

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE**

Wednesday, February 4, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Ralph F. Lowe of Augusta.

Journal of Thursday, January 29, read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Judiciary on bill An act relating to offences against habitations and other buildings. (H. P. 3, L. D. 2) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, tabled pending acceptance.

**Communication from State Auditor  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
AUDITOR**

Augusta, February 3, 1931.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In addition to the deficiencies recently reported to you by authority of Chapter 2, Section 100, of the Revised Statutes, I am enclosing a statement of other deficiencies which have just been called to my attention by the various departments interested. These are as follows:

Commissioner of Agriculture	\$320.80
Department of Public Welfare	66.75
Executive Department	849.28
Secretary of State	38.25
State Commissioner of Education	208.53
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	\$1,483.61

I would suggest that the deficiency on account of the State Commissioner of Education be deducted from the Permanent School Fund. Respectfully submitted,

**ELBERT D. HAYFORD,**  
State Auditor.

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Sent down for 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:

**Administrative Code**

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide for eliminating the office of treasurer of state and establishing a state budget system. (S. P. 290)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to supplement the "State Administrative Reorganization Code" by establishing a bureau of the treasury in the department of finance, assigning certain powers and duties to this bureau, and repealing conflicting acts and parts of acts. (S. P. 291)

One thousand copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Aeronautics and Radio Control**

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: Resolve to improve the State Aviation Field in Augusta. (S. P. 292)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of St. Mary's hospital. (S. P. 293)

Mr. Murchie of Washington: Resolve in favor of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and of the Commissioners from Maine for the Promotion of Uniformity of legislation in the United States. (S. P. 294)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Claims**

Mr. Wheeler of Oxford: Resolve in favor of James H. Kerr of Rumbold. (S. P. 295)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of John T. Pratt. (S. P. 296)

The same Senator: Resolve in favor of Harold Wing of Leeds. (S. P. 297)

Mr. Bissett of Cumberland: Resolve to reimburse the town of Bridgton for support of Ralph T. Seiders and family, persons having no known settlement in the state. (S. P. 298)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: Resolve to reimburse the town of Orrington for pauper supplies fur-

nished wife and children of Richard Leonardt. (S. P. 299)

The same Senator: Resolve to reimburse the town of Orrington for pauper supplies furnished the wife and children of Oscar Joseph Richard. (S. P. 300)

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: Resolve to reimburse the town of Sanærville for support of Elizabeth Killam and daughter, state paupers. (S. P. 301)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Education

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: An act prescribing the oath of affirmation to be taken and subscribed to by professors, instructors and teachers in the public schools, colleges and universities of this state. (S. P. 302)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Holman of Franklin: An act regulating fishing in Massachusetts Gore, in the County of Franklin. (S. P. 303)

The same Senator: An act regulating fishing in Chain of Ponds township in the county of Franklin. (S. P. 304)

The same Senator: An act regulating fishing in Coburn Gore, in the county of Franklin. (S. P. 305)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act to establish a Game Preserve in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop in Kennebec county. (S. P. 306)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: An act to create a Game Sanctuary in the town of Hope, Knox County, to be known as the Cribbel Game Preserve. (S. P. 307)

Mr. Weymouth of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of the town of Plymouth to construct a fish screen. (S. P. 308)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Interior Waters

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: An act to change the name of Lower Narrows Pond to Lake Ashaluna. (S. P. 309)

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act to change name of Morrill pond, Somerset county. (S. P. 310)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Page of Somerset: An act to amend the charter of Fish River Power and Storage Company (S. P. 311)

(On motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, tabled pending reference and five thousand copies ordered printed.)

#### Judiciary

Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook: An act to incorporate the "Madawaska Water Company." (S. P. 312)

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act relating to manner of payments by towns. (S. P. 313)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relative to Hallowell Municipal Court. (S. P. 314)

The same Senator: An act relative to Winthrop Municipal Court. (S. P. 315)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: Resolve authorizing Ralph Williams, Michael Williams and Frank Sorrenti to bring suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine. (S. P. 316)

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act to incorporate Turner Boom Company. (S. P. 317)

Mr. Murchie of Washington: An act to require full publicity in connection with political advertising expenses. (S. P. 318)

Mr. Crockett of York: An act relating to advertising signs on highways. (S. P. 319)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Labor

Mr. Murchie of Washington: An act to establish rules and regulations governing compressed air work. (S. P. 320)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin: An act to authorize Bliss Business College of Lewiston, Maine, to confer certain degrees. (S. P. 321)

(On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, tabled pending reference.)

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: An act relating to the payment for support of inmates of the Pownal State School. (S. P. 322)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to fix the license fees to be paid by traveling circuses. (S. P. 323)

Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc: An act to amend an act to incorporate the Bath Water District. (S. P. 324)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Library

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: Resolve for the purchase of one hundred copies of the "History of the town of Cushing." (S. P. 325)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Military Affairs

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: Resolve making an improvement to the State Aviation Field at Augusta. (S. P. 326)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin: Resolve providing for a state pension for Mary A. Bogert of Lewiston. (S. P. 327)

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of Augustus Gagnon, disabled veteran. (S. P. 328)

(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending reference.)

