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**SENATE**

Monday, March 23, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. E. Pressey of Augusta.

Journal of Friday, March 20, read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act relating to regulation of loans and trust companies" (S. P. 353, L. D. 376)

(In the Senate, passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" on March 3rd)

In the House, House Amendment "A" read and adopted, House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" read and adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" and House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, the rules were suspended and that body voted to reconsider its former action where-by the bill as amended by Senate Amendment "A" was passed to be engrossed; House Amendment "A" was read and adopted; House Amendment "A" to Senate Amendment "A" was read and adopted and the bill as so amended was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill "An Act to provide for continuous revision of the Statutes and legislative assistance." (S. P. 278, L. D. 249)

(In the Senate, passed to be engrossed on Feb. 26th)

In the House, House Amendment "A" read and adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended, in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, the rules were suspended and that body voted to reconsider its former action where-by the bill was passed to be engrossed; House Amendment "A" was read, and on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland the bill was tabled pending acceptance of House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Claims on

"Resolve in favor of Edwin T. Clif-ford" (H. P. 726) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, report read and accepted.

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

From the House:

The Committee on Public Utili-ties on bill "An Act relating to con-tracts by corporate Public Utilities with holding corporations and with Associated Subsidiary Corporations" (H. P. 1062, L. D. 618) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, report read and accepted.

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

From the House:

The Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An Act relating to the town of Standish" (H. P. 681) reported that the same ought not to pass.

In the House, report read and accepted.

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

**House Bills in First Reading**

(Under suspension of the rules, the following bills and resolves were given their second reading and passed to be engrossed.)

An act to provide for the audit of the books and accounts of insti-tutions receiving assistance from the state. (H. P. 1332, L. D. 876)

Resolve in favor of Josian W. Reed and Carleton Day Reed of Woolwich, co-partners in trade and doing business under the firm name of Reed and Reed. (H. P. 1292, L. D. 852)

Resolve in favor of L. C. Hatha-way. (H. P. 1333, L. D. 881)

Resolve authorizing the Forest Commissioner to convey a certain lot of land to H. M. Lincoln. (H. P. 1334, L. D. 882)

Resolve in favor of William H. Soucia. (H. P. 1335, L. D. 883)

An act relating to the University of Maine. (H. P. 941, L. D. 875)

Resolve appropriating money to restore the early records in the of-fice of the Register of Deeds for York County. (H. P. 461, L. D. 878)

Resolve in favor of the Block House at Fort Kent. (H. P. 160, L. D. 877)

An act relating to identification of criminals. (H. P. 209, L. D. 119)

An act repealing the prohibition on exhibition of prize fight pictures. (H. P. 619, L. D. 874)

An act relating to Life Insurance policies. (H. P. 123, L. D. 50)

#### Bills in First Reading

Resolve in favor of the town of New Sharon. (S. P. 61, L. D. 908).

An Act to provide for the appointment of a Recorder for the Municipal Court of Dexter. (S. P. 222, L. D. 923)

Resolve in favor of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and of the Commissioners from Maine for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States. (S. P. 294, L. D. 924)

An Act relating to clerk hire in county offices. (S. P. 514, L. D. 907)

An Act to enable the county of Franklin to raise money by taxation for the promoting of the health of the citizens of said county. (S. P. 564, L. D. 914)

Resolve in favor of Herbert A. Webster. (S. P. 565, L. D. 921)

Resolve appropriating money to pay the claim of Parker W. Lovett estate against the State of Maine. (S. P. 566, L. D. 920)

Resolve appropriating money to pay the claim of Leon A. Higgins against the State of Maine. (S. P. 567, L. D. 919)

Resolve appropriating money to pay the claim of Arthur Joseph Carter and Dora W. Carter against the State of Maine. (S. P. 568, L. D. 918)

Resolve appropriating money to pay the claim of Hannah F. Carter against the State of Maine. (S. P. 569, L. D. 917)

An Act relating to returns made by lobster fishermen. (S. P. 571, L. D. 910)

An Act with reference to changes in the capital of corporations. (S. P. 572, L. D. 916)

An Act with reference to changes in the authorized capital of corporations. (S. P. 573, L. D. 915)

An Act relating to the taxation of unauthorized insurance companies. (S. P. 574, L. D. 922)

An Act increasing the salary of

the Judge of the Rockland Municipal Court. (S. P. 575, L. D. 913)

An Act to increase the salary of the sheriff of Somerset County. (S. P. 576, L. D. 912)

An Act to increase the salary of the County Attorney of Franklin County. (S. P. 577, L. D. 911)

An Act relative to the construction of pole and wire lines upon and along state and state aid highways. (S. P. 578, L. D. 909)

#### Committee Reports

Mr. Weatherbee from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of James H. Kerr, of Rumford," (S. P. 295, L. D. 282) reported that the same be referred to the next legislature.

