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**SENATE**

Monday, March 30, 1931

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. A. W. Brown of Gardiner.

Journal of Friday, March 27th read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Southard of Kennebec, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Governor be requested to return to the Senate L. D. 233 "An act relating to Taxation of shares of stock of Trust and Banking Companies."

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Governor be requested to return to the Senate, House Paper 209, Legislative Document 119, An act relating to identification of criminals.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. St. Clair of Knox: "Resolve in favor of Edith Bissett, as clerk, messenger and stenographer to the Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories." (S. P. 617).

Sent down for concurrence.

**Bills in First Reading**

An act to correct typographical and clerical errors in the revision. (S. P. 611, L. D. 1026).

An act relating to standard time. (S. P. 612, L. D. 1027).

Mr. Littlefield of York, offered Senate Amendment "A" and moved its adoption:

"Senate Amendment 'A' to An act relating to standard time, Legislative Document 1027. Amend Legislative Document 1027 by inserting in line 5 of Section 8 after the

word 'municipality', the words 'or group of citizens'."

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. St. Clair of Knox, tabled pending adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

Resolve in favor of procuring testimonials for the purpose of marking the unmarked graves of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War. (S. P. 613, L. D. 1024).

An act relating to the support of dependents of soldiers, sailors and marines of the World War. (S. P. 614, L. D. 1021).

An act relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles. (S. P. 615, L. D. 1025).

An act to establish a general highway fund, and relating to the construction and maintenance of state, state aid, and third class highways. (S. P. 616, L. D. 1022).

Resolve in favor of the Frontier Water Company. (S. P. 619, L. D. 1023).

**Committee Reports**

Mr. Leland from the Committee on Agriculture on bill "An act relative to the apportionment of State Aid to Agricultural Societies" (S. P. 105, L. D. 110); reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Boulter of York assumed the Chair, the President retiring, amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

Mr. Littlefield from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in favor of the Trustees of Hebron Academy" (S. P. 137) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 618) 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.

The Committee on Agriculture submitted its final report.

The Committee on Pensions submitted its final report.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Passed to be Engrossed**

An Act relating to trial lists in Aroostook County. (S. P. 363, L. D. 385)

An Act to provide a pension for members of the Police and Fire Departments of the city of Auburn. (S. P. 458, L. D. 601)

An Act relating to duties of Superintendents of Insane hospitals. (S. P. 597, L. D. 1009)

An Act relating to requirements of applicants for registration as dealers in securities. (S. P. 598, L. D. 1007)

An Act relating to the abolishment or alteration of grade crossings. (S. P. 599, L. D. 1010)

An Act to provide a dam across Dead River. (S. P. 600, L. D. 1008)

An Act to provide for the reconstruction or enlargement of the International Bridge at Calais, in the county of Washington, known as the Ferry Point Bridge. S. P. 601, L. D. 1011)

An Act relating to the acquisition of the Eliot Bridge, so called. (S. P. 602, L. D. 1012)

An Act authorizing cities, towns and counties to acquire and operate airports and landing fields. (S. P. 603, L. D. 1013)

An Act relating to subordinate officers of the Senate. (S. P. 605, L. D. 1015)

An Act relative to the Municipal Court at Pittsfield. (S. P. 606, L. D. 1014)

An Act relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles. (S. P. 580, L. D. 947)

The President resumed the Chair, Mr. Boulter of York retiring, amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

**Passed to be Enacted**

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

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)

**Finally Passed**

Resolve in favor of the London Guarantee and Accident Co., Ltd., on account of overpayment of taxes for the years of nineteen hun-

dred twenty-one, nineteen hundred twenty-two, nineteen hundred twenty-three, nineteen hundred twenty-four, nineteen hundred twenty-five. (H. P. 1366, L. D. 942)

Resolve accepting painting of Cyrus H. K. Curtis. (H. P. 1393)

Resolve for the purchase of the history of York, Maine. (S. P. 212, L. D. 808)

Resolve for the purchase of Maine Legislature, 1920-1931' S. P. 530, L. D. 811)

