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SENATE

Tuesday, March 24, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. H. W. Nutter, of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

At this point Mr. Murchie of Washington assumed the Chair, the President retiring, amid the applause of the Senate.

From the House.

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Minnie Shea of Kittery. (S. P. 551, L. D. 854)

(In the Senate passed to be engrossed, March 18th).

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

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

From the House:

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of Harry W. Hill of Limerick." (H. P. 48, L. D. 867) reported that the same ought to pass.

In the House, the report was read and accepted, House Amendment "A" was read and adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A".

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence, House Amendment "A" was read, and on motion by Mr. Leland of Piscataquis the resolve was tabled pending adoption of House Amendment "A" in concurrence.

From the House:

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill "An Act relative to bounty on bobcat, loup-cervier and Canadian lynx." (H. P. 58) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 1359, L. D. 890) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

In the House, the report was read

and accepted, House amendment "A" was read and adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A."

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence, House amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill given its first reading as amended by House amendment "A." Under suspension of the rules the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" 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)

Resolve in favor of James M. Brown of Clinton (H. P. 1355, L. D. 893)

Resolve in favor of Hillard McGray (H. P. 1360, L. D. 895)

Resolve in favor of Henry P. Johnson (H. P. 1361, L. D. 896)

Resolve in favor of building and equipping a feeding station, or rearing pools for fish at or near Rumford, in the County of Oxford. (H. P. 1358, L. D. 894)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Kingman for assistance to Annie B. Baker, the wife of a disabled veteran of the World War. (H. P. 787, L. D. 892)

Resolve to reimburse the town of Chelsea for assistance to Walter M. Cogswell, a disabled veteran of the World War. (H. P. 480, L. D. 891)

An Act relative to issuing licenses after violation of the Fish and Game laws. (H. P. 97, L. D. 68)

An Act to extend the free employment service. (H. P. 839, L. D. 321)

An Act regulating employment of females. (H. P. 933, L. D. 410)

An Act relating to commitment to state hospitals by municipal officers. (H. P. 977, L. D. 498)

An Act relating to fly fishing for salmon and shad in Kennebec river. (H. P. 668, L. D. 889)

Communication from the State Highway Commission.

Augusta, March 23, 1931.

To the Legislature of Maine:

Pursuant to joint order of the House and Senate, under date of March 5, we herewith present to your honorable body a brief de-

scription of the four-year State highway program and twenty-five maps on which have been shown the locations of the sections of State highway covered by the four-year program.

Respectfully submitted,
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.
(Signed) Lucius D. Barrows,
Chief Engineer.

(Which was read and on motion by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc, five hundred copies were ordered printed and the communication ordered placed on file.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

An Act relating to the protection of children. (S. P. 581, L. D. 950)

An Act to regulate expenditures in connection with matters of legislation submitted to the people under the provision of article thirty-one of the Constitution providing for the initiative and referendum. (S. P. 582, L. D. 949)

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

An Act relating to pre-bid qualifications for State contract. (S. P. 583, L. D. 948)

Resolve in favor of Pownal State School for additions and improvements. (S. P. 585, L. D. 953)

Committee Reports

The Committee on Administrative Code on bill "An Act to reorganize the administration of the state in order to secure better service, and through coordination and consolidation to promote economy and efficiency in the work of the state government; creating and establishing certain departments and offices, and prescribing their powers and duties; abolishing certain offices, boards, commissions and other agencies, and repealing conflicting acts and parts of acts." (S. P. 60, L. D. 20) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 588) under the title of "An Act relating to the administration of the State," and that it ought to pass.

(Which report was read and on motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot was tabled pending acceptance and one thousand copies ordered printed.)

The majority from the Committee on Judiciary on bill "An Act to amend the primary election law providing for the nomination of candidates for county office by convention" (S. P. 72, L. D. 49); re-

ported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) Murchie
Varney
Burkett
Tompkins
Snow
McCart

The minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter reported that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed) Weeks
Aldrich
Authier
Farris

(On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, tabled pending acceptance of either report.)

Mr. Leland from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An Act to provide for the further issuance of State Highway and Bridge bonds." (S. P. 456, L. D. 598); reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 587) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

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 taking of land by State Highway Commission. (S. P. 355, L. D. 378)

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)

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. Levett 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. 913)

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 poles and wire lines upon and along state and state aid highways. (S. P. 578, L. D. 909)

(On motion by Mr. Littlefield of York, tabled pending second reading)

At this point the President resumed the Chair, Mr. Murchie of Washington retiring, amid the applause of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, "ought not to pass" on An act relating to the town of Standish, (H. P. 681), tabled by that Senator on March 23rd pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, this matter has been taken care of in other legislation and I move we accept the report of the committee.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, 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. 887), tabled by that Senator on March 20th pending passage to be engrossed.

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

"Senate Amendment A to L. D. 837. Amend Section 39 by inserting after the words 'or who catches any fish,' the following words 'contrary to this act,' so that Section 39 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 39. During the time which shall by such proclamation be made a close season, all provisions of law covering and relating to the close season shall be in force, and a person violating a provision of the same shall be subject to the penalty therein prescribed. Whoever, during the close season fixed by proclamation of the governor, as provided in the preceding section, enters upon the wild lands carrying or having in his possession any firearms; or who catches any fish contrary to this act or shoots any wild animal or bird for which there is no close season otherwise provided by law; or who smokes or builds fires out of doors in the woods, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and costs for each offense.'

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill as so amended 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, Senate Report from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, "ought not to pass" on An act to remove the limit of highway bond issue, (L. D. 21), tabled by that Senator on March 20th pending acceptance of the report, and on further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Campbell of Washington,

Adjourned, until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.