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SENATE

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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. N. W. Bryant of Gardiner

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The Hon. J. Blaine Morrison, former President of the Senate, was escorted to a seat at the right of the President, amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

From the House:

An act repealing the bounty on bears. (H. P. 1056, L. D. 612)

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

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

House Bills in First Reading

An act to provide for the general up-keep, enlargement, and betterment of the Law Library in the County of Androscoggin. (H. P. 200, L. D. 554)

An act to extend the charter granted to the Union Terminal Company. (H. P. 580, L. D. 555)

An act relating to the right of Warren Memorial Foundation to hold property. (H. P. 583, L. D. 556)

An act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Portland to Rosa B. Reidy. (H. P. 622, L. D. 557)

The following bill and resolve were received and on recommendation by the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

Judiciary

Mr. Boulter of York: An act relating to City Committees. (S. P. 473)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: Resolve providing for a state pension

for Lorenzo T. Cobb of Portland. (S. P. 493)

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Bills

Resolve providing for a state pension for George A. Choate of Montville. (S. P. 149, L. D. 596)

Resolve providing for a state pension for Carl Newton of Lewiston. (S. P. 214, L. D. 597)

Committee Reports

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Interior Waters on bill An act to change the name of Lower Narrows Pond to Lake Ashaluna. (S. P. 309) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill An act to change the name of Morrill Pond, Somerset County. (S. P. 310) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Weeks from the Committee on Judiciary on Resolve authorizing Ralph Williams, Michael Williams and Frank Sorrento to bring suit at law or in equity against the State of Maine. (S. P. 316, L. D. 292) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Murchie from the same committee on bill An act relating to manner of payments by towns. (S. P. 313, L. D. 289) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Crockett from the Committee on Banks and Banking on bill An act relating to regulation of loans by Trust Companies. (S. P. 353, L. D. 376) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Page from the same Committee on bill An act relating to capital stock of Trust Companies. (S. P. 286, L. D. 239) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Weymouth from the Committee on Pensions on Resolve providing for a state pension for Harold E. Trueworthy of Athens. (S. P. 95) reported the same in a new draft, (S. P. 453) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolve laid upon

the table for printing under joint rules.

Mr. Greenleaf from the Committee on Interior Waters on bill An act to amend an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Company (S. P. 1) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Judiciary on bill An act to change the name of Soward Island to Treasure Island (S. P. 142) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill An act relative to court jurisdiction of violations; transmission of fines. (S. P. 27, L. D. 19) reported the same in a new draft, (S. P. 495) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Weeks from the same Committee on bill An act to incorporate the 'Madawaska Water Company' (S. P. 312, L. D. 238) reported the same in a new draft bill An act extending charter of Madawaska Water Company (S. P. 496) and that it ought to pass.

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

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill An act to incorporate Turner Boom Company. (S. P. 317, L. D. 293) reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Aldrich from the same Committee on bill An act to provide for continuous revision of the Statutes and legislative assistance. (S. P. 278, L. D. 249) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

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

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

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

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

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 con-

stitute the charter of Colby University. (H. P. 596, L. D. 204)

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

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

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

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

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)

An act relating to the payment for support of inmates of the Pownal State School. (S. P. 322, L. D. 296)

Passed to be Enacted

An act to authorize the Treasurer of the County of Penobscot to purchase a set of Maine Reports. (S. P. 42, L. D. 238)

An act relating to manner of payment of Teachers' Retirement fund collection. (S. P. 45, L. D. 24)

An act relating to residence of libellee in divorce proceedings. (S. P. 46, L. D. 23)

An act relating to jury trials in divorce proceedings. (S. P. 73, L. D. 45)

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)

An act relative to the organization of corporations without capital stock. (S. P. 94, L. D. 104)

An act relative to County Buildings. (S. P. 372, L. D. 391)

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 to 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)

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)

Finally Passed

Resolve, in favor of the Kennebec Law Library Association. (S. P. 30, L. D. 109)

On motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc the rules were suspended and that Senator presented the following order out of order:

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House proposing a joint convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of listening to an address by the Honorable Ashton Dovel, floor leader of the House of Delegates of Virginia, and Chairman of the Virginia Sesquicentennial Exposition.

Which was read and passed.

The Secretary conveyed the message.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is advised that the House is still engaged in routine business, so with the approval of the Senate we will proceed under Orders of the Day.

Orders of the Day

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I would like to inquire whether the order relative to changing the date for closing the legislative hopper has passed in the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair is so advised.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Joint Order, relative to preparing a Register of Documents, tabled by that Senator on February 18th pending passage.

Thereupon that Senator presented the following amendment and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Joint Order relative to preparing a Register of Documents. Amend the Joint Order relative to preparing

a Register of Documents by striking out of the second paragraph the words 'with the approval of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee' and further amend said order by striking out the date 'February 18th' and inserting in place thereof the date 'February 20'."

Thereupon the amendment was adopted and the joint order as so amended received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to the authority of the Legislature to impose a tax on incomes (L. D. 440), tabled by that Senator on February 13th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Southard of Kennebec, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve relative to investigating of State Hospitals, tabled by that Senator on February 3rd, pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act providing that the Governor may suspend open season for hunting and fishing in time of drought (L. D. 509), tabled on February 17th by that Senator pending reference.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, the committee on reference suggested reference in this matter to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. On investigation it developed that the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation has a similar matter before it on which a hearing has already been held and I move therefore that this be referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.

The motion prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relative to the Portland Seamen's Friend Society (H. P. 1005), tabled by that Senator on February 12th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg (H. P. 1004), tabled by that Senator on February 12th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of town of East Machias (H. P. 1028), tabled by that Senator on February 13th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve providing a state pension for Madison Howard of Palmyra (H. P. 1027), tabled by that Senator on February 13th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve providing for a State Pension for Hannah C. McLaughlin of Farmingdale (H. P. 1047), tabled by that senator on February 17th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of the town of Canton (H. P. 1046), tabled by that senator on February 17th pending consideration; and on fur-

ther motion by the same senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of the town of Fairfield (H. P. 1045), tabled by that senator on February 17th pending consideration; and on further motion by the same senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

At this point a message was received from the House, by Mr. Chapman, its Clerk, concurring in the proposition for a Joint Convention.

The Senate then proceeded to the House of Representatives where a Convention was formed.

(For proceedings in Joint Convention see House Report)

IN THE SENATE

Upon the return of the Senators to their Chamber, the Senate was called to order by the President.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table. An act relating to the taxation of unauthorized insurance companies (S. P. 476), tabled by that senator on February 18th pending reference; and that senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Slocum.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the bill was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relating to dealers' registration plates (L. D. 456), tabled by that senator on February 13th 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. Bissett of Cumberland,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.