

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

Wednesday, January 18, 1939.

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.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

Claims

Resolve in favor of Elphage Paradis (H. P. 120) (Presented by Mr. Belanger of Biddeford)

Resolve in favor of Carus T. Spear of Bangor (H. P. 121) (Presented by Miss Clough of Bangor)
Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Resolve opening Bog Pond to Ice Fishing (H. P. 122) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Norway)

Resolve relating to Fishing in Long Pond (H. P. 123) (Presented by Mr. Hussey of Windsor)
Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Lien on Lands for Drilling Wells" (H. P. 124) (Presented by Mr. Snow of Dover-Foxcroft)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Reciprocal Relations in respect to Death Duties in the Taxation of Non-Resident Estates" (H. P. 125) (Presented by Mr. Varney of Berwick)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to the First Congregational Church of Kittery" (H. P. 126) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Pensions

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Irene Stilwell of Brewer (H. P. 127) (Presented by Mr. Churchill of Brewer)

Resolve providing for an increase in State Pension for George Carlisle of Bangor (H. P. 128) (Presented by Mr. Eddy of Bangor)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Fred W. Wingate of Troy (H. P. 129) (Presented by Mr. Farwell of Unity)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Percy C. Jakins of Winslow (H. P. 130) (Presented by Mr. Hawes of Vassalboro)

Resolve providing for an increase in State Pension for Charita White Simpson of Vassalboro (H. P. 131) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Clement A. Chase of Bradford (H. P. 132) (Presented by Mr. Howes of Charleston)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Eliza J. Washburn of Dover-Foxcroft (H. P. 133) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Laura Cary, of Howland (H. P. 134) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Perez G. Townsend of East Corinth (H. P. 135) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Albert Roberts Skolfield of Corinth (H. P. 136) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Bateman C. Wentworth of China (H. P. 137) (Presented by Mr. Hussey of Windsor)

Resolve relating to a State Pension for Nora E. Peters of Ellsworth (H. P. 83) (Presented by Mr. Mahon of Ellsworth)

Resolve providing for a State Pension for Carrie E. Bresnahan of Ellsworth (H. P. 84) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Resolve relating to Smelt Fishing in Georges River (H. P. 138) (Presented by Mr. Starrett of Warren)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Bill "An Act Ratifying the Conveyance of certain land and buildings in Thomaston" (H. P. 139) (Presented by Mr. Bird of Rockland)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Imposing an Excise Tax upon the Privilege of Owning Land in this State" (H. P. 140) (Presented by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon by request)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of St. John Plantation (H. P. 141) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Eagle Lake)

Resolve in favor of Winterville Plantation (H. P. 142) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Marshfield (H. P. 143) (Presented by Mr. Dennison of E. Machias)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hope (H. P. 144) (Presented by Mr. Dwinall of Camden)

Resolve in favor of the town of Camden (H. P. 145) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rome (H. P. 146) (Presented by Mr. Downs of Rome)

Resolve in favor of a Sidewalk in the town of Verona (H. P. 147) (Presented by Mr. Emery of Bucksport)

Resolve in favor of the town of Winslow (H. P. 148) (Presented by Mr. Hawes of Vassalboro)

Resolve in favor of the town of Leeds (H. P. 149) (Presented by Mr. Holden of Webster)

Resolve in favor of the town of Durham (H. P. 150) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Webster (H. P. 151) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hudson (H. P. 152) (Presented by Mr. Howes of Charleston)

Resolve in favor of the town of Robbinston (H. P. 153) (Presented by Mr. Palmeter of Charlotte)

Resolve in favor of the town of Robbinston (H. P. 154) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Meddybemps (H. P. 155) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Rumford (H. P. 156) (Presented by Mr. Poulin of Rumford)

Resolve in favor of the town of Roxbury (H. P. 157) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Roxbury (H. P. 158) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Nobleboro (H. P. 159) (Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Dresden)

Resolve in favor of the town of Dresden (H. P. 160) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Grand Isle (H. P. 161) (Presented by Mr. Violette of Van Buren)

Resolve in favor of the town of Van Buren (H. P. 162) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Arnold Trail (H. P. 163) (Presented by Mr. Winter of Kingfield)

Resolve in favor of the town of Kingfield (H. P. 164) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the township of Freeman (H. P. 165) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Jerusalem Plantation (H. P. 166) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Salem (H. P. 167) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

Mr. Varney of Berwick, presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Clerk of the House prepare a register of all bills and resolves introduced into both branches of the Legislature to and including February 10th, showing titles, paper numbers, document numbers if printed, names of members introducing the same, and the committees to which referred, and that there be printed 500 copies of the same.

The Clerk of the House is hereby authorized with the approval of the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, to employ the necessary clerical assistance to prepare such register.

MR. VARNEY: Mr. Speaker, I now move that the order lie on the table pending passage.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. MacNICHOL of Eastport: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to introduce at this time a Memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to the completion of the Quoddy Project.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Eastport, Mr. MacNichol, asks unanimous consent of the House to

introduce a Memorial out of order. Is this the pleasure of the House?

Calls of "No, no."

The SPEAKER: The Chair hears objection and unanimous consent is refused.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Stilphen of Dresden, the House voted to take from the table the third unassigned matter, bill "An Act relating to Clerk Hire in the Office of Register of Deeds in the County of Lincoln" (S. P. 39) tabled on January 11th by that gentleman pending reference in concurrence; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Berwick, the House voted to take from the table the second unassigned matter, Joint Order Relative to Cumulative Index, (S. P. 49) tabled on January 11th by that gentleman pending passage in concurrence.

Mr. VARNEY: Mr. Speaker, when this order came in, I placed it upon the table, purely for the purpose of looking into the matter of the cost of printing such an index. The order, as you recall, calls for the printing of a cumulative index once each week of all bills and orders and other matters which may be introduced into this Legislature.

I recollect the last time that such an index was printed was in the year 1929. I asked the Superintendent of Public Printing to tell me what it cost to print it that year, and I have a letter here from him in which he suggests that the cost of printing and binding the cumulative index of the session of 1929 was \$8,836.13.

Now I am well aware of the fact that an index is very useful and helpful. In 1931, the Legislature printed one index during the session and after all bills had been introduced. I have not the figures of the exact cost of this index, but I have an estimate that it cost approximately \$700.

This index which I have here in my hand seems to me sufficient for all ordinary use. I might suggest to the members of the House that the Clerk has an index which is up to date, and within twenty minutes of the adjournment of the Legislature members of the House desiring

to know where any particular bill is at any particular time can get that information from the Clerk's office.

With a view of economy in mind, I think it would be well if we would indefinitely postpone this order calling for the weekly \$8,800 index, and, if the House sees fit to do that, I will immediately take from the table the other order which I just introduced, which provides for the printing of an index similar to the one I have here once during the session or after February 10th, when all bills will be before the House.

With that explanation, I now move that the joint order, S. P. 49, be indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

The motion prevailed, and the joint order was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and sent up for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Varney of Berwick, the House voted to take from the table the order introduced by that gentleman earlier in today's session, relative to the printing of a joint index, which was tabled by him pending passage; and on further motion by the same gentleman the order received passage and was sent up for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Ordered, the House concurring, that the several reports and affidavits attached thereto, filed with the 88th Legislature by the joint select committee thereof, created by joint order passed in the Senate and House of Representatives on the 28th day of October, 1937, for the purpose of examining into the relations between the State of Maine and the United States of America as set forth therein be called from the files of the 88th Legislature and placed on file with the documents of the 89th Legislature and that 1500 copies thereof be printed in pamphlet form (S. P. 86)

Comes from the Senate, read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Hermon,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.