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OF THE

Ninety-first Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE



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HOUSE

Tuesday, March 2, 1943.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Hallowell

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate: Bill "An Act to Simplify the Inland Fishing Laws" (S. P. 426) (L. D. 736)

Came from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill "An Act Reapportioning the Expenditure of the General Highway Fund" (S. P. 429) (L. D. 735)

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 Norway Water District" (S. P. 223) (L. D. 334) reporting leave to withdraw.

Came from the Senate, read and accepted.

In the House, read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass in New Draft

Report of the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to the Recording and Copying of Public Documents" (S. P. 76) (L. D. 89) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 413) (L. D. 706) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate, report read and accepted, and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, Report read and accepted in concurrence, and the Bill read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Ought to Pass Bill Tabled

Report of the Committee on Banks and Banking reporting "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act re-

lating to Taxation of Trust and Banking Companies" (S. P. 313) (L. D. 521)

Came from the Senate, Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Wright of Limestone, tabled pending acceptance.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first Legislature:

I have the honor to herewith transmit attested copies of the estimates of expenses of the several counties within the State for the years 1943 and 1944, the same having been filed in this office according to the provisions of Section 67, Chapter 13, of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

Feb. 26, 1943.

(Signed) Harold I. Goss,
Secretary of State.

Was read, and with accompanying papers and documents was referred to the Committee on County Estimates.

Orders

On motion by Miss Deering of Bath, it was

ORDERED, that Rev. Frederick P. Moffatt, of Bath, be invited to officiate as Chaplain of the House on Friday, March 5th, 1943.

On motion by Mrs. Leidy of Fort Kent, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of the morning session, in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

House Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of Violations of the Potato Tax Law" (H. P. 787) (L. D. 416) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1248) 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. Jacobs from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial

Affairs reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of the State Racing Commission" (H. P. 764) (L. D. 409)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to the Organized Townships Fund" (H. P. 765) (L. D. 410)

Mr. Pelletier from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Fees for Eating and Lodging Places" (H. P. 766) (L. D. 411)

Mr. Seeger from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Fort McClary (H. P. 523) (L. D. 306)

Miss Bangs from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Parole of Inmates of Reformatory for Men" (H. P. 942) (L. D. 488)

Mr. Maxwell from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relative to Widows and Widowers Sharing in Estates" (H. P. 943) (L. D. 489)

Mr. Robinson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Appeals from Magistrates" (H. P. 945) (L. D. 491)

Mr. Donahue from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act relating to Military Accounts" (H. P. 807) (L. D. 464)

Mr. Ward from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Provide for Town Elections for the town of Millinocket" (H. P. 104) (L. D. 63)

Reports were read and accepted.

Ought to Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Brewer from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Money for the State Soil Conservation Law" (H. P. 125) (L. D. 105) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Mr. Grua from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Adoption of Children" (H. P. 591) (L. D. 372) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Reports were read and accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolve

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the County Attorney of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 117) (L. D. 71)

Bill "An Act relating to the Report of the State Tax Assessor" (H. P. 155) (L. D. 114)

Bill "An Act relating to Flags for Schools" (H. P. 159) (L. D. 101)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting Bear" (H. P. 311) (L. D. 229)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Beaver" (H. P. 314) (L. D. 227)

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court" (H. P. 329) (L. D. 200)

Bill "An Act relating to Schooling for Children of Parents who have a Temporary Residence" (H. P. 449) (L. D. 257)

Bill "An Act relating to the Age of Children Attending School" (H. P. 535) (L. D. 307)

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance of Real Estate Held by Loan and Building Associations" (H. P. 771) (L. D. 414)

Bill "An Act Granting the Court the Right to Issue Injunctions in Contests for Certain Offices" (H. P. 788) (L. D. 417)

Bill "An Act relating to Payment to County Law Library of Knox County" (H. P. 789) (L. D. 418)

Bill "An Act relating to Disorderly Conduct on Public Conveyances" (H. P. 793) (L. D. 422)

Bill "An Act relating to Foreign Corporations" (H. P. 794) (L. D. 423)

Bill "An Act relating to Refund of 3/4 of Engine Fuel Tax" (H. P. 835) (L. D. 401)

Bill "An Act relating to Old Mill Pond Game Preserve" (H. P. 935) (L. D. 487)

Bill "An Act relating to the Operation of the Normal Schools During the War" (H. P. 1095) (L. D. 567)

Bill "An Act relating to Safety Switches and Switch Lights at Railroad Sidings" (H. P. 1155) (L. D. 610)