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game "Ought Not to Pass" on An Act to increase the bounty on bobcats, (H. P. 7), tabled by Mr. Boulter of York on March 27th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator, the report of the committee was accepted.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Pensions, "Ought Not to Pass" on An Act relating to blind persons entitled to aid, (L. D. 388), tabled by Mr. Bissett of Cumberland on March 27th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act to repeal the bounty on porcupines, (L. D. 516), tabled by Mr. Foster of Hancock on March 27th pending second reading; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, "Ought to Pass" on, An Act relating to road construction in the town of Islesboro, (H. P. 235), tabled by Mr. Small of Waldo on March 27th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that Senator the bill was retabled and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act relating to Hawkers and peddlers, (L. D. 986), tabled by Mr. Littlefield of York on March 27th pending second reading; and

on motion by that Senator, the bill was retabed and especially assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Legal Affairs, "Ought Not to Pass" on An Act relating to the State Police, (L. D. 607), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 27th pending acceptance of the report; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Kennebec, Senator Southard.

Mr. SOUTHARD of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the committee report, "ought not to pass".

The motion prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act relating to the disposal of fines and costs collected by the State Highway Police, (L. D. 825), tabled by Mr. Littlefield of York on March 27th pending second reading.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, I am almost ashamed to ask to have this bill put on the table again, but as a matter of fact, I have lost track of the other bill that has to do with this one and I was hoping to hear from it before, but I haven't today. If the other bill fails to go through the House I want to attach an amendment to this one and that is why I would like to have it stay on the table, and I so move.

The motion to retabed prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act relating to the weight of bread, (L. D. 732), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 27th pending second reading; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Jackson.

Mr. JACKSON of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. GREENLEAF of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I would like to say a little something on this bill but would like to do it when I am in a little better voice. Since the calendar of tomorrow is pretty well filled up, I would like to have it lay on the table, especially assigned for Wednesday. I so move.

Mr. JACKSON: Mr. President, I am not speaking, of course, on the merits of the motion, but I would

like to know if we may have any assurance that the gentleman's voice will be any better Wednesday.

Mr. GREENLEAF: Mr. President, I will say that I hope it will be all right by Wednesday anyway.

The motion to retabed and especially assign for Wednesday prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Order, relative to Committee on Administrative Code filing correspondence, tabled by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot on March 27th pending passage.

Mr. WEATHERBEE of Penobscot: Mr. President, a similar order having passed the House, I delivered the correspondence to Representative Briggs to deliver to the House. It is immaterial to me what disposition is made of this bill. I will yield to the Senator from Sagadahoc, Senator Aldrich.

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I hardly understand why the floor has been yielded to me. I didn't make the original motion, but I should be willing to join my brother from Penobscot (Senator Weatherbee) that this matter be indefinitely postponed if that is a proper motion to make concerning it, and I assume that is agreeable to the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Weatherbee.

The motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Taxation, "Ought Not to Pass" on S. P. 150, An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District, tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 27th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that senator the bill and report were retabed and especially assigned for Wednesday next.

The PRESIDENT: Merely as a suggestion the Chair would feel that if possible, on any of these matters that are retabed, that if they could be assigned for tomorrow it might aid in the plans for adjournment this week. This is, of course, merely a suggestion and the matters of assignment are entirely in the hands of the Senate.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An Act to pro-

vide for the further issuance of State Highway and Bridge Bonds (S. P. 587, L. D. 957), tabled by Mr. Aldrich of Sagadahoc on March 27th pending second reading.

Mr. ALDRICH of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I would like to ask that this matter be retabled and assigned for tomorrow morning by which time I will have determined whether or not I care to offer an amendment.

The motion to retable and assign prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Salaries and Fees, "Ought to pass in New Draft and under same title" on S. P. 104, An Act to change the salary of the clerk of Court in Penobscot County, tabled by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot on March 27th pending acceptance of the report.

