

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Friday, February 6, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Stanley Manning of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Holman of Franklin, 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 10, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

From the House the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a committee of five be appointed, two from the Senate, to be named by the President of the Senate, and three from the House, to be named by the speaker of the House; whose duty it shall be to study the problem of Old Age Compensation, the acts now in operation in other states, and any other matter pertinent thereto. Such committee shall consider the necessity and feasibility of such legislation in this state, and shall report their conclusions in the draft of such act pertaining to Old Age Compensation as may seem to them best applicable to the State of Maine. Said act to be introduced in January nineteen hundred thirty three, for the consideration of the Eighty-sixth Maine legislature. Said committee shall meet as soon as convenient after appointment, and shall organize with the choice of a chairman and secretary. Said committee shall receive such per-diem compensation, allowance for travel etc. as may be approved by the Governor and Council.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Pensions.

In the Senate, on motion by Mrs. Carter of Androsoggin, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

An act relating to reciprocity in registration fees of trucks. (H. P. 825, L. D. 311)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 certain pulpwood from this country.

RESOLVED: that, whereas large quantities of Russian pulpwood produced by convict and conscript labor have recently been imported into the United States from Russia, depriving the people of the State of Maine of a market for their Maine produced pulpwood to the great injury of the citizens of Maine, and whereas, if this importation continues further great harm will be done to a large number of the citizens of the State of Maine, and vitally affect the prosperity of our people, be it

RESOLVED: by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine in legislature assembled that we urge the Senators and Representatives of the Congress of the United States to do everything in their power to promptly exclude all Russian pulpwood or pulpwood products so produced from importation into this country, and be it further

RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution duly certified by the Secretary of State be forwarded to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington and to the several Senators and Representatives from the State of Maine in the Congress of the United States." (S. P. 373)

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:

Banks and Banking

Mr. Crockett of York: An act relating to regulation of loans by trust companies. (S. P. 353)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Boulter of York: An act authorizing the establishment of a Federal Fish Hatchery in Maine. (S. P. 354)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Holman of Franklin: An act relating to taking of land by State Highway Commission. (S. P. 355)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act with reference to the meaning of the word "Distributor" as applied to distributors of gasoline. (S. P. 356)

Mr Jackson of Cumberland: An act providing for semi-annual inspection of motor vehicles. (S. P. 357)

The same Senator: An act relating to non-resident's registration of motor vehicles. (S. P. 358)

(On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, tabled pending reference.)

The same Senator: An act relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles. (S. P. 359)

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act relating to receipts for the payment of the excise tax on motor vehicles. (S. P. 360)

The same Senator: An act relating to reservation of motor vehicle plates and numbers. (S. P. 361)

The same Senator: An act relating to Secretary of State authorized to destroy records more than two years old. (S. P. 362)

Mr. Farnsworth of Aroostook: An act relating to trial lists in Aroostook county. (S. P. 363)

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act relating to fees for registration of trailers. (S. P. 364)

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act relative to support of dependents of deceased and disabled ex-service men of the World War, in necessitous circumstances. (S. P. 365)

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

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act relating to "Itinerant Vendors" and "Hawkers and Peddlers." (S. P. 366)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Jackson of Cumberland: An act relating to blind persons entitled to aid. (S. P. 367)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin: An act relating to whistles on railroad locomotives. (S. P. 368)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Littlefield of York: Petition of William A. Yates et als residents of Kennebunk in favor of digging clams in Kennebunk. (S. P. 369)

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Mr. Bissett of Cumberland: An act relating to salary of superintendent of State School for Boys. (S. P. 370)

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act with reference to deduction to be made by distributors on gasoline tax. (S. P. 371)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Committee Reports

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Judiciary on bill An act relative to county buildings. (S. P. 89), reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 372) and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill laid upon the table for printing under joint rules.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill An act relating to jury trials in divorce proceedings. (S. P. 73, L. D. 45) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Weeks from the same Com-

mittee on bill An act relating to residence of libelee in divorce proceedings. (S. P. 46, L. D. 23); reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Southard from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill An act relative to the organization of corporations without capital stock. (S. P. 94, L. D. 104); reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

An act relative to wearing of State Highway Police uniform. (S. P. 91, L. D. 101)

An act relative to duties of clerks of corporations. (S. P. 93, L. D. 103)

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve appropriating money for completion of statue of General Howard (H. P. 842), tabled on February 5th by that Senator pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cum-

berland, it was voted to order five hundred copies printed of bill An act relative to support of dependents of deceased and disabled ex-service men of the World War in necessitous circumstances. (S. P. 365)

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relating to hunting of water fowl, etc. in Back Bay, Portland (H. P. 732, L. D. 255), tabled on February 5th by that Senator pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act to increase the powers of the Portland High School Athletic Field Commission (H. P. 749, L. D. 268), tabled on February 5th by that Senator 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. Boulter of York,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 10th, at ten o'clock in the morning.