Mr. Kitchen from the same committee on "Resolve in favor of Brown Bros. Hardware Company of Gorham" (S. P. 176) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Weatherbee from the same committee reported same on "Resolve in favor of the town of Burnham" (S. P. 289)

Mr. Littlefield from the same committee reported same on "Resolve in favor of the town of Steuben" (S. P. 405)

Mr. Kitchen from the same committee reported same on "Resolve in favor of the town of Milbridge" (S. P. 503)

Mr. Weatherbee from the same committee reported same on "Resolve in favor of the town of Cherryfield." (S. P. 504)

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on bill "An Act to define motor club and association service, and to define license and regulate companies engaged in selling, furnishing, procuring the same, for a consideration, to owners and operators of motor vehicles, and providing penalties for violation thereof" (S. P. 388, L. D. 492)

The same Senator from the same committee reported same on bill "An Act relative to wills omitting provisions for children." (S. P. 470, L. D. 634)

Mr. Murchie from the same committee reported same on bill "An Act concerning arbitration, and to make uniform the law with reference thereto." (S. P. 472, L. D. 636)

The same Senator from the same committee reported same on bill "An Act with reference to disclosure petitions." (S. P. 438, L. D. 577)

The same Senator from the same Committee reported same on bill "An Act relating to the requirements of bonds of collection agencies." (S. P. 939, L. D. 467)

Mr. Weeks from the same Committee reported same on bill "An Act to encourage and provide for a system of uniform accounting in cities, towns and village corporations." (S. P. 392, L. D. 466)

The same Senator from the same committee reported same on bill "An Act relating to divorce proceedings." (S. P. 414, L. D. 522)

Mr. Story from the Committee on Public Health reported same on bill "An Act relating to a filtering plant or system for the Portland Water District." (S. P. 17)

Mr. Littlefield from the Committee on State Prison reported same on bill "An Act to regulate prison labor and to determine the use to which prison or convict made goods may be put in this State." (S. P. 351, L. D. 353)

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to reconsider its action just taken whereby the report of the Committee on Judiciary ought not to pass on bill An Act to encourage and provide for a system of uniform accounting in cities, towns and village corporations (S. P. 392, L. D. 466) was accepted; and on further motion by the same senator the report was tabled pending acceptance.

Mr. Weatherbee from the Committee on Claims, presented report of that Committee on the following resolves:

Resolve to reimburse the town of Farmington for supplies furnished a State Pauper. (S. P. 76)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Randolph for support of James Bartlett, a person having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 81)

Resolve to reimburse the plantation of Caratunk for support of State Paupers. (H. P. 517)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Littleton for support of Gladys Wilson, a State Pauper. (H. P. 524)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Littleton for support of State Paupers living in Hammond Plantation. (H. P. 525)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Littleton for support of Almond

Boudeau, a State Pauper. (H. P. 526)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Danforth for support of the children of Albert A. Arbour, State Paupers. (H. P. 501)

Resolve in favor of the town of Danforth for reimbursement. (S. P. 8)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Caribou for support of William Langley, a State Pauper. (H. P. 473)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rumford. (S. P. 474)

Resolve to reimburse the city of Westbrook for supplies furnished Paupers, who have no settlement. (H. P. 515)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Lee for support of the family of Oliver T. Lyons, State Paupers. (H. P. 476)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Springfield for support of State Paupers living in Webster Plantation. (H. P. 477)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Prentiss for support of the children of Albert A. Arbour, State Paupers. (H. P. 478)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Rangeley for support of Kenneth G. Wight, a person having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 486)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Rangeley for support of State Paupers. (H. P. 487)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Eustis for support of Harold J. Bartlett and family, a person having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 488)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Mount Desert for support of Alice Francis and family, Passamaquoddy Indians. (H. P. 492)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman for support of Mrs. Peter Belyea, a State Pauper. (H. P. 494)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Oakland for support of George L. White, a person having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 509)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Oakland for support of Edward Dubey, a person having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 507)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Oakland for support of Harvey B. Brickett and family, persons having no known settlement in the State. (H. P. 508)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Oakland for support of State Paupers. (H. P. 510)