Mr. McLean of Hancock: Resolve providing for a state pension for Beatrice E. Gilbert of Bar Harbor. (S. P. 329)

Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc: Resolve providing for a pension for Emily E. Murphy of Bowdoinham. (S. P. 330)

Mr. Boulter of York: An act to provide for the appointment of a Commission on Pensions for State Employees. (S. P. 331)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Health

Mr. McLean of Hancock: An act relating to the manufacture of beverages. (S. P. 332)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Bishop of Lincoln: An act increasing the salary of the Register of Probate of Lincoln County. (S. P. 333)

The same Senator: An act relating to the salary of the sheriff of Lincoln County. (S. P. 334)

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to increase the salary of the county Treasurer of Penobscot county. (S. P. 335)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: An act to authorize the Treasurer of State to receive a portion of the residue of the Estate of Joseph C. Green, bequeathed to the Pownal State School. (S. P. 336)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ways and Bridges

Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook: Resolve in favor of Cyr Plantation, in Aroostook county. (S. P. 337)

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick. (S. P. 338)

Mr. Holman of Franklin: Resolve in favor of the town of Jerusalem. (S. P. 339)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bishop of Lincoln: An act relating to land damages. (S. P. 340)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: An act relating to a State Aid road in the town of Sangerville. (S. P. 341)

Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc: An act relating to approach to bridge in town of Topsham. (S. P. 342)

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: Resolve in favor of the town of Fairfield. (S. P. 343)

Mr. Crockett of York: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Lyman. (S. P. 344)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

An act relating to payments to County Law Libraries. (S. P. 40, L. D. 237)

An act to authorize the Treasurer of the County of Penobscot to purchase a set of Maine Reports. (S. P. 42, L. D. 238)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, the rules were suspended and that senator was given unanimous consent to introduce out of order, bill, "An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Sabbatus Water District"; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committee on Public Utilities.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be extended to the Maine Pharmaceutical Association Friday afternoon, February 13th, for their annual mid-winter meeting.

On motion by Mr. Crockett of York, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the State Printer be authorized to furnish the members of the Legislature with three hundred copies of a table prepared in the Highway Department relating to Legislative Document 155, an act relating to the mill tax highway fund.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, it was

Ordered, that one thousand extra copies of an act relating to motor vehicle transportation for hire in State, Legislative Document 105 be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act authorizing the City Council of the City of Portland to pay Samuel S. Gilbert a certain sum of money (H. P. 704), tabled by that senator on February 3rd, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act relative to State Administrative Code (L. D. 20), tabled by the senator on January 21st, pending reference; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on State Administrative Code.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act to authorize Bliss Business College of Lewiston, Maine, to confer certain degrees (S. P. 321) tabled by that senator earlier in today's session pending reference; and on further motion by the same senator the

bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Hancock, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act relating to the Harbor Commissioners for Harbor of Portland (H. P. 607, L. D. 208), tabled by that senator on February 3rd, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Hancock, the rules were suspended and unanimous consent was given that senator to introduce the following resolution:

"MEMORIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, urging the Secretary to request Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to continue with his road program on Mt. Desert Island.

"WHEREAS, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has offered to do certain development and road construction work on Mt. Desert Island and to pay therefor the sum of four million dollars, and

"WHEREAS, said development and road construction work has been carefully planned by his engineers under the supervision and with the entire approval of Mr. Fred Olmstead, one of America's leading landscape architects, and

"WHEREAS, said road, while principally on lands owned by Mr. Rockefeller, extends for a short distance across lands of the National government in the Arcadia National Park and said entire system of roads both on Mr. Rockefeller's own lands and upon the lands of the Department of the Interior in Washington and

"WHEREAS, a few of the many summer residents of Mt. Desert Island have in many ways voiced their opposition to said construction work thereby moving Mr. Rockefeller to ask to be relieved of his offer to have said work done and

"WHEREAS, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has shown a deep and lasting interest in the State of Maine and its development which is thoroughly appreciated by the citizens of the State and

"WHEREAS, the State of Maine, by reason of the great benefits derived by the whole State from such a development as is planned by Mr. Rockefeller on Mt. Desert Island; is deeply and vitally interested both as a state and in behalf of the citizens of the State.

NOW THEREFORE,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of Maine respectfully urge the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to request Mr. Rockefeller to continue with and complete the program as outlined, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., by the Secretary of State."

Mr. FOSTER of Hancock: Mr. President, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Mr. President, if I am correctly informed this resolution gives to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the moral sup-

port of the Legislature of the State of Maine, if it finally passes in the House. I am informed that he has made all plans for the development of this land and the roads, that he has offered the United States Government the sum of four million dollars, that the opposition is very slight and comes from people outside of the state, that the benefit which the state would derive would be scattered all over its bounds and there will be benefits also to people who come into the state of Maine during the summer season; and I wish to second the motion of the Senator from Hancock, Senator Foster, that this resolution be adopted and that it be adopted without reference to any committee.

Thereupon, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Hancock,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.