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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 16, 1943.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hughes of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to the Governor's Contingent Account" (S. P. 332) (L. D. 506)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Trust and Banking Companies" (S. P. 313) (L. D. 521)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Commitment of the Insane" (S. P. 321) (L. D. 525)

Bill "An Act relating to Commitment of Persons of Unsound Mind to the State Hospitals for Observation" (S. P. 320) (L. D. 524)

Bill "An Act relating to the Discharge of Persons Committed to Insane Hospitals" (S. P. 319) (L. D. 523)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Insane Hospitals in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Trial Justices and Judges of Municipal Courts" (S. P. 333) (L. D. 507)

Bill "An Act relating to Fines, Costs and Forfeitures" (S. P. 334) (L. D. 508)

Bill "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act relative to

Artificial Physical Aids and Medical Services" (S. P. 335) (L. D. 509)

Bill "An Act relating to Redemption of Mortgaged Real Estate from Foreclosure" (S. P. 336) (L. D. 510)

Bill "An Act to Make Uniform the Costs in Trial Justice Courts" (S. P. 337) (L. D. 511)

Bill "An Act to Simplify the Absent Voting Law" (S. P. 338) (L. D. 512)

Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Minimum Age of Voters from Twenty-one Years to Eighteen Years (S. P. 339) (L. D. 513)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Disposal of Poll-taxes Paid by Electors in Unorganized Territory" (S. P. 340) (L. D. 514)

Bill "An Act relating to Emergency Municipal Finance Board" (S. P. 341) (L. D. 515)

Bill "An Act to Define the Meaning of the Word 'Municipality'" (S. P. 342) (L. D. 517)

Bill "An Act relating to the Appointment of Heads of all Police Departments" (S. P. 343) (L. D. 516)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Relief of Veterans of All Wars, and their Dependents" (S. P. 323) (L. D. 526)

Bill "An Act relating to the Support of Dependents of Veterans of World War I and World War II" (S. P. 324) (L. D. 527)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles on Down Grades" (S. P. 325) (L. D. 528)

Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles" (S. P. 326) (L. D. 529)

Bill "An Act Defining the Word 'Plate' in the Motor Vehicle Laws" (S. P. 344) (L. D. 519)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Motor Vehicles in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to provide Strict Enforcement Provisions Covering the Operation of Retail Outlets of Malt Beverages" (S. P. 328) (L. D. 503)

Bill "An Act relative to Ordering of Malt Liquors by Wholesalers" (S. P. 331) (L. D. 504)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Temperance.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Temperance in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Provide for Reissuance of State Highway Bonds" (S. P. 329) (L. D. 505)

Bill "An Act Authorizing a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Retiring Highway and Bridge Bonds" (S. P. 330) (L. D. 522)

Bill "An Act providing for Adjustments in the Highway Department Made Necessary by the War" (S. P. 345) (L. D. 518)

Bill "An Act to Authorize the State Highway Commission to Cooperate with the Public Roads Administration of the United States in the Construction and Maintenance of Flight Strips and of Certain Classes of Highways, in order to Facilitate the War Effort" (S. P. 346) (L. D. 520)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

Senate Reports of Committees Leave to Withdraw

Report of the Committee on Public Utilities on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Bluehill Water and Sewer Company" (S. P. 56) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House: read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Report of the Committee on Taxation reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Tax on Cigarettes" (S. P. 106) (L. D. 40)

Report of the Committee on Temperance reporting same on Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Wines produced by Natural Fermentation or Fortified" (S. P. 64) (L. D. 154)

Report of same Committee reporting same on Bill "An Act relating to Enforcement of the Liquor Laws" (S. P. 63) (L. D. 157)

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Non-Concurrent Matter

From the Senate: Report of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reporting "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act Authorizing the Issuance of Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses to Soldiers and Sailors" (H. P. 160) (L. D. 102) which was accepted in the House on February 10th.