Resolve to reimburse the town of

Bridgton for support of Ralph T. Seiders and family, persons having no known settlement in the State. (S. P. 298)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Sangerville for support of Elizabeth Killam and daughter, State Paupers. (S. P. 301)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Etna for support of Arthur M. Clewley and family, paupers whose settlement cannot be determined. (H. P. 165)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Caribou for support of Ranse McFarlin, a State Pauper. (H. P. 166)

Resolve to reimburse the city of Old Town for support of State Paupers. (H. P. 167)

Resolve to reimburse the Plantation of Stacyville for support of Edna May Grant and children, State Paupers. (H. P. 169)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Monticello for support of State Paupers. (H. P. 174)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Vinalhaven for support of Charles Abbott, a State Pauper. (H. P. 729)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Dexter for support of Ernest L. Brailey, a State Pauper. (H. P. 790)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Yarmouth for burial expenses of Zatique Malurin, a State Pauper. (H. P. 791)

Resolve in favor of the town of Baldwin. (H. P. 792)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Merrill for support of State Paupers. (H. P. 795)

Resolve in favor of M. J. Pelletier of Fort Kent for burial expenses of Frank Powers, a person having no known settlement in the State (H. P. 164)

Resolve in favor of G. W. Q. Perham of Woodstock for supplies furnished Indians while in quarantine. (H. P. 170)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Blaine for assistance to Mitchell Soctomah and family, Indians. (H. P. 173)

Resolve in favor of A. J. Gingras, M. D., of Augusta, for treatment of Indians. (H. P. 491)

Resolve in favor of the town of Canton. (H. P. 1046)

Resolve in favor of Brunswick Hospital for treatment and medical attendance for William P. Gourley, a State Pauper. (H. P. 465)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Brunswick for assistance to LeRoy H. Griffin and family, State Paupers. (H. P. 1154)

Reported the same in a new draft under the title of "Resolve appropriating money to pay pauper claims heretofore approved by the Committee on Claims" (S. P. 586) and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act to require full returns of expenditures in primary elections and to provide for publicity in connection therewith" (S. P. 71, L. D. 48) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 579) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill "An Act relating to the Excise tax on motor vehicles" (S. P. 359, L. D. 381) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 580) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Aldrich from the same Committee on bill "An Act relating to the protection of children" (S. P. 395), L. D. 469) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 581) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie from the same Committee on bill "An Act to regulate expenditures in connection with matters of legislation submitted to the people under the provisions of article thirty one of the constitution providing for the initiative and referendum" (S. P. 417, L. D. 524) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 582) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

On motion by Mrs. Carter of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to reconsider its action just taken whereby the report of the Committee on Judiciary "ought to pass" on bill An Act relating to the Excise tax on motor vehicles (S. P. 359, L. D. 381) in a new draft (S. P. 580) was accepted; and on further motion by the same senator the report was tabled pending acceptance.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill "An Act relating to pre-bid qualifications for state contracts." (S. P. 447, L. D. 605); reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 583) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Southard from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill "An Act providing for the enlistment of members of the State Highway Police" (S. P. 193, L. D. 243) re-

ported the same in a new draft (S. P. 584) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Jackson from the Committee on Pownal State School on "Resolve in favor of Pownal State School for additions and improvements" (S. P. 239); reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 585) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act relating to taking of land by State Highway Commission" (S. P. 355, L. D. 378); reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie from the same Committee reported same on bill "An Act to regulate the preparation and distribution of petitions for the people's veto and direct initiative as authorized by article thirty one of the constitution." (S. P. 415, L. D. 523).

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

#### Passed to be Engrossed

Resolve for the laying of the County taxes for the year nineteen hundred thirty-one (H. P. 1356).

Resolve for the laying of the County taxes for the year nineteen hundred and thirty two (H. P. 1357).

An Act prohibiting the interruption of traffic for certain purposes (S. P. 199, L. D. 244).

Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium (S. P. 232, L. D. 901).

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading).

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium for maintenance (S. P. 233, L. D. 899).

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading).

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium (S. P. 234, L. D. 898).

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium for the construction and equipment of a school house (S. P. 236, L. D. 897).

Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium to provide adequate water supply (S. P. 237, L. D. 903).

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Sanatorium for the enlargement of the Nurses' Home (S. P. 241, L. D. 904).

Resolve in favor of Western Maine Sanatorium for employees' building (S. P. 272, L. D. 902).

An Act to incorporate the Bath Water District (S. P. 324, L. D. 300).

An Act relating to masters, pilots, engineers and operators of steamboats and motorboats (S. P. 377, L. D. 481).