Mr. WEATHERBEE of Penobscot: Mr. President, in accordance with the wishes of the delegation from Penobscot County I move the indefinite postponement of this bill. The motion prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, House Report from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance "Ought to Pass" on H. P. 631, L. D. 5:9, An Act relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers, tabled by Mr. Spear of Cumberland on March 27th pending consideration; and on motion by that senator the bill and report were retabled and assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An Act relating to chauffeurs (H. P. 1391, L. D. 966), tabled by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland on March 27th pending second reading.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, I tabled this matter for the purpose of offering an amendment to provide for men who were not in fact chauffeurs but who have to take out chauffeurs' licenses. It seems impossible to draft an amendment, however, that would be acceptable and I therefore move that the bill receive its second reading and be passed to be engrossed.

Thereupon, the bill received its

second reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, Senate Report from the Committee on Judiciary "Ought not to Pass" on S. P. 392, L. D. 466, An Act to encourage and provide for a system of uniform accounting in cities and towns, etc., tabled by Mr. Weeks of Somerset on March 27th pending acceptance of the report; and on motion by that senator the report "Ought not to Pass" was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, New Draft, An Act to create a Commission on Uniform Motor Vehicle Legislation (H. P. 1397, L. D. 970), tabled by Mr. Littlefield of York on March 27th pending passage to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of York: Mr. President, this has taken me by surprise. I don't remember a thing about it and I would like to have it tabled until tomorrow morning. The motion to retable prevailed.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act relating to the Dixfield-Peru Bridge (H. P. 236, L. D. 994), tabled by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford on March 27th pending first reading; and on motion by that senator the bill was retabled and assigned for tomorrow.

The President laid before the Senate, An Act relative to dogs in the woods and forests (H. P. 108, L. D. 77), tabled by Mr. Towle of Kennebec on March 27th pending passage to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

Thereupon, Mr. Towle of Kennebec offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:—

"Senate Amendment 'B' to Legislative Document 77, An act relative to dogs in the woods and forests. Senate Amendment 'B'. The provisions of said bill shall not apply to Kennebec County."

Senate Amendment "B" was adopted.

Thereupon, Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin, offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:—

"Senate Amendment 'P' to Legislative Document 77. The provisions of said bill shall not apply to Androscoggin County."

Senate Amendment "P" was adopted.

Mr. Littlefield of York, offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:—

"Senate Amendment 'O' to Legislative Document 77. The provisions of said bill shall not apply to York County."

Senate Amendment "O" was adopted.

Mr. Kitchen of Aroostook, offered the following amendment and moved its adoption:—

"Senate Amendment 'C' to Legislative Document 77. The provisions of said bill shall not apply to Aroostook County."

Ma. BOULTER of York: Mr. President, I move that the bill and the amendments be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. KITCHEN of Aroostook: Mr. President, I ask for a division.

Mr. SLOCUM of Cumberland: Mr. President, before the motion is put I have an amendment that I think should be included.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will have to rule that the Senator is out of order until the question now before the Senate is disposed of, the question being on the motion of the Senator from York, Senator Boulter, that the bill and the amendments, including Senate Amendments "B", "P", "O", and "C", be indefinitely postponed. A division has been requested.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington:

Mr. President, under the rules does not a motion to amend take precedence over a motion to indefinitely postpone?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator is correct but desiring to facilitate the business of the Senate the rule was not invoked.

A division of the Senate was had. Eighteen having voted in the affirmative and five in the negative the bill and amendments were indefinitely postponed.

Mr. BOULTER: Mr. President, I don't know whether it is in order to discuss a measure that has already been indefinitely postponed but I would like to say a word or two regarding this bill, if the Senate is willing.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator is not in order to speak regarding the bill but the Chair assumes that the Senate will be willing to allow the Senator to proceed as a matter of personal privilege.

Mr. BOULTER: Mr. President, this is a department bill but unfortunately we have so many Senators who like to hunt with dogs and think so much of their dogs that they have made this bill ridiculous by adding these amendments which, together with the bill, have just been indefinitely postponed. I feel that it is due to the department, at least, as well as to the Senate that this explanation should be made.

On motion by Mr. Crockett of York,

Adjourned, until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.