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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, December 6, 1933.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Charles Springer of Hartland (H. P. No. 76) (Presented by Mr. Lancaster of Canaan).

Judiciary

An act relating to the issuance of licenses for the operation of motor vehicles (H. P. No. 77) (Presented by Mr. Hobbs of Hope).
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Legal Affairs

An act to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of Gould Academy, a corporation chartered by the State, to hold property (H. P. No. 78) (Presented by Mr. Hastings of Bethel).

(500 copies ordered printed).

Pensions

Resolve providing an increase in State pension for William H. Clark Levant (H. P. No. 79) (Presented by Mr. Bussey of Dixmont).

Mr. MACK of Veazie: Mr. Speaker, are we going to have a House Calendar today? There are none on the desks.

The SPEAKER: There are no House Calendars today. The bills came in too late from the Senate to make up a calendar today.

Mr. MACK: Mr. Speaker, would it be in order to withhold these matters until they are properly on a House Calendar, and thus enable us to keep track of them?

The SPEAKER: It would be in order, but the object of having a session today was to get these bills referred to the proper committees so that hearings may be had at an early day next week. The bills come in here and after we have voted on their reference, they have to go over to the Senate for their action in the matter of reference. Then they have to be printed, and, if we can save any time by referring them today we are that much ahead.

Mr. MACK: I have no desire to delay proceedings at all, but I would

like to be able to recognize some of these matters as they come along.

The SPEAKER: The Chair appreciates the difficulty on the part of members and suggests that if any member has the slightest question about the contents of these bills that he should not hesitate to inquire about them. They can be read if desired.

Taxation

An act establishing a low rate tax on intangible personal property in accordance with Constitutional Amendment permitting the same (H. P. No. 81) (Presented by Mr. Walker of Rockland).

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Ways and Bridges

An act regulating the wages of employees on State highways (H. P. No. 80) (Presented by Mr. Stern of Biddeford).

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Mr. Fernald of Winterport presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED. The Senate concurring, that the committee on Ways and Bridges be and hereby requested to return to the Clerk of the House the following House papers numbered 35, 36, 37, 38 and 3:

Resolve in favor of the town of Searsport (H. P. No. 35).

Resolve in favor of the road leading from Carmel Corner to Young's Garage in Winterport (H. P. No. 36).

Resolve in favor of the town of Frankfort (H. P. No. 37).

Resolve in favor of the town of Prospect (H. P. No. 38).

Resolve in favor of the town of Winterport (H. P. No. 3).

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. Speaker, a word of explanation on the order that is before us. My intent with this series of resolves was to have appropriated a small sum of money covering five projects leading to the Waldo-Hancock bridge, where the State of Maine has an investment of two million dollars, the purpose being to increase the revenue of the State from that source. On conference with the members of the Ways and Bridges committee, I find there is a feeling that no road resolves should be considered at this session; and in consequence of their desire and the feeling of the members, as well as in order to expedite matters, I am placing this order before you today.

Thereupon the order received pas-

sage and was sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Farris of Augusta, the House voted to reconsider its action of yesterday whereby it referred S. P. 9, L. D. 14, an act to incorporate the Atlantic Seaboard Association to the Judiciary committee; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Recess

Papers from the Senate out of order disposed of in concurrence.

Mr. Lebel of Brunswick presented the following resolution, out of order:

Whereas the State is having difficulty in balancing its budget and is faced with the problem of finding additional sources of economy, as well as revising its present sources of revenue; and

Whereas practically all the State employees and officials have had their salaries and wages reduced in an effort to help the State meet the problems of the current economic depression; and

Whereas the salaries of the Justices of the Supreme and Superior Courts have not had any salary reductions; and

Whereas said Justices of the Supreme and Superior courts have not so far voluntarily returned any part of their salaries to the State Treasury; and

Whereas such resolutions of this nature have been passed in many other states where the Constitution prevents revision of such salaries during terms of office; and

Whereas such resolutions have brought about the desired effect through favorable public opinion; and

Whereas, in justice to all other State officials and employees whose salaries have been reduced, the Legislature deems it proper to take the following action:

Now therefore, the Eighty-sixth Legislature respectfully invites the Justices of the Supreme and the Superior courts, both active and retired, to make a voluntary contribution to the State of thirty-five per cent of their salaries until July 1, 1935.

The Secretary of State is hereby directed to send to each of the above mentioned Justices a certified copy of this resolution.

Mr. FARRIS of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution lie on the table.

Mr. FERNALD of Winterport: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: The motion is not debatable. The gentleman has moved that this resolution lie on the table.

Mr. FERNALD: Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER: For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. FERNALD: For information. I believe that a motion to indefinitely postpone has preference.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman is wrong. A motion to table has preference over any other motion except a motion to adjourn. All those in favor of the motion of the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Farris, that this resolution lie on the table will say aye; contrary minded no.

A viva voce vote being doubted,

A division of the House was had,

Eighty-six voting in the affirmative and one in the negative, the motion to table prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Eliot,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.