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SENATE

Thursday, January 29, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. L. D. Porter of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

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

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 3, 1931, 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.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

An act to authorize the county of Aroostook to build a jail at Caribou in said county. (H. P. 198) (L. D. 142)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

An act to authorize the county of Aroostook to enlarge and repair the county jail at Houlton. (H. P. 201) (L. D. 143)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

An act relating to Chiefs of Fire and Police Departments city of South Portland. (H. P. 618)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

An act relating to the Excise tax on motor vehicle. (H. P. 233) (L. D. 129)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the Senate on motion by Mr. Leland of Piscataquis, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolve appropriating money to build a highway from Wilson's Mills in Lincoln Plantation, Oxford County, to Oquossoc in Rangeley, Franklin County. (H. P. 283)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolve in favor of the town of Webster. (H. P. 445)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

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

Banks and Banking

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relating to capital stock of Trust Companies. (S. P. 266)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of Lewis L. Riggs of Fayette for reimbursement for damage done his fowl by foxes. (S. P. 267)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act relating to examination of insane convicts. (S. P. 268)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bishop of Lincoln: An act authorizing the county of Lincoln to issue bridge bonds. (S. P. 249)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act with reference to the issuance of stock by public utilities corporations for organization purposes. (S. P. 269)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Military Affairs

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act relating to military and naval reservists. (S. P. 270)

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act to clarify the payment of military accounts. (S. P. 271)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Sanatoriums

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: Resolve in favor of Western Maine Sanatorium for employees building. (S. P. 272)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Page of Somerset: Resolve in favor of the town of Mercer. (S. P. 273)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Small of Waldo: An act relating to maintenance of bridges on state highways. (S. P. 274)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

Resolve in favor of the Kennebec Law Library Associations. (S. P. 30)

Committee Reports

Mr. Murchie, from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill "An Act concerning the licensing of motor vehicle junk yards, (S. P. 2, L. D. 11); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Aldrich from the same committee, on bill "An Act relating to voting by persons physically incapacitated" (S. P. 13); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Crosby, from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on bill "An Act to provide for the examination, registration, regulation and licensing of chiropodists and podiatrists and penalties for violation of this act." (S. P. 31, L. D. 3), reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same committee, on bill "An Act relating to liability of municipalities for negligent operation of municipally owned vehicles," (S. P. 29, L. D. 7), 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 bill "An Act relating to payments to county law libraries," (S. P. 40) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Crosby from the same committee on bill "An Act to authorize the Treasurer of the county of Penobscot to purchase a set of Maine Reports," (S. P. 42), reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted and laid upon the table for printing under joint rules.

Orders of the Day

Mr. SOUTHARD of Kennebec: Mr. President, I would like to rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator may state his question.

Mr. SOUTHARD: Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I rise chiefly on this question because an examination of the Legislative Record shows that two members of the House have already availed themselves of the privilege which we enjoy under the rules of these joint bodies and someone from the Senate ought to attempt to keep up with the members of the House. Several days ago I came into the Senate Chamber and noticed seated near yonder wall the most aged, the most venerable, in fact the Nestor and patriarch of the Senate, Uncle George Boulter—his head bowed in his hands and I noticed a faint trickle which I thought was a tear falling from his cheeks and as I rather casually approached him I became convinced that it was not grief that afflicted him. And so I turned back and then noticed that the baby of the Senate—our youngest member—a slightly rotund figure—was at his seat his face wreathed in smiles, apparently very happy. Other members came in. The Senator from York threw back his head and smiled audibly; the finely chiseled visage of the distinguished senator from Sagadahoc betrayed a faint twinkle in his eye and his mouth registered a modest smile. The Senators from Oxford and Kennebec devoid of any hirsute appendage showed as bald men always do a wrinkled trace from eye to ear, noticeable even from behind, and they too, were pleased at something. And so with all the Senate.

And then came in another person a slight flush on the cheeks, the eyelids gently dropped, and as she sat, the President of the Senate bowed his head forward and the wrinkles of his mouth extended backward toward his ears in that pleasant and benign smile which he can so readily give to all of us and I wondered why this very splendid, friendly spirit, and then I knew what it was all about. I knew why you were all happy and I knew why you were all pleased and I knew that in your hearts you were bidding bon voyage and Godspeed to Margaret on her matrimonial venture; and then I knew what the Senate would do. I knew the members of this body from their hearts wished her all blessings, joys and all beneficences and all the dreams which young people have—you wished them all to come true, but you realized as practical men and women that perhaps something of a more substantial nature should show your affection for Margaret, and so, on behalf of the Senate, I present to Margaret a little something with our best wishes for a most enjoyable and most happy married life, something which we can remember her by and which she can remember us by.

The Senate applauded as Mr. Southard presented the Assistant Reporter with a silver sherbet set.

Mrs. MARGARET COFFIN PAYNE: Mr. President and Members of the Senate: I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and your kindness to me. I thank you one and all, both for myself and for Mr. Payne. (Applause)

On motion of Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act to authorize the county of Aroostook to build a jail at Caribou in said county. (H. P. 198) (L. D. 142), and An act to authorize the county of Aroostook to enlarge and repair the county jail at Houlton (H. P. 201) (L. D. 143), tabled by that senator earlier in today's session pending reference.

Mr. KITCHEN of Aroostook: Mr.

President and Senators: These two bills are relative to the jails of Aroostook County and they are of vital importance to that county and to the tax payers and I am going to move that a joint and select committee be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House,—a committee of three on the part of the Senate and as many as the House care to join, to consider these matters of vital interest to Aroostook County alone.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Aroostook, Senator Kitchen, moves that these bills be referred to a special joint select committee consisting of three members on the part of the Senate with as many as the House may join. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion to so refer prevailed and the Chair appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate; the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Kitchen; the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Farnsworth; and the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Storey.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act to refund excise tax on gasoline to towns, cities, and village corporations (L. D. 41) tabled by that Senator January 22nd pending reference.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, I will now yield to the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Leland.

Mr. LELAND of Piscataquis: Mr. President, I will in turn, yield to the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Carter.

Mrs. CARTER of Androscoggin: Mr. President, in examining this measure, it seems to me that the bill should be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, and so I move it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges, in non-concurrence.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Crockett of York,

Adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, February 3, at four-thirty o'clock.