Came from the Senate, recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Braley of Augusta, the House voted to recede from its former action whereby it accepted the "Ought not to pass" Report on February 10, and concurred with the Senate in the recommitment of the Bill to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

House Reports of Committees Divided Report Tabled

Report A of the Committee on Judiciary reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Incurable Insanity as a Cause for which a Divorce may be Granted" (H. P. 185) (L. D. 124)

Report was signed by the following members:

Mr. McGLAUF LIN of Cumberland
—of the Senate
Messrs. MAXWELL of Bangor
ROBINSON of Brewer
GRUA of Livermore Falls
BARNES of Houlton
—of the House.

Report B of same Committee reporting "Ought not to pass" on same Bill.

Report was signed by the following members:

Messrs. FARRIS of Kennebec
HARVEY of York
—of the Senate.
WILLIAMS of Auburn
PERKINS
of Boothbay Harbor
Miss BANGS of Brunswick
—of the House.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell of Bangor, both Reports, with accompanying papers, tabled pending acceptance of either Report.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Trapping in Unorganized Territory" (H. P. 47) (L. D. 30) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 979) under same title and that it "Ought to pass".

Report was read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the Joint Rules.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Anderson from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relative to Fox Hunting in York County" (H. P. 316) (L. D. 224)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Prohibiting Trapping in Certain Territory" (H. P. 312) (L. D. 226)

Mr. Smith from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Game Preserve in York County" (H. P. 179) (L. D. 135)

Mr. Snow from the Committee on Motor Vehicles reported same on Bill "An Act permitting Short Period Registration of Trucks" (H. P. 37) (L. D. 27)

Mr. Dutton from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Payment of Costs of Suspending Open Season for Hunting and Fishing" (H. P. 265) (L. D. 172)

Mr. Rollins from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act providing for Transfer of Property to State of Maine by the Maine Maritime Academy on Dissolution (H. P. 210) (L. D. 142)

Mr. Williams from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Authorize Stacyville Plantation to Withdraw from the Maine Forestry District" (H. P. 121) (L. D. 65)

Mr. Tozier from the Committee on Taxation reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Credit for Excise Tax Paid" (H. P. 268) (L. D. 194)

Reports were read and accepted.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Maxwell from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Active Retired Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Courts" (H. P. 19) (L. D. 24) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Perkins from same Committee on Bill "An Act Granting Prior Service to Stenographers of the Former Superior Court" (H. P. 93) (L. D. 81) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Williams from same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Membership and Creditable Service in the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System for State Employees, Except Teachers" (H. P. 15) (L. D. 20) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of Teachers in the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System for State Employees" (H. P. 17) (L. D. 22)

Bill "An Act relating to the Method of Financing the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System for State Employees, Except Teachers" (H. P. 18) (L. D. 23)

Bill "An Act relating to Abate-ments and Supplementary Assessments of Taxes by State Tax Assessor" (H. P. 136) (L. D. 108)

Bill "An Act relating to Taxation of Railroad Companies" (H. P. 212) (L. D. 134)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act relating to the Bath Municipal Court" (H. P. 249) (L. D. 165)

(On motion by Miss Deering of Bath, tabled pending first reading).

Bill "An Act to Extend the Charter of the Central Aroostook Railway Company" (H. P. 261) (L. D. 168)

Bill "An Act relating to Transfers from Appropriations for the Courts to Meet Expenses of Board of Bar Examiners" (H. P. 454) (L. D. 258)

Bill "An Act to Enlarge the Powers of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company" (H. P. 465) (L. D. 265)

Bills were read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Redemption of Cigarette Tax Stamps" (S. P. 84) (L. D. 11)

Was reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Bill Tabled

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Purposes of United Baptist Convention of Maine" (S. P. 145) (L. D. 147)

(On motion by Mr. Ward of Millinocket, Report of the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading was accepted; and on motion by Mr. Webber of Mapleton, tabled pending third reading.)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Portsmouth - Kittery Bridge Authority" (S. P. 176) (L. D. 237)

Bill "An Act relating to Unauthorized Insurance" (H. P. 920) (L. D. 468)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Miss Clough of Bangor, the House voted to take from the table the fourth unassigned matter, House Order Relative to Lists of Legislative Counsels, and Agents, tabled by that gentlewoman on February 12th, pending passage; and on further motion by Miss Clough the Order received passage.

The SPEAKER: If there is no further business under Orders of the Day, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.