

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Thursday, February 12, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. E. Pressey of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House:

An act relative to the Portland Seamen's Friend Society. (H. P. 1005)

In the House, received out of order and under suspension of the rules, and by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg. (H. P. 1004)

In the House, received out of order and under suspension of the rules, and by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for new construction. (H. P. 943)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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

**House Bills in First Reading**

An act to extend the charter of the Patten Water and Power Company. (H. P. 223) (L. D. 393)

An act to extend the charter of the Blue Hill Water Company. (H. P. 224) (L. D. 392)

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Bissett of Cumberland: Re-

solve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind. (S. P. 403)

The same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind. (S. P. 404)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Claims**

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Steuben. (S. P. 405)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Holman of Franklin: An act to regulate fishing in Toothaker pond and the inlet and outlet of said Toothaker pond situated in the town of Phillips, in the county of Franklin. (S. P. 406)

The same Senator: An act to regulate fishing in Sandy River and its tributaries, in the county of Franklin. (S. P. 407)

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act to repeal the bounty on porcupines. (S. P. 408)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Farnsworth of Aroostook: An act relating to defects of writs. (S. P. 409)

The same Senator: An act relating to accounts annexed. (S. P. 410)

The same Senator: An act limiting the right of mortgagee to take possession of real estate. (S. P. 411)

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act pertaining to drains and common sewers. (S. P. 412)

The same Senator: An act relative to sale of real estate for non-payment of sewer assessments. (S. P. 413)

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act relating to divorce proceedings. (S. P. 414)

Mr. Murchie of Washington: An act to regulate the preparation and distribution of petitions for the people's veto and direct initiative as authorized by article thirty-one of the constitution. (S. P. 415)

The same Senator: An act to amend the workmen's compensation act. (S. P. 416)

The same Senator: An act to regulate expenditures in connection with matters of legislation submitted to the people under the provisions of article thirty-one of the Constitution providing for the initiative and referendum. (S. P. 417)

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act relating to trial terms in York county. (S. P. 418)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Labor

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act barring the employment of aliens in the public service except in cases of emergency. (S. P. 419)

The same Senator: An act regulating labor and bids on state construction. (S. P. 420)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Legal Affairs

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act relating to the care of neglected and abandoned animals. (S. P. 421)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Military Affairs

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act relating to the completion of the payment of a bonus to Maine soldiers and sailors in the war with Spain. (S. P. 422)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Pensions

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: An act to aid persons who have been in the employ of the state. (S. P. 423)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Health

Mr. Littlefield of York: Petition of Charles C. Simmons of Sanford and 18 others (S. P. 424) in favor of bill "An act to register and license persons engaged in the practice of barbering and to create a board of barber examiners." (H. P. 127) (L. D. 52)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Public Utilities

Mr. Bishop of Lincoln: An act relating to closing of accounts of public utilities. (S. P. 425)

The same Senator: An act relating to procedure of public utilities commission. (S. P. 426)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act to legalize terms held by the Sea and Shore Fisheries Commission since the expiration of terms for which they were appointed, of one or more of them and to make valid

any findings that they may render as a result of same. (S. P. 427)

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: An act relating to time limit on notices in re-hearings on licenses for wharves and fish weirs. (S. P. 428)

The same Senator: An act to license all fishermen who catch fish for sale. (S. P. 429)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Holman of Franklin: An act to increase the salary of the register of probate of Franklin county. (S. P. 430)

The same Senator: An act to increase the salary of the clerks in the office of the register of probate of Franklin county. (S. P. 431)

The same Senator: An act to increase the salary of the county attorney of Franklin county. (S. P. 432)

The same Senator: An act to increase the salary of the clerk of courts of Franklin county. (S. P. 433)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Kitchen from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of the town of Exeter" (S. P. 5); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Thereupon on motion by Mr. Crosby of Penobscot the Senate voted to reconsider its action just taken and on further motion by the same senator the report was tabled pending acceptance.

Mr. Littlefield from the same Committee on "Resolve in favor of Brown Bros. Hardware Company of Gorham." (S. P. 176) reported that the same ought not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance.)

Mr. Wheeler from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill an act to provide for the appointment of a recorder for the municipal court of Dexter. (S. P. 222) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Leland from the Committee on Agriculture on "Resolve providing for the payment of certain

amounts due exhibitors at the Central Maine Fair Association in 1929, on account of State stipend." (S. P. 75; reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Southard from the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill "An act relating to definition of the term 'securities' in the Blue Sky Law." (S. P. 44) (L. D. 25); reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An act to authorize the Treasurer of State under the direction of the Governor and Council to issue bonds for State highway construction for the calendar year 1931." (S. P. 254) (L. D. 269); reported that the same ought to pass.

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

**Passed to be Engrossed**

An act to amend the charter of the Casco Title Guaranty Company. (H. P. 60, L. D. 40)

An act relative to the North Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society. (H. P. 115, L. D. 348)

An act to change the name of the Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine and enlarge its purposes. (H. P. 116, L. D. 347)

An act relating to terms of the County Commissioners Court for the county of Washington. (H. P. 117, L. D. 346)

Resolve in favor of M. Isabel Libby of Saco. (S. P. 135, L. D. 418)

Resolve in favor of Nellie F. Hill of Saco. (S. P. 136, L. D. 419)

Resolve authorizing the forest commissioner to convey a certain lot of land to Edmund B. Lapointe. (S. P. 231, L. D. 417)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Orders of the Day**

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, an act providing for the disposition of moneys collected from tax on gasoline, used in aeroplane engines or purchased for such purposes (H. P. 766, L. D. 270), tabled by that senator on February 5th, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was

referred to a joint committee consisting of the Committee on Ways and Bridges and the Committee on Aeronautics and Radio Control, in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, an act relating to reciprocity in registration fees of trucks. (H. P. 825, L. D. 311), tabled by that senator on February 6th, 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. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for new construction (H. P. 943), tabled by that senator earlier in today's session pending reference in concurrence.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, I now move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals in non-concurrence with the House.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to inquire what the reference was in the House on this matter?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the reference in the House on this matter was to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the bill was retabled pending reference.

Mr. GREENLEAF of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I would like to inquire if the date for the closing of the doors to public legislation has been set forward.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the date was set forward until Tuesday next.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the communications from the Auditor with reference to certain deficiencies, which the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Spear, requested, are now in the Senate and if the Senator desires they may be referred to any committee.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, these matters were referred to the Committee on

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session, whereby an act to amend the workmen's compensation act (S. P. 416) was referred to the Com-

mittee on Judiciary; and on further motion by the same senator this bill was laid upon the table pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Foster of Hancock,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.