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Legislative Record

OF THE

Eighty-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1937

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SENATE

Thursday, February 4, 1937.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Cymbrid Hughes of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Order

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 9, 1937, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 193)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House:

Bill, "An Act for the Registration and Regulation of Funeral Directors and Embalmers." (H. P. 620) (L. D. 182)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, tabled pending reference in concurrence.

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

Agriculture

Mr. Osgood of Oxford presented bill "An Act Relating to Agricultural Societies." (S. P. 194)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Beckett of Washington presented "Resolve Relating to Aid for Navigation in Lewy's Lake, etc., in Washington County" (S. P. 195)

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Osgood of Oxford presented "Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Fryeburg for the Support of He-

bert Pratt and Herbert Titus." (S. P. 196)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Reimbursing the Town of Fryeburg for the Support of Gladys Bean." (S. P. 197)

Mr. Cook of Somerset presented "Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Pittsfield for Support of Raymond Thompson and Family, Having no Known Settlement in the State." (S. P. 198)

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Spear of Cumberland presented bill "An Act Relating to Duties of School Committees or Officials." (S. P. 211)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Kennedy of Hancock presented bill "An Act Relative to 'Closed Time on Deer in Certain Countries.'" (S. P. 199)

Mr. MacKinnon of Oxford presented bill "An Act Relative to Guides Licenses." (S. P. 212)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Miss Laughlin of Cumberland presented "Resolve Changing the Name of Ram Island." (S. P. 200)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Wentworth of York presented bill "An Act to Incorporate the State of Maine Publicity Bureau." (S. P. 201)

Miss Martin of Penobscot presented bill "An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Road and Tourist Service." (S. P. 202)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Hussey of Kennebec presented "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Charles W. Hopkins of Augusta." (S. P. 203)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Meretta McFarland of Augusta." (S. P. 204)

Mr. Burns of Aroostook presented bill "An Act Relative to Pensions for Members of the Police Force in the Town of Houlton." (S. P. 205)

Miss Martin of Penobscot presented "Resolve Providing for an

Increase in State Pension for Bertha L. Freeman, of Bangor." (S. P. 206)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Lewis of Lincoln presented bill "An Act Relating to the Water Supply of Boothbay Harbor." (S. P. 207)

Mr. Chase of Piscataquis presented bill "An Act to Ratify, Confirm and Make Valid the Acts of the Guilford and Sangerville Water District." (S. P. 208)

The same Senator presented bill "An Act Relating to the Guilford and Sangerville Water District." (S. P. 209)

(500 copies of each ordered printed.)

Mr. Corrigan of Washington presented bill "An Act Authorizing Municipal Corporations to Establish, Acquire, Own and Operate Public Utilities." (S. P. 210)

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Wentworth of York presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Kennebunk." (S. P. 213)

Mr. Graves of Hancock presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sedgwick." (S. P. 214)

Sent down for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Worthen from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill, "An Act Relative to Game Preserve in Franklin County," (S. P. 26) reported that the same ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Marden from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill, "An Act Authorizing the City of Bangor to Finance Municipal Reconstruction," (S. P. 112) (L. D. 124) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill, "An Act Amending the Borrowing Provisions of the Charter of the City of Bangor." (S. P. 113) (L. D. 125) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on bill, "An Act to Empower the Town of Wilton to raise Money for the Enlarging and Remodeling of Building Known as Wilton Academy," (S. P. 79) (L. D. 79) reported that the same ought to pass.

Miss Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill, "An Act to Enlarge the Powers of the Trustees of Wilton Academy," (S. P. 78) (L. D. 80) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted, the bills read once and next Tuesday forenoon at eleven o'clock assigned for second reading.

Miss Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill, "An Act Changing the Name of Oak Grove Seminary to Oak Grove School," (S. P. 68) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

An Act Relating to Town Meetings in Bar Harbor. (H. P. 13) (L. D. 10)

An Act Authorizing the City of Bangor to Pay a Pension to William T. Pierce. (H. P. 37) (L. D. 22)

Resolve to Regulate Fishing in Sebago Lake in the County of Cumberland. (H. P. 74) (L. D. 30)

Sent down for concurrence.

Additional paper from the House, out of order and under suspension of the rules, disposed of in concurrence.

Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following memorial and moved its adoption:—

Memorial to the Builders of the United States Contender for the International Yacht Cup.