An Act relating to buoys and beacons in navigable waters (S. P. 378, L. D. 482).

An act relating to corporations. (S. P. 379, L. D. 483)

An act relating to corporations. (S. P. 381, L. D. 485)

An act relating to registration and use of steam boilers and unfired steam pressure vessels. (S. P. 389, L. D. 420)

An act with reference to changes in the capital, capital stock and purposes of public utilities corporations. (S. P. 399, L. D. 473)

An act permitting any public official responsible for awarding a contract in competition to request from any proposed bidder a questionnaire. (S. P. 448, L. D. 606)

An act relating to qualification and licensing of agents of Insurance Companies. (S. P. 478, L. D. 639)

An act relating to the fees of State Humane Agents. (S. P. 483, L. D. 644)

An act relating to the weight of bread. (S. P. 502, L. D. 732)

(On motion by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading)

An act to establish rules and regulations governing compressed air work. (S. P. 562, L. D. 905)

An act to provide uniform jurisdiction for Municipal Courts. (S. P. 563, L. D. 900)

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Jackson of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, New Draft, An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, (L. D. 855), tabled by that Senator on March 19th pending second reading; and on

further motion by the same Senator, the bill received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act relating to the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, (L. D. 849), tabled by that Senator on March 19th pending second reading; and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act relating to supervision of Indian Old Town Schools, (L. D. 850), tabled by that Senator on March 20th pending second reading.

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

Senate Amendment "A" to House Paper 1293, Bill "An Act relating to Supervision of Indian Old Town Schools."

Amend said bill by inserting in the seventeenth line of said bill after the word "agent" the words "and to the commissioner of education", and by adding at the end of said bill the following words: "except that the superintendent of the Old Town Schools and the agent of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, shall jointly have full authority to enforce the full provisions of said attendance laws, and for purposes of such enforcement the attendance officer for the city of Old Town shall act as attendance officer for Indian Island. All laws relating to the public schools shall be applicable to the schools on Indian Island, and the superintendent of the Old Town schools and the agent of the Penobscot tribe of Indians shall be jointly responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of said laws."

Thereupon, Senate Amendment "A" was adopted and on further motion by the same senator the bill as so amended was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act to legalize terms held by the Sea and Shore

Fisheries Commission since the expiration of the terms, etc. (S. P. 427, L. D. 533) tabled by that senator on March 20th pending passage to be engrossed; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. St. Clair of Knox, the Senate voted to take from the table, Resolve for the purchase of one hundred copies of the "History of the Town of Cushing" (S. P. 325, L. D. 829), tabled by that senator on March 20th pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the resolve was retabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A".

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, the Senate voted to take from the table, An Act relating to hunting from railways (H. P. 1057, L. D. 613), tabled by that senator on March 20th pending second reading; and on further motion by the same senator the bill received its second reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, perhaps not strictly under Orders of the Day but under a motion of personal privilege I would like to read a letter into the record.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Washington, Senator Murchie, may proceed.

Mr. MURCHIE: Mr. President, on Friday, when we were discussing the bill with reference to fines and the State Police, I made a statement here in the Senate which the Attorney General thought was a reflection on him. I did not mean it as such but I did mean it as a protest against the practice which unfortunately he had been forced to engage in as the result of the request of a department. I want now to read a letter that he wrote me from his office under date of March 21:

"I appreciate your willingness to mention again in the Senate Monday my connection with the pending legislation on highway police fines and forfeitures.

"At the time when the Highway Commission asked me to appear for them and oppose the legislation it



was already under consideration by the Senate on its second redraft after a favorable report from the Committee.

"I brought it to Senator Spear's attention and gave him the memorandum which has gone into the Senate record.

"Subsequently, after a conference between Senator Spear and Senator Littlefield in my office, I redrafted at Senator Littlefield's request the pending second redraft, and this 'Amendment A' is the form in which the act was eventually adopted. That is all I did about it. Very truly yours."

Mr. MURCHIE: I wish to say now, Mr. President, that I do not consider the Attorney General's action in any way improper. He has been before the Committee on Judiciary in a great many instances expressing his views on a great many bills, and properly so. If

other departments would follow his example, read the bills as they are introduced and printed and appear before the committees at the time of hearings, such unfortunate episodes as that occurring last Friday would not happen.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, may I reply?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Cumberland, Senator Spear, may reply if he wishes.

Mr. SPEAR: Mr. President, I think anyone is more fortunate who wins once in a while than anyone who is right all the time.

The PRESIDENT: Is there any further business to come before the Senate?

On motion by Mr. Story of Aroostook,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.