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SENATE

Tuesday, February, 17, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. W. P. Bradford of Hallowell.

Journal of Friday, February 13th, read and approved.

Mr. Southard of Kennebec, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

"Be it resolved by the Legislature of Maine, that it extends to Mrs. Charles O. Otis, sister of the late Major General Clarence R. Edwards, their profound sympathy.

"In the passing of Major General Edwards, the people of Maine have suffered a severe loss. His love for Maine people, particularly the soldiers of the late war, and their relatives, was more than reciprocated by them.

"His memory as a gallant soldier, a splendid companion and a fine gentleman, is a cherished one, and in his death the people of Maine pause a moment reflecting on those manly qualities possessed by Major General Edwards, whom they so dearly regarded.

"And, be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution after passage by the Senate and House of Representatives, be signed by the Governor, and sent to Mrs. Charles O. Otis."

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, as a personal friend of the late General Edwards I wish to second the adoption of that resolution.

Thereupon the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

An act to increase maximum and minimum rates under the Workmen's Compensation Act. (H. P. 982, L. D. 503.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

From the House:

An act regulating the buying, selling and transporting of clams. (H. P. 1023, L. D. 557.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

From the House:

An act relating to the shipping and transporting of clams beyond the limits of the State during close time. (H. P. 1024, L. D. 552.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

From the House:

An act to close certain clam flats to digging. (H. P. 1025, L. D. 553.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

From the House:

Resolve providing for a State pension for Hannah C. McLaughlin of Farmingdale. (H. P. 1047.)

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

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 Canton. (H. P. 1046.)

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

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 Fairfield. (H. P. 1045.)

In the House, received out of or-

der and under suspension of the rules and by unanimous consent; referred by it to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

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

House Bills in First Reading

An act relating to fees paid by dealers in securities. (H. P. 16 (L. D. 30).)

An act relating to the enforcement of the Blue Sky Law. (H. P. 14) (L. D. 28.)

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

Education

Mr. Crockett of York: An act relating to public health nursing in schools. (S. P. 443)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to smelt fishing in Androscoggin county. (S. P. 444)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relating to transportation under tag of fish caught in Belgrade chain of lakes. (S. P. 445)

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act providing that the Governor may suspend open season for hunting and fishing in time of drought. (S. P. 446)

(On motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, tabled pending reference.)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to prebid qualifications for State contracts. (S. P. 447)

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

The same Senator: An act permitting any public official responsible for awarding a contract in competition to request from any proposed bidder a questionnaire. (S. P. 448)

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

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act to correct typographical and

clerical errors in the revision. (S. P. 449)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act to amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes relating to the State Police. (S. P. 450)

Mr. Crosby of Penobscot: An act relative to the promotion of medical education. (S. P. 451)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Military Affairs

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to pensions for soldiers and sailors of the war with Spain. (S. P. 452)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin: An act reducing the excise tax on motor vehicles. (S. P. 454)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: An act relating to the construction and maintenance of State, State Aid and third class highways. (S. P. 455)

The same Senator: An act to provide for the further issuance of State Highway and Bridge bonds. (S. P. 456)

One thousand copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator: An act relating to laying out and assessing damages on State and State Aid highways. (S. P. 457)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, was given unanimous consent to introduce out of order and under suspension of the rules, bill, an act to provide a pension for members of the police and fire departments of the city of Auburn; and on motion by that Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions and five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Bills

An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of Lincoln County

to transfer certain real estate. (S. P. 194, L. D. 581.)

An Act relating to the April term of the Superior Court for Penobscot County. (S. P. 196, L. D. 583.)

An Act relating to the removal of unworthy attorneys. (S. P. 197, L. D. 582.)

An Act to extend the charter granted to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company. (S. P. 198, L. D. 584.)

An Act changing the charter of the Fort Kent Water Company. (S. P. 201, L. D. 585.)

An Act increasing the capital stock of the Frontier Water Company. (S. P. 202, L. D. 586.)

An Act relating to the Seal Cove Water Company. (S. P. 203, L. D. 587.)

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, L. D. 513.)

Committee Reports

Mr. Farnsworth from the Committee on Pensions on "Resolve providing for an increase in state pension for Annie M. Welch of Kennebunk" (S. P. 114); reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve for state pension in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta" (S. P. 116); reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a State pension for Frank A. Choate" (S. P. 146); reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve providing for a state pension for George A. Choate of Montville" (S. P. 149); reported that same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve providing for a state pension for Carl Newton of Lewiston" (S. P. 214); reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed To Be Engrossed

An act relating to deductions

from State Normal School Fund. (H. P. 18, L. D. 31.)

An Act relating to school attendance. (H. P. 19, L. D. 32.)

Resolve authorizing the Forest Commissioner to sell lands in St. Francis Plantation, Aroostook County. (H. P. 230, L. D. 414.)

Resolve in favor of Evie Morelen Studley for Teacher's pension. (H. P. 531, L. D. 415.)

An Act relating to the burning of brush, slash or blueberry land. (H. P. 669, L. D. 416.)

An Act to incorporate the Federal Employees Credit Union of Maine. (S. P. 165, L. D. 477.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Senate Report from the Committee on Claims, "Ought Not to Pass" on S. P. 176, Resolve in favor of Brown Bros. Hardware of Gorham, tabled by that senator on February 12th pending acceptance; and on further motion by the same senator the report of the committee was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relating to prebid qualifications for state contracts (S. P. 447), 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 Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act permitting any public official responsible for awarding a contract in competition to request from any proposed bidder a questionnaire (S. P. 448), tabled by the senator earlier in today's session pending reference; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relative to the State Highway Police (S. P. 193), tabled by that senator on

January 28th pending consideration.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider our vote whereby this bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and in support of that motion I will state that a companion measure was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and if this motion prevails I will move to refer this measure to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The motion to reconsider prevailed; 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. Weatherbee of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act regulating fishing in Cambolasse Pond and Cambolasse Stream in Lincoln (H. P. 743, L. D. 264), tabled by that senator on February 5th 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. Spear of Cumberland, 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 on February 12th pending reference.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, the original reference, I think, was to be to the Commit-

tee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, but some member of the Senate has suggested that it be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals. In looking over the make-up of that committee I should think it was a safer place to send it than to Appropriations, and I move that this resolve be referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals.

The motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act requiring managers or owners of dance pavilions to be licensed. (H. P. 915) (L. D. 368), tabled by that senator on February 10th 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 relative to registration and use of Steam Boilers (S. P. 389, L. D. 420), tabled by the senator on February 11th 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. Kitchen of Aroostook,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.