Whereas, the State of Maine has long been proud of the men and ships it has given to the American Navy and American Merchant Marine; and

Whereas, the Bath Iron Works has steadfastly upheld this high tradition of excellent craftsmanship in the operation of its shipyards at Bath; and

Whereas this unique reputation for building fine and fast craft has been singularly recognized by the award of a contract to fashion the only new cup contender of the year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Senate and House of Representatives in legislature assembled, that we take deep pride in this recognition of one of

our oldest industries, and hereby extend our most sincere wishes for success and victory to Skipper Vanderbilt, designer Burgess, and builder Newell, in the forthcoming international sailing races for the America's Cup, a trophy known as the "Blue Ribbon of the Seas"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this Memorial, duly certified by the Secretary of State, be forwarded to each of the three aforementioned interested parties.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo the memorial was laid upon the table pending adoption and five hundred copies ordered printed.

Mr. Goudy of Cumberland, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:—

Resolution of Endorsement of the American Legislators' Association

Whereas, all experienced persons know that in each State, legislative problems continually increase, both in number and in complexity, and

Whereas, no such problems can be dealt with adequately until facilities are established to assist every inquiring legislator to secure the most accurate information and the most expert advice which are available, and

Whereas, every individual legislator in the United States shares the responsibility for improving the present condition of the legislative processes, but neither any individual legislator, nor any group of legislators from one state, can bring about such improvement without the cooperation of legislators of other states, and

Whereas, the American Legislators' Association is promoting the interchange of experience and information between state legislators and individuals officially concerned with the scientific functioning of the legislatures of the various states, and

Whereas, the character and project of the American Legislators' Association have the official endorsement of the forty-seven other states of the Union,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED: That the organization of the American Legislators' Association is hereby commended as a legitimate and constructive effort to assist the legis-

latures of the various States in the efficient performance of their work.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo the memorial was laid upon the table pending adoption.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Ashby of Aroostook the Senate voted to take from the table bill, "An Act to Amend Section One of An Initiated Act Approved by the People at the General Election Held September 14, 1936, Relating to the General Highway Fund, and to Authorize Certain Temporary Use of Said Fund" (L. D. 103) tabled by that Senator on January 28 pending passage to be enacted; and on further motion by the same Senator the Senate voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. ASHBY: Mr. President, and members of the Senate, perhaps it would be only just to myself to tell you the reason why I tabled this bill. As most of you undoubtedly know, under the Hayden-Cartwright Act passed in Congress in 1934 the Federal Highway Commission is authorized to withhold any amounts from each state's allocation that divert any of their highway funds from their highway programs and the Maine State Highway Commission was rather concerned about this because Maine stood to lose \$330,000 if the Federal Highway Commission decided adversely. I therefore offer Senate Amendment "A" to House Paper 378, and move its adoption.

The Secretary read the amendment:—

"Senate Amendment 'A' to House Paper 378, Legislative Document 103. Amend said Act by striking out the last twenty words in Section One and inserting in place thereof the following: 'All sums used for other purposes or to meet emergencies or catastrophes shall be replaced in the general highway fund on or before June 1st of every calendar year.'"

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo, the bill and the amendment were laid upon the table pending adoption of Senate Amendment "A".

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Waldo the Senate voted to take from the table Senate Order, Relative to Cosmetic Preparations Regis-

tered in 1937, tabled by that Senator on February 2, pending passage; and on further motion by the same Senator the order received a passage.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot the Senate voted to take from the table An Act to Amend the Charter of Lucerne-in-Maine Vital Statistics (S. P. 189) tabled by that Senator on February 3, pending reference.

Miss MARTIN of Penobscot: Mr. President, I now move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Fer-nald of Waldo, the bill was retabled pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Hussey of Kennebec the Senate voted to take from the table An Act Relating to Vital Statistics (S. P. 189) tabled by that Senator on February 3rd pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Libraries.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate

will recess to meet at the call of the gavel.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Miss Martin of Penobscot the Senate voted to take from the table Resolve Changing the Name of North Peaks on Mount Katahdin to Howe Peaks and Naming Thoreau Spring on Said Mountain (S. P. 185) tabled by that Senator on February 3, pending reference; and that Senator yielded to the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Chase.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Chase of Piscataquis the resolve was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

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

On motion by Mr. Graves of Hancock

Adjourned until next Tuesday forenoon, February 9th, at eleven o'clock.