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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Tuesday, January 12, 1937

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend W. P. Bradford of Hallowell.

Journal of Thursday, January 7th, read and approved.

At this point Dean Gleason L. Archer of the Suffolk Law School was escorted to the seat at the right of the President amidst the applause of the Senate.

From the House: The following order: "ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Rules and Orders of the Eighty-seventh Legislature be the Joint Rules and Orders of this Legislature." (S. P. 1)

(In the Senate on January 6th, read and passed.)

In the House read and passed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the Senate: The Secretary read House Amendment "A": "House Amendment 'A' to joint order relative to joint rules. Amend said order by striking out the phrase 'and orders' wherever it appears in the order."

Thereupon, the Senate voted to recede from its former action, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence and the order as amended by House Amendment A was passed in concurrence.

Communications

Communication from the Secretary of State transmitting the bonds of the Treasurer of State, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act for the Relief Rehabilitation, Protection and Enhancement of Agriculture and Dairying in the State of Maine" (S. P. 21) referred to this Legislature by the last preceding Legislature.

Thereupon, on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the

Senate, "Resolve in Favor of Frank L. Hopkins of Frankfort" (S. P. 25) referred to this Legislature by the last preceding Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo the resolve was indefinitely postponed.

The President laid before the Senate, "Resolve in Favor of An Educational Campaign to Lessen Accidents upon the Highways" (S. P. 22); "Resolve for the Publication of the Vital Records of the Town of Phippsburg" (S. P. 23); which several resolves were referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon, on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the resolves were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act Relating to Indians" (S. P. 24) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon, on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act Relative to Game Preserve in Franklin County" (S. P. 26) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon, on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act Permitting the State to be Sued for Refund of Inheritance Taxes" (S. P. 27) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon, on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act Relating to Support of Paupers or Other De-

pendent Persons Falling into Distress" (S. P. 28) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate: "Resolve for the Purchase of one hundred copies of 'The First Century of the Town of Naples'" (S. P. 29); "Resolve in Favor of Purchase of Copies of 'The History of Oxford County'" (S. P. 30); "Resolve for the Purchase of one hundred copies of the 'Financial History of Maine, 1820 to 1934'" (S. P. 31); "Resolve for the Purchase of one hundred copies of 'A History of Banking in Maine, 1799-1930'" (S. P. 32); "Resolve for the Purchase of one hundred copies of 'A Bibliography of the State of Maine'" (S. P. 33); which several resolves were referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the resolves were severally referred to the Committee on Library.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act Relating to Old Age Pensions" (S. P. 34) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act Relating to the Payment of Excise Taxes by Foreign Corporations" (S. P. 35) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Sent down for concurrence.

The President laid before the Senate, bill, "An Act To Establish A Section of the Boundary Line Between Wyndham and Raymond" (S. P. 36) referred to this legislature by the last preceding legislature.

Thereupon on recommendation by

the Committee on Reference of Bills, the bill was referred to the Committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills and resolves were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Pensions

Mr. Friend of Somerset presented bill, "An Act to Provide for Old Age Assistance" (S. P. 37).

(One thousand copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Spear of Cumberland presented bill, "An Act Relating to the Charter of the City of Portland." (S. P. 38)

(One thousand copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Fernald of Waldo presented "Resolve in Favor of a Memorial to the Maine Volunteer Signal Corps." (S. P. 39)

(On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, tabled pending reference.)

Orders

Mr. Willey of Cumberland presented the following order and moved its passage:

"ORDERED, the House concurring, that a joint committee consisting of three members on the part of the Senate appointed by the President and six members on the part of the House appointed by the Speaker be authorized and instructed to forthwith investigate the conduct of the affairs of the State Liquor Commission with full power vested in said committee to summon and require the attendance of witnesses, the production of records, books and papers, and to take evidence pertinent to said matters. Said committee shall make prompt report to this legislature now in session with its findings and recommendations as to any further action by it deemed advisable to be taken by the legislature together with any bill or bills for appropriate remedial legislation, which said bill or bills shall be received in either branch of this legislature

notwithstanding the provisions of any joint order limiting the time for introduction of bills. Said committee is further authorized to employ such assistants as it may deem advisable. The expenses for assistants, witnesses, investigation, and expenses of the members of the committee shall be paid out of funds received by the state from the sale of liquor."

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot, tabled pending passage.

Report of Committee

Mr. Lewis of Lincoln from the Committee on Senatorial Vote on Order of the Senate calling for a report on the vote for Senators for the political years 1937 and 1938, reported that a complete tabulation of the Senatorial votes is too bulky for the files and that it be placed on file in the office of the Secretary of State for the inspection and examination of the Senators.

Which report was read and accepted.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo the Senate voted to take from the table Joint Order relative to time limit on bills and resolves (S. P. 13) tabled by that Senator on January 6th pending passage; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Willey.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Willey of Cumberland the order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo the Senate voted to take from the table Joint Order, relative to time limit on private and special legislation (S. P. 7), tabled by that Senator on January 6th pending adoption of Senate Amendment "A"; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Willey.

Mr. WILLEY of Cumberland: Mr. President, the purpose of introducing this amendment to the order relative to private and special legislation is solely for the purpose of

expediting legislation and I believe it makes for good legislation. I think perhaps it means little to any of the members of the Senate individually but in the long run it may mean a great deal to the state of Maine if such measures can be introduced and the affairs of our State properly administered. I now move the adoption of Senate Amendment "A."

The PRESIDENT: The Secretary will read the amendment.

The Secretary read Senate Amendment "A": "Senate Amendment 'A' to Senate Paper 7 relative to time limit for private and special bills. Amend said order by striking out in the fourth line thereof the words 'February 4th' and inserting in place thereof the words 'January 28th'."

The PRESIDENT: The question is on the adoption of Senate Amendment "A". Is the Senate ready for the question?

A viva voce vote being had, Senate Amendment "A" failed of adoption.

Miss MARTIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I now move the passage of the order.

Mr. GOUDY of Cumberland: Mr. President, I think that it is useless for the Senate to pass an order that is incapable of being fulfilled. If I remember correctly this order provides that these orders shall be published in the papers commencing with January 11th, 1937. It is now January 12th.

Miss MARTIN: Mr. President, if a verbal amendment to this order is in order at this time I move that the date of January 11th be stricken out and the date of January 13th be inserted in place thereof.

The amendment was adopted, and on further motion by the same Senator the order as so amended received a passage.

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

On motion by Mr. Potter of Penobscot

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.