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SENATE

Augusta, Maine, Feb. 24, 1931.
Senate called to order by the President.
Prayer by the Rev. H. W. Nutter of Hallowell.
Journal of Friday, February 20, read and approved.

From the House:
Resolve in favor of Charles Murray of Bangor, Maine. (H. P. 1167)
In the House, referred to the Committee on Claims.
In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:
An act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District. (H. P. 1149).
In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.
In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

An Act relating to Qualifications of Trust Company directors. (H. P. 692, L. D. 224).
An Act relating to increase of capital stock of Trust Companies. (H. P. 722, L. D. 253).
An Act relating to organization of Trust companies. (H. P. 691, L. D. 223).
An Act to repeal the special law relating to political caucuses in the city of Bangor. (H. P. 746, L. D. 267).
An Act to authorize the merging of Pine Grove Cemetery of Portland, Maine with Evergreen Cemetery of Portland, Maine. (H. P. 610, L. D. 210).

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

Agriculture

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: An Act relating to sealers of Weights and Measures. (S. P. 510)
(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending reference.)

Judiciary

Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin: An Act relating to powers of the town of Fort Fairfield. (S. P. 511)
Sent down for concurrence.
Mr. Littlefield of York: On Act to change section numbering of chapter fifty-four of the Revised Statutes. (S. P. 512).
Five hundred copies ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Library

Mr. Crockett of York: Resolve for the purchase of one hundred copies of "Pioneers on Maine Rivers." (S. P. 513)
Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Leland of Piscataquis: An Act relating to clerk hire in county offices. (S. P. 514)

Temperance

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland: Remonstrance of M. L. Royal and 15 others against passage of H. P. 869, L. D. 343, "An Act for the promotion of Temperance." (S. P. 515)
Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Towle of Kennebec: An Act to exempt U. S. government mail carriers from the gasoline tax. (S. P. 516)
(On motion by Mr. Towle, of Kennebec, tabled pending reference.)

Orders

On motion by Mr. Leland of Piscataquis, it was
ORDERED, the House concurring, that a Committee be appointed consisting of one member from the Senate with as many as the House may join to examine into the natural beauty and historical spots of the State with a view of purchasing same and creating a system of State parks. Said Committee to have authority to add to its membership other interested citizens of the State. Said Committee to report their findings to the next legislature.
Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, it was
ORDERED, that the Maine Development Commission be granted the use of the Senate Chamber, Friday afternoon, March 6 at one

thirty P. M. to Saturday noon, March 7, for the purpose of holding the Second College Economic Conference.

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of Bills

Resolve providing for an increase in State pension for Lorenzo D. Wright of Fairfield. (S. P. 145, L. D. 725).

An Act relating to the construction of a road in the town of Guilford. (S. P. 246, L. D. 726).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Susie W. Morse of Auburn. (S. P. 497, L. D. 727).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Heslyn York, of Freedom. (S. P. 498, L. D. 728).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Florence H. Baker, of Liberty. (S. P. 499, L. D. 729).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Lottie McFarland of Searsmont. (S. P. 500, L. D. 730).

Resolve providing for a State pension for Nellie E. Tuner of Auburn. (S. P. 501, L. D. 731).

An Act to amend an Act incorporating Alna Lodge. (S. P. 507, L. D. 734).

Committee Reports

Mr. Kitchen from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of the town of New Sharon" (S. P. 61); reported that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

Mr. Small from the Committee on Education on bill "An Act relating to State Aid to Academies." (S. P. 63); reported that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Wheeler from the Committee on Salaries and Fees on Resolve in favor of the recorder of the Municipal Court for the town of Bar Harbor (S. P. 285); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Bishop from the same Committee on bill "An Act increasing the salary of the register of Probate of Lincoln County (S. P. 333); reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill "An Act relating to the salary of the sheriff of Lincoln County, (S. P. 334); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mrs. Carter from the Committee on Taxation on bill "An Act relating to the assessment and collection of inheritance taxes. (S. P. 21); reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Kitchen from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on "Resolve in favor of the town of Burnham" (S. P. 289); reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Crosby from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act to authorize York Harbor Village to appropriate money to improve a certain part of York river; also to appoint an inspector of buildings." (S. P. 204); reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 509) 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.

Passed To Be Engrossed

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

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 to appropriate moneys for the payment of certain claims and Departmental and institutional overdrafts for which no legislative appropriation has been made and 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.)

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

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 with reference to the issuance of stock by public utilities corporations for organization purposes. (S. P. 269, L. D. 241.)

Resolve providing for a State pension for Harold L. 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.)

(On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

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

Orders of The Day

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of Augustus Gagnon, disabled veteran. (S. P. 328), tabled by that Senator on February 4th pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District (H. P. 1149), 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 Legal Affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relating to the Insurance law (S. P. 477), tabled by that Senator on February 18th pending reference.

Thereupon, the same Senator asked unanimous consent to withdraw the bill as it was covered by other legislation, which was granted.

On motion by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, House Report, "Ought Not to Pass" from the

Committee on Legal Affairs, on H. P. 611, L. D. 211, An act relating to pensions of retired firemen in the city of Portland, tabled by that Senator on February 20th pending acceptance of report in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the report of the committee "Ought Not to Pass" was accepted in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act to create an unemployment Insurance Commission (L. D. 678), tabled by that Senator on February 20th 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. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve in favor of Charles Murray of Bangor, Maine, (H. P. 1167), tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, the Senate voted that two hundred additional copies be ordered printed of, An act to Register and License Persons Engaged in the Practice of Barbering and to Create a Board of Barber Examiners (L. D. 52.)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will announce at this time that a bill recently passed relative to rules and procedure provides for the appointment of two members from the Senate, and the Chair will appoint as members of that committee on the part of the Senate the Senator from Somerset, Senator Weeks, and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Crosby.

On motion by Mr. Small of Waldo,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.