county. (S. P. 140)

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: Resolve to aid in screening the outlet of Watchie Lake, in Standish. (S. P. 141)

Mr. McLean of Hancock: An Act relating to deer on Mount Desert Island, and in certain other localities. (S. P. 108)

The same Senator: Petition of Andrew E. Parker and 42 others of Southwest Harbor, (S. P. 109); petition of H. L. McLean and 183 others of Bar Harbor, (S. P. 110); and petition of L. E. Holmes and 123 others, (S. P. 111); in favor of same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An Act prohibiting ice fishing in Taylor Pond in Auburn in Androscoggin County. (S. P. 112)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Judiciary

Mr. Campbell of Washington: An act to change the name of Soward Island to Treasure Island. (S. P. 142)

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: Resolve permitting Joseph D. Meehan to take the bar examination. (S. P. 143)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Holman of Franklin: An act relating to beautifying roadsides. (S. P. 113)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District. (S. P. 150)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mr. Littlefield of York: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Annie M. Welch of Kennebunkport. (S. P. 114)

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: Resolve providing for a State pension for Elizabeth Burnor of Lewiston. (S. P. 115)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: Resolve for State pension in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta. (S. P. 116)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve providing for a State pension for Helyn York of Freedom. (S. P. 144)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Lorenzo D. Wright of Fairfield.

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a State pension for Frank A. Choate. (S. P. 146)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve providing for a State pension for Florence H. Baker of Liberty. (S. P. 147)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve providing for a State pension for Lottie McFarland of Searsmont. (S. P. 148)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve providing for a State pension for George A. Choate of Montville. (S. P. 149)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Utilities

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act having to do with increases in the capital stock of railroad corporations. (S. P. 117)

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act having reference to the authorization and approval of stocks, bonds and notes by public utilities. (S. P. 118)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: An act in relation to the salary of the State Auditor. (S. P. 151)

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act relative to the salary of the Register of Deeds in the County of Penobscot. (S. P. 119)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Bishop of Lincoln: An act relating to the use of beam trawlers, within certain areas. (S. P. 120)

Mr. Campbell of Washington: An act to authorize Edward B. Sawyer et al to construct a fish weir in the tidewaters of Chandler Bay in the town of Jonesport, near Bar Island. (S. P. 152)

Mr. Campbell of Washington: An act to authorize Edward B. Sawyer et al to construct a fish weir in the tidewaters of Chandler Bay in the town of Jonesport, near Moose ledge. (S. P. 153)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories

Mr. Bissett of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of State reformatory for men.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### State Lands and Forest Preservation

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act relating to auxiliary State forests. (S. P. 124)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Ways and Bridges**

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of Township No. 10, Hancock county. (S. P. 155)

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield. (S. P. 156)

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Milbridge. (S. P. 157)

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Jonesport. (S. P. 158)

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of the towns of Raymond and Casco. (S. P. 159)

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Steuben. (S. P. 160)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Thorndike. (S. P. 161)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Searsmont. (S. P. 162)

Mr. Foster of Hancock: Resolve in favor of the city of Ellsworth. (S. P. 163)

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: Resolve in favor of the towns of Dover-Foxcroft and Sangerville. (S. P. 122)

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: Resolve in favor of the town of Monson. (S. P. 123)

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: Resolve in favor of the town of Dover-Foxcroft. (S. P. 124)

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: Resolve in favor of the town of Sangerville. (S. P. 125)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Unity. S. P. 126)

Mr. Small of Waldo: Resolve in favor of the town of Unity. (S. P. 127)

Mr. Littlefield of York: Resolve in favor of the town of Kennebunk. (S. P. 128)

Mr. Littlefield of York: Resolve in favor of the town of Wells. (S. P. 129)

Mr. Littlefield of York: Resolve in favor of the town of Kennebunk. (S. P. 130)

Mr. Boulter of York: An Act relating to the acquisition of the Elliot Bridge, so called. (S. P. 131)

Mr. Holman of Franklin: Resolve in favor of Eustis road. (S. P. 132). Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An Act relating to the apportionment of construction of bridges under the Bridge Act. (S. P. 133).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Crosby, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to provide better government for the town of Mount Desert and correct an error," (S. P. 14) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Holman, from the same Committee, on bill "An Act relating to marking ballots" (S. P. 32) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Southard, from the same Committee, on "Resolve in favor of the Kennebec Law Library Association" (S. P. 30) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Spear, from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, on bonds of the Treasurer of State, as follows:

The American Surety Company of New York, bond for \$75,000,

The Century Indemnity Company of Hartford, Connecticut, for \$75,000.

Reported that both be approved and placed on file with the Secretary of State.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table an order relative to an appointment of a committee to investigate the methods now employed in the State Assessors Department in apportioning and equalizing State taxes, tabled by that Senator on January 22nd, pending passage.

Mr. SPEAR: I desire to ask permission to retable this order for the reason the State Assessors will come before the Committee on Appropriations tomorrow, of which I am Chairman, for a hearing on the financial requirements of their de-

partment for each of the next two years, and in order to avoid embarrassment and be fair to everyone, it seems best to retable this order for the present. The hearing for the State Assessors on the matters of their financial requirements is an entirely separate matter from this order of inquiry regarding certain other matters within the State Assessors Department. I therefore move this order be retabled.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District (S. P. 150) was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs; and upon further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.