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**SENATE**

Friday, February 20, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. C. N. Garland of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mrs. Carter and Androscoggin, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following order and moved its passage:

"Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 24, at four o'clock in the afternoon."

Thereupon Mr. Weeks of Somerset presented the following amendment and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment A to Senate Order relative to adjournment. Amend said order by striking out the word 'four' and inserting in place thereof the words 'four-thirty,' so that as amended the order shall read as follows:

'Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Tuesday, February 24, at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.'"

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

Sent down for concurrence.

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

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

An act to create an Unemployment Insurance Commission to create an Employers' Mutual Unemployment Insurance Company to provide for payments to men out of work and to establish a system of unemployment insurance. (H. P. 1099, L. D. 673)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

From the House:

An act regarding the practice of any healing art or science. (H. P. 1105, L. D. 683)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Health.

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

From the House:

An act increasing the salary of the Governor, and abolishing the Governor's personal contingent fund. (H. P. 110, L. D. 687)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

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

From the House:

An act to raise an excise tax on corporations organized for making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying electricity or electric current for power, lighting, heating, manufacturing or mechanical purposes. (H. P. 995, L. D. 677)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation.

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

From the House:

The Committee on Legal Affairs on bill An act relating to pensions of retired firemen in the city of Portland. (H. P. 611, L. D. 211) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, read and accepted.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance in concurrence.

**House Bills in First Reading**

An act to appropriate moneys for the payment of certain claims and departmental and institutional overdrafts for which no legislative appropriation has been made and to provide for carrying on the activities of departments and institutions for the remaining months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and for other purposes. (H. P. 1068, L. D. 592)

An act to increase the powers of the Portland High School Athletic

Field Commission. (H. P. 749, L. D. 268)

An act relating to commitments to the Reformatory for Women. (H. P. 752, L. D. 271)

An act relating to steam and gasoline engines. (H. P. 830, L. D. 313)

Resolve providing for a state pension for Maria E. Collins of Chelsea. (H. P. 125, L. D. 590)

Resolve for a state pension for Meda C. Peabody, of Dixmont. (H. P. 1070, L. D. 591)

From the House:

The Committee on Taxation on bill, An act relating to Taxation of shares of stock of Trust and Banking Companies (H. P. 711, L. D. 233) reported that the same ought to pass.

In the House, read and accepted, and the bill read once.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Southard of Kennebec, tabled pending acceptance in 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:

#### Agriculture

Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: An act relating to the weight of bread. (S. P. 502)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Claims

Mr. Campbell of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Mil-bridge. (S. P. 503)

The same Senator: Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield. (S. P. 504)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Insane Hospitals

Mr. Spear of Cumberland: An act relating to duties of superintendents of insane hospitals. (S. P. 505)

Five hundred copies ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Salaries and Fees

Mr. Weeks of Somerset: An act relative to the municipal court at Pittsfield. (S. P. 506)

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Bills in First Reading

An act to amend chapter forty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven entitled an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Company, as amended by chapter one hundred fifty-four of the private and special laws of 1917. (S. P. 1, L. D. 712)

An act to change the name of Soward Island to Treasure Island. (S. P. 142, L. D. 713)

(On motion by Mr. Towle of Kennebec, tabled pending consideration.)

Resolve providing for a State pension for Harold E. Trueworthy of Athens. (S. P. 453, L. D. 714)

An act relative to court jurisdiction of violations; transmission of fines. (S. P. 495, L. D. 716)

An act extending charter of Madawaska Water Company. (S. P. 496, L. D. 717)

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Holman from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill An act to incorporate Salem Stream Log Driving Company (S. P. 206); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Spear from the Committee on Towns on bill An act to set off that part of Dunn's Point located in the town of Belgrade (S. P. 242, L. D. 245); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill An act to incorporate Sandy River Log Driving Company (S. P. 207); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Signed

Crosby  
Holman  
Blanchard  
Shaw  
Sargent  
Blaisdell  
Martin  
Goucy

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The minority of the same committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought to pass.

Signed

Jack  
Southard

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(On motion by Mr. Southard of Kennebec, tabled pending acceptance.)

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Judiciary on bill An act to amend an act incorporating Alna

Lodge (S. P. 282, L. D. 247), reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 507) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill An act with reference to the issuance of stock by public utilities corporations for organization purposes (S. P. 269, L. D. 241), reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Kitchen from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill An act relating to the construction of a road in the town of Guilford, (S. P. 246), reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Small from the Committee on Pensions on Resolve providing for an increase in state pension for Lorenzo D. Wright of Fairfield, (S. P. 145), reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Weymouth from the same Committee on Resolve providing for a state pension for Susie W. Morse of Auburn, (S. P. 215) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 497) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Small from the same Committee on Resolve providing for a state pension for Heslyn York of Freedom (S. P. 144) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 498) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Resolve providing for a state pension for Florence H. Baker of Liberty (S. P. 147) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 499) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Resolve providing for a state pension for Lottie McFarland of Searsmont (S. P. 148) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 500) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Weymouth from the same Committee on Resolve providing for

a state pension for Nellie E. Turner of Auburn (S. P. 216) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 501) under the same title and that it 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 to provide for the general upkeep, 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)

An act to amend the charter of the President and Trustees of Colby College. (H. P. 1042, L. D. 558)

Resolve in favor of granting teacher's pension to Cora B. Crabtree of Vinahaven. (H. P. 1043, L. D. 559)

Resolve granting teacher's pension to Mrs. Susan Pope of Westbrook. (H. P. 1044, L. D. 560)

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)

An act relating to capital stock of trust companies. (S. P. 266, L. D. 239)

An act to provide for continuous revision of the statutes, and legislative assistance. (S. P. 278, L. D. 249)

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

An act to incorporate Turner Boom Company. (S. P. 317, L. D. 293)

An act relating to regulation of loans by trust companies. (S. P. 353, L. D. 376)

**Orders of the Day**

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I have a resolve which I will ask to be read, after which I would like to make a motion.

The Secretary read, "Resolve relating to rights of the State in the nomination and election of United States Senators."

Mr. ALDRICH: Mr. President, feeling as I do that this is a matter of very considerable and growing importance to the people of the State of Maine as well as to the people of the respective states, I should be exceedingly loath to request that this matter be passed upon without mature and deliberate consideration and I would therefore, in order that any action which might be taken by this Legislature should be of a deliberate character, move, Mr. President, that this resolve be committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

Thereupon, the resolve was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act regulating the buying, selling and transporting of clams (H. P. 1023, L. D. 551), tabled by that senator on February 17th pending reference in concurrence.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I tabled this matter at the request of a member of the House and I move that it be referred in concurrence.

Thereupon, the bill was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I wish to move that five hundred copies of the resolve which I just offered be printed.

Thereupon, five hundred copies of, "Resolve relating to rights of

the State in the nomination and election of United States Senators" were ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, 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), tabled by that senator on February 17th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act to close certain clam flats to digging (H. P. 1025, L. D. 553), tabled by that senator on February 17th pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act regarding the practice of any healing art or science (H. P. 11-5 L. D. 683), tabled by that senator earlier in today's session pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. McLean of Hancock,

Adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon, at four-thirty o'clock.