

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Thursday, March 4, 1937.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lowell of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair wishes to say that this morning Mr. Frederick P. Bonney of Mount Vernon, as a special delegate from the Town of Mount Vernon, came to the office of the Speaker and there presented to the Speaker a memorial which the Chair understands comes by the vote of the citizens in town meeting. If there is no objection, the Clerk will read the memorial.

**MEMORIAL**

To the Honorable House of Representatives.

**GREETINGS:**

The sovereign citizens of the Town of Mount Vernon, in Town Meeting assembled, memorialize you to relieve the property tax by amending the General Highway Act to the effect that all charges for snow removal and maintenance of State Highway, State Aid, Third Class and Special Resolve are abolished; further to amend the Act so that the Excise Tax on automobiles, trailers and trucks is segregated and available only for use on town ways.

Given the first day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand nineteen hundred and thirty seven.

Attest:

(Signed) **CARLETON E. TURNER**,  
Town Clerk.

Mr. **NEWTON** of Readfield: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to say that the old town of Mount Vernon is one of the towns of my district. It was incorporated in 1792. I move that the memorial be referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges.

The motion prevailed, and the memorial was referred to the committee on Ways and Bridges and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

**Senate Bill in First Reading**

S. P. 409, L. D. 786: An act to incorporate the Calais School District.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Legal Affairs reporting ought to pass on bill an act relating to issue of stocks, bonds and notes by public utilities, S. P. 117, L. D. 258,

Comes from the Senate, the report read and accepted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

In the House, the report was read and accepted in concurrence, the bill had its two several readings, Senate Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for third reading.

The following petitions and remonstrances were received, and upon recommendation of the committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

**Public Utilities**

Petition of John A. Walsh of Portland and 76 others in favor of L. D. 688, an act to promote the safety of railway travel (H. P. No. 1684) (Presented by Mr. Davis of Brownville)

**Taxation**

Remonstrances of Hiawatha Grange, Turner Grange and Thorne's Corner Grange against any increase in gasoline tax (H. P. No. 1685) (Presented by Mr. Mosher of Farmington)

Petition of Mary L. Folsom of Brewer and 17 others in favor of a State income tax (H. P. No. 1686) (Presented by Mr. Churchill of Brewer)

The following bill transmitted by Revisor of Statutes pursuant to Joint Order was received and referred to the following committee:

**Legal Affairs**

Bill an act to incorporate the town of Livermore School District (H. P. 1687) (Presented by Mr. Coolidge of Livermore)  
(500 copies ordered printed)

**Orders**

On motion by Mr. Chase of Baring, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be assigned to the committee on Legal Affairs for the afternoon of March 23rd.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Lee, it was

Ordered that the Controller be directed to furnish the House of Representatives information regarding old age assistance as follows: Number receiving aid in each town of the State listed by counties, together with the total for each county; also a list showing the several different amounts of monthly assistance paid and the total number of persons in the State receiving each of such amounts.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Philbrick from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relative to qualification of voters (H. P. No. 1414) (L. D. No. 609) reported leave to withdraw.

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on bill an act creating a Bureau of Criminal Identification, Investigation and Statistics within the Department of State Police (H. P. No. 1518) (L. D. No. 694)

Mr. Newton from the Committee on Education reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to expulsion from academies (H. P. No. 1506) (L. D. No. 651)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mrs. Currier from the Committee on Education reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of Ernest R. Woodbury of Saco (H. P. No. 1023)

Report read and accepted and the resolve ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

#### First Reading of Printed Bill and Resolves

(H. P. No. 1681) (L. D. No. 811) An act creating a Recorder and raising the jurisdiction of the Norway Municipal Court.

(H. P. No. 1317) (L. D. No. 810) Resolve granting authority to the Forestry Department to convey certain land.

(H. P. No. 1318) (L. D. No. 809) Resolve granting authority to the Forestry Department to convey certain land.

(H. P. No. 1319) (L. D. No. 808) Resolve granting authority to the Forestry Department to convey certain land.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. No. 90) (L. D. No. 88) An act relating to town meetings of town of Boothbay.

(S. P. No. 118) (L. D. No. 259) An act relative to the issuing of

capital stock by railroad corporations.

(S. P. No. 201) (L. D. No. 291) An act to incorporate the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

(S. P. No. 331) (L. D. No. 586) An act relating to appeals from magistrates.

(H. P. No. 1290) (L. D. No. 469) An act to enable courts to impose sentence in vacation.

(H. P. No. 310) (L. D. No. 98) Resolve granting authority to the Forestry Department to sell certain land.

(S. P. No. 406) (L. D. No. 784) Resolve relating to the taking of clam worms.

(Tabled by Mr. Carleton of Alna, pending second reading)

(H. P. No. 897) (L. D. No. 276) Resolve authorizing the Forest Commissioner to convey certain lands.

(H. P. No. 1274) (L. D. No. 797) Resolve changing the Name of Greeley Pond.

#### Passed to be Enacted

(S. P. No. 404) (L. D. No. 769) An act relating to acquisition of certain lands in the State by the United States of America.

(S. P. No. 398) (L. D. No. 762) An act relating to the taking of fingerprints.

(Tabled by Mr. Cole of Kittery, pending passage to be enacted)

(S. P. No. 399) (L. D. No. 759) An act relating to Municipal Court of Portland.

(H. P. No. 1329) (L. D. No. 489) An act relating to homesteads.

#### Finally Passed

(S. P. No. 200) (L. D. No. 761) Resolve changing the name of Ram Island.

(H. P. No. 172) (L. D. No. 770) Resolve in favor of John S. Nelson, Representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

(H. P. No. 850) (L. D. No. 771) Resolve in favor of William Sockabesin, Representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

#### Orders of the Day

Mr. HOWES of Charleston: Mr. Speaker, I would ask at this time for unanimous consent to address the House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Charleston, Mr. Howes, asks for unanimous consent to address the House. Is there any objection? The Chair hears no objection, and the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. HOWES: Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that on the last day to present bills I received a letter from the town of Argyle, saying that they wished to surrender their charter so that they might become a plantation. I took the letter to Mr. Holley, but he failed to put this bill in within the allotted time. I advised the selectmen of the town what happened, and they have sent this petition to the Legislature, signed by the selectmen of the town, and I wish to present it. I have been informed by Mr. Holley that there is absolutely nothing for this town to do but to go back to a plantation. They are terribly in debt which they never can get out from under. I took this up with the floor leader and he asked me to hold it until this time, and this morning I present it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair understands that the gentleman from Charleston asks unanimous consent to present a bill notwithstanding the provisions of the joint closing order. Is there any objection? The Chair hears no objection, and the gentleman from Charleston now presents a bill and

the Chair declares the bill received as follows:

Bill an act to provide for the surrender by the town of Argyle of its organization.

On motion by Mr. Howes, the bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs, 500 copies ordered printed, and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bird of Rockland, it was voted to take from the table the thirteenth unassigned matter, House report from the committee on Legal Affairs on bill an act to protect the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively; and creating a Labor Relations Board, H. P. 1293, L. D. 488, reporting that the same be referred to the committee on Labor, tabled by that gentleman on March 2nd pending acceptance of the report.

On motion by Miss Church of Stockton Springs, the bill and report were recommitted to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Martin of Oakland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.