

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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SENATE

Thursday, February 5, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. H. F. Milligan of Randolph.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolution relative to legislative research bureau.

In the House, read and adopted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Southard of Kennebec, tabled pending adoption in concurrence.

From the House:

An act relating to the hunting of water fowl or any other wild bird in Back Bay, so called, in Portland. (H. P. 732, L. D. 255)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

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

From the House:

An act regulating fishing in Cambolasse Pond and Cambolasse Stream, in Lincoln. (H. P. 743, L. D. 264)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolve appropriating money for the completion of the statue of General Howard. (H. P. 842)

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

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

From the House:

An act providing for the disposition of monies collected from tax on gasoline used in aeroplane engines or purchased for such purposes. (H. P. 766, L. D. 270)

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

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

From the House:

An act relating to Railroad underpasses, at North Kennebunkport and Saco. (H. P. 870)

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

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

On motion by Mr. Holman of Franklin the following Memorial was introduced:

"Memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging them to assist in excluding pulpwood from this country.

RESOLVED: that it is the sentiment of the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of Maine, that the importation of Russian Pulpwood into the United States has deprived the people of Maine of a market for their pulpwood, to which they were fairly entitled, and

RESOLVED that if this importation continues during the coming year great harm will be done to a large number of the citizens of Maine, and be it further

RESOLVED to urge the Senators and Representatives from Maine in Washington to do everything in their power to exclude Russian Pulpwood from this country, and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Congress of the United States and to the Senators and Representatives from the State of Maine, by the Secretary of State."

Which was read and adopted.

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:

Judiciary

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: An act relating to registration fees or payment for motor vehicles used for livery or hire. (S. P. 348)

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act relating to standard time. (S. P. 349)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: An act relative to hours of labor of women and children. (S. P. 350)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State Prison

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: An act to regulate prison labor and to determine the use to which prison or convict made goods may be put in this state. (S. P. 351)

The same Senator: An act to determine the use to which prison or convict made goods may be put in this state. (H. P. 352)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports

Mr. Kitchen from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of O. B. Frost Company, of Augusta, Maine," (S. P. 9); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Weatherbee from the same Committee on "Resolve in favor of O. B. Frost Company of Augusta, Maine," (S. P. 7); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to authorize Beal college to confer certain degrees." (S. P. 92, L. D. 102); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mrs. Carter from the Committee on Taxation on bill "An Act to impose an excise tax on tank or pipe line companies," (S. P. 48, L. D. 22); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bissett from the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories on "Resolve in favor of Pownal State School for additions and improvements." (S. P. 239); reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Pownal State School.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Southard for the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act

relative to duties of Clerks of Corporations," (S. P. 93, L. D. 103) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Crosby from the same Committee on bill "An Act relative to wearing the State Police uniform" (S. P. 91, L. D. 101) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Orders of the Day

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I would like to move that we reconsider our action just taken relative to the "Memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging them to assist in excluding pulpwood from this country", and I wish to state in that connection that while the sentiments expressed therein are my own sentiments, I feel that possibly before the Legislature adopts such a memorial it might be referred to a committee. My only reason for asking this is that the Legislature may consider whether or not that action should be taken, and if our former action is reconsidered, for the purpose of conferring with the gentleman who offered the resolution, I will move to lay it upon the table.

The motion to reconsider prevailed; and on further motion by the same senator the resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken earlier this morning whereby. An act to increase the powers of the Portland High School Athletic Field Commission (H. P. 749, L. D. 268) was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was laid upon the table pending reference in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relative to the taxation of motor vehicles (H. P. 603, L. D. 162), 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. Jackson of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relative to the taxation of motor vehicles (H. P. 604, L. D. 163), 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. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relating to Dealer's Registration under the Motor Vehicle Law (H. P. 702, L. D. 229), tabled on February 3rd by that senator pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair

would like to state what he knows that all members of the Senate should and do take real interest and pride in, because it is due to your own efforts, that two years ago during the first eleven legislative days there were presented 395 matters. This year you have to date presented 1169 matters. The Chair will also state that the committee reports have been coming back very early this year, showing great activity on the part of the committees and if it could be arranged it would probably expedite business if next week there could be some committee hearings on Friday. The Chair, of course, only mentions this as a humble suggestion, but it might be worth while.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.