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Legislative Record

SPECIAL SESSION

JULY 22, 1940

SENATE

Tuesday, October 22, 1940.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend H. E. P. Pressey of Augusta.

Journal of Monday, October 21, 1940 read and approved.

From the House:

Joint Order, relative to a list by State Controller of Buildings and Offices Hired by the State with amount of Rent and Location. (H. P. 2283)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

From the House:

Joint Order, relative to Report by the State Military Defense Commission of their work to date, including list of Salaries to Employees and other Expenditures Authorized. (H. P. 2289)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that we recess for one half hour for the purpose of conferring with members of the House on certain matters.

The motion to recess prevailed.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

From the House:

Bill An Act Providing for the Expiration of all Orders of the Governor's Council, at the End of its Term (S. P. 777) (L. D. 1260)

(In the Senate, passage to be enacted reconsidered and the bill indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, that Body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and asking for a Committee of Conference, the Speaker having appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Noyes of Franklin, Mills of Farmington and Maxim of Portland.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook that Body voted to join with the House in the Committee of Conference, and the President appointed as members of such Committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Tompkins of

Aroostook, Thatcher of Penobscot and Sanborn of Cumberland.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee." (S. P. 783) (L. D. 1265)

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of State Officers and Employees." (S. P. 789) (L. D. 1266)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Duties of the Treasurer of State." (S. P. 790) (L. D. 1267)

Which bills were given their two several readings under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Accounts to the State." (S. P. 791) (L. D. 1264)

Mr. SANBORN of Cumberland: Mr. President, a reading of this bill will disclose that material interests of towns, counties, corporations and individuals are involved. While the committee wanted to disclose to this session of the legislature some evidence of their activities and have offered this bill among others, it does seem to me, and the members of the committee concur, that it might be unfair to foreclose outside interests from the opportunity to be heard. In order that there may be no charge of unfairness I will move that this bill be referred to the 90th legislature which will give opportunity for public hearing.

The motion to refer prevailed.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Joint Order Relative to Report of Attorney General as to Amount Recovered by the State from the former Controller. (H. P. 2292)

Which was read and passed in concurrence.

From the House out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Joint Order relative to Bureau of Health Reporting on Pollution Conditions of the Androscoggin River Waters. (H. P. 2293)

(On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland tabled pending passage in concurrence.)

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland

Recessed until two o'clock this afternoon.

**After Recess
Order**

(Out of Order)

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that the Joint Select Committee created by H. P. 2254 as amended, shall continue to have and exercise the duties and powers set forth in said order; and shall render its final report to the 90th legislature, anything contained in said order to the contrary, notwithstanding. (S. P. 793)

Mr. SPEAR of Cumberland: Mr. President, I am sure the members of the legislature appreciate the diligent efforts of this special investigating committee. They have worked hard and they have worked long and I am sure they have stimulated the activities in various departments of our state government. To span the gap between when we will adjourn this special session and the organization of the special research committee which will be set up in the next regular session it would seem wise to some of the leaders in this legislature that this committee should continue. The Administrative Code committee is to report to the next legislature and it seems wise that this committee should go along and report at the same session of the 90th Legislature. I make these few remarks in explanation of this order.

Thereupon the order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House; out of order and under suspension of the rules:

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature on Bill "An Act Providing for the Expiration of all Orders of the Governor's Council at the end of its Term," (S. P. 777) L. D. 1260) reported that both branches recede and concur in passing the Bill as amended by House Amendment "A" submitted herewith.

In the House, report read and accepted.

In the Senate the report was read and accepted in concurrence, and that Body voted to reconsider its former action whereby the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Aroostook the Senate voted to re-

consider its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed the following bills:—

Bill "An Act to Create a Legislative Research Committee." (S. P. 788) (L. D. 1265)

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of State Officers and Employees." (S. P. 189) (L. D. 1266)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Duties of the Treasurer of State." (S. P. 700) (L. D. 1267)

From the House out of order and under suspension of the rules:

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
Executive Department
Augusta

October 22, 1940

To the President and Members of the Senate;

To the Speaker and Members of the House;

I submit herewith a report from the Maine Defense Commission, summarizing its activities to date. By reading this report the members of the Legislature will be informed of such progress as has been possible up to the present time, and at the same time it will become a part of your official record.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS O. BARROWS,
Governor.

Enclosure H. P. 2291

Which was read and ordered placed on file in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland the Senate voted to take from the table Joint Order Relative to Bureau of Health Reporting on Pollution Conditions of the Androscoggin River Waters (H. P. 2293) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage in concurrence; and on further motion by the same Senator the Order received passage in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Spear of Cumberland

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.