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SENATE

Wednesday, February 18, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. W. R. Wood of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, that Senator was given unanimous consent to introduce out of order and under suspension of the rules the following order,

Ordered, the House, concurring, that the time for the introduction of all new legislation be extended to Friday, February 20th, at four P. M.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Mr. President, it seems better at this time to extend the time for the introduction of legislation for this period in order to accommodate members of both the House and the Senate who have held back bills which they undoubtedly could have introduced by unanimous consent. This order will give those members who have tried to obey the rules of both branches the opportunity to come under the wire with the others who have introduced bills by unanimous consent and I hope that the order receives passage, and so move.

The order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House, the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Clerk of the House prepare a register of all bills and resolves introduced into both branches of the legislature to and including February 18th showing titles, paper numbers, document numbers, names of members introducing the same and committees to which referred, and that there be printed 750 copies of same.

The Clerk of the House is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, to employ the necessary clerical assistance to prepare such register.

In the House, read and passed.

In the Senate:

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I am informed by the

Clerk of the Appropriations Committee that five hundred copies will be ample.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I do not want to offer any objection to the passage of the order, but I do want to go on record as saying that so far as I am concerned I do not willingly subscribe to the view that this Legislature should pass any order with the approval of any committee. I think the Legislature has sufficient autonomy to speak for itself without providing in its order that it must be subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, or the Committee on Judiciary, or the Committee on Governor's Message, or any other committee.

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: May I enquire whether that order refers to all bills introduced in both the House and Senate?

The Secretary re-read the order.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, in view of the order of the Senator from Somerset, Senator Weeks, to extend the time to February 20th and pending its passage by the House, I move that this order lie upon the table for amendment if that previous order has passage.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Slocum, moves that this order lie upon the table. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would request that the order recently introduced by the Senator from Somerset, Senator Weeks, be sent immediately to the House for action by that body so that we may expedite this other order.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the order has already been sent to the House.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of town of Shirley, for support of the family of Angus A. Green. (H. P. 80); reported that the same ought not to pass; which

report was tabled, in the House, on February 12, pending acceptance of report.

In the House, recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, tabled pending consideration.

House Bills in First Reading

Resolve in favor of Harry C. Aldrich. (H. P. 1026, L. D. 536)

An act to repeal section 2 of chapter 10 of the private and special acts of 1887, entitled An act additional to the acts which constitute the charter of Colby University. (H. P. 596, L. D. 204)

An act additional to the acts which constitute the charter of Colby College, formerly Colby University. (H. P. 595, L. D. 203)

An act relating to certified copies of certain records in County of Aroostook. (H. P. 203, L. D. 145)

An act to provide a better Government for the town of Bar Harbor (H. P. 624, L. D. 537)

An act relating to the Bangor Theological Seminary (H. P. 621, L. D. 538)

An act to increase the powers of the Fort Kent Village Corporation. (H. P. 216, L. D. 125)

An act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company. (H. P. 4, L. D. 394)

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: An act creating the State of Maine Purchasing Agent's Association. (S. P. 459).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Agriculture

Mr. Story of Aroostook: An act to provide for the proper branding of potatoes. (S. P. 460).

One thousand copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act to provide for inspection of internal combustion engine fuel and lubricating oil. (S. P. 461).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Holman of Franklin: Resolve in favor of procuring testimonials for the purpose of marking the unmarked graves of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. (S. P. 462).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to intoxicating liquors. (S. P. 463).

The same Senator: An act relating to Disclosure Commissioners and the relief of poor debtors. (S. P. 464).

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act penalizing the use of motor vehicles in the commission of crime. (S. P. 465).

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act relating to inventory of motor vehicles. (S. P. 466).

Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot: An act relating to rights of mortgagees. (S. P. 467).

Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc: An act relating to persons maintaining children's homes to have licenses. (S. P. 468).

The same Senator: An act relating to forfeiture of vehicles used in committing larceny. (S. P. 469).

The same Senator: An act relative to wills omitting provisions for children. (S. P. 470).

Mr. Page of Somerset: An act relating to the organization of corporations under the general law. (S. P. 471).

Mr. Murchie of Washington: An act concerning arbitration and to make uniform the law with reference thereto. (S. P. 472).

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act relating to motor vehicles and the law of the road. (S. P. 474).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Senator: An act relative to the powers of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game. (S. P. 475).

One thousand copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act relating to the taxation of unauthorized Insurance Companies. (S. P. 476).

(On motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, tabled pending reference.)

The same Senator: An act relating to the insurance law. (S. P. 477).

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

Mr. Wheeler of Oxford: An act relating to qualification and licensing of agents of Insurance Companies. (S. P. 478).

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An act relating to the liability of Insurance Companies. (S. P. 494).

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

Pensions

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act providing for a pension fund for the members of the state highway police. (S. P. 479)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook: An act relative to the abolishment or alteration of grade crossings. (S. P. 480)

The same senator: An act relative to highway crossings of railroads. (S. P. 481)

Mr. Southard of Kennebec: An act classifying public heating companies as public utilities. (S. P. 482)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to the fees of state humane agents. (S. P. 483)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act relating to subordinate officers of the Senate. (S. P. 492)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Mr. Page of Somerset: An act re-

lating to auxiliary State forests. (S. P. 484)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook: An act relative to the construction of pole and wire lines upon and along State and State aid highways. (S. P. 485)

The same Senator: An act relative to the powers and duties of the State highway commission. (S. P. 486)

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: An act to repeal Sec. 32 of Chap. 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, relating to special provisions for towns peculiarly located. (S. P. 487)

The same Senator: An act to establish a general highway fund. (S. P. 488)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Small of Waldo: An act relating to the construction and maintenance of bridges on state highways. (S. P. 489)

One thousand copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Littlefield of York: An act relating to removal of snow. (S. P. 490)

The same Senator: An act relating to the construction of culverts by the State highway commission. (S. P. 491)

Five hundred copies of each ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Resolves

Resolve providing for an increase in state pension for Annie M. Welch of Kennebunk. (S. P. 114, L. D. 593)

Resolve for state pension in favor of Rena Cooley of Augusta. (S. P. 116, L. D. 594)

Resolve to repeal a resolve providing for a state pension for Frank A. Choate. (S. P. 146, L. D. 595)

Committee Report

Mr. Southard from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An act relating to the payment for support of inmates of the Pownal State School." (S. P. 322, L. D. 298); reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

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

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

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)

(On motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

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)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table, Joint Order relating to Old Age Compensation, tabled by that Senator on February 6th pending passage.

Whereupon, the same Senator offered the following amendment and moved its adoption.

"Senate Amendment 'A' to House Order of February 3, relating to Old Age Compensation.

"Said order is hereby amended by inserting in the first line before the word 'committee' the word 'recess'; and by striking out the third paragraph of said order and

inserting in place thereof the following: 'The messenger to the Governor and Council shall be a member of said committee in addition to the five to be appointed and shall act as secretary to the committee', so that said order as amended shall read as follows:

'Ordered, the Senate concurring:

'That a recess 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.

'The messenger to the Governor and Council shall be a member of said committee in addition to the five to be appointed and shall act as secretary to the committee.

'Said committee shall receive such per-diem compensation, allowance for travel etc. as may be approved by the Governor and Council.'

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook, the order and the amendment were laid upon the table.

Mr. SLOCUM' of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I inquire if the Joint Order relative to registry of documents has been returned from the House?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that it has not.

On motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.