Bill "An Act Creating the Caribou Utilities District" (H. P. 1238) (L. D. 737)

Bill "An Act to Confirm and Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Water Company, Inc." (H. P. 1239) (L. D. 738)

Bill "An Act relating to the Hunting and Trapping of Foxes" (H. P. 1240) (L. D. 739)

Resolve Authorizing the Treasurer of State to Reconvey to the town of Houlton Certain Unused Army Sites (H. P. 1141) (L. D. 606)

Bills were read twice, Resolve read once and tomorrow assigned.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolve With Committee Amendment

Bill "An Act relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County" (H. P. 118) (L. D. 72)

Bill had its two several readings. Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 118, L. D. 72, Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Probate of Sagadahoc County."

Amend said bill by striking out the figures "1500" in second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figures "1350".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted, and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Bill "An Act relating to the Compensation of the Register of Probate for Knox County" (H. P. 578) (L. D. 345)

Bill had its two several readings. Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 578, L. D. 345, Bill "An Act Relating to the Compensation of the Register of Probate for Knox County."

Amend said Bill by striking out the figures "\$1,800," in the fourth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the figures "1,650".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Bill "An Act Increasing the Amount Paid for Clerk Hire in the Offices of Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and Clerk of Courts in Knox County" (H. P. 579) (L. D. 346)

Bill had its two several readings. Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 579, L. D. 346, Bill "An Act Increasing the Amount Paid for Clerk Hire in the Offices of Register of Deeds, Register of Probate and Clerk of Courts in Knox County."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause "Sec. 1."

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"Sec. 2. **Limitation of act.** This act shall remain in force for a period of 2 years only. It is the intent of the

legislature to change the present statute for a period of 2 years only, after which period the present statute shall return to full force and effect."

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Bill "An Act relating to Fee required for Examination to Operate Motor Vehicles" (H. P. 812) (L. D. 391)

Bill had its two several readings. Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 812, L. D. 391, Bill "An Act Relating to Fee Required for Examinations to Operate Motor Vehicles."

Amend said bill by inserting after the underlined word "of" of the next to the last line thereof, the word "advanced".

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading tomorrow morning.

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Mud Pond in the town of Peru (H. P. 1161) (L. D. 740).

Resolve was given its first reading. Committee Amendment "A" read by the Clerk as follows:

Committee Amendment "A" to H. P. 1101, L. D. 740, Resolve Relating to Ice Fishing in Mud Pond in the Town of Peru.

Amend said bill by striking out in the last line thereof the following underlined word: "**only**" and inserting in place thereof the following underlined words: "**Hornpout, white perch, yellow perch, eels, cusk, chubs, and smelts.**"

Committee Amendment "A" was then adopted, and Resolve was assigned for second reading tomorrow morning.

Passed to be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to the Dumping of Waste Potatoes" (S. P. 155) (L. D. 175)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Expert Witnesses in Homicide Cases" (S. P. 406) (L. D. 670)

Bill "An Act relating to Expenses of Quarantine" (H. P. 255) (L. D. 189)

Bill "An Act to Enable Towns to Obtain State Aid in Securing Public Health Nursing Service" (H. P. 341) (L. D. 203)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Char-

ter of the city of Bangor" (H. P. 563) (L. D. 313)

Bill "An Act concerning Listing of Dogs by Assessors" (H. P. 801) (L. D. 383)

Bill "An Act relating to Deposits of County Funds" (H. P. 803) (L. D. 386)

Bill "An Act to Regulate the Sale and Packing of Sardines During the Present Emergency" (H. P. 834) (L. D. 400)

Bill "An Act relating to Mortgage Loans of Savings Banks" (H. P. 932) (L. D. 485)

Bill "An Act relating to the Capital Stock of Telephone Workers Credit Union of Maine" (H. P. 1235) (L. D. 729)

Bill "An Act relating to the Voting Districts in the town of Harpswell" (H. P. 1236) (L. D. 728)

Bill "An Act relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers" (H. P. 1237) (L. D. 727)

Resolve Authorizing Removal of Screen at Outlet of Tunk Pond (S. P. 318) (L. D. 671)

Resolve relating to Fishing for Smelts in Waters of Androscoggin Watershed (H. P. 180) (L. D. 726)

Resolve relating to Close Time on Lobsters in Certain Waters (H. P. 602) (L. D. 354)

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

Amended Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Swan Island Game Preserve, Game Farm, and Game Management Area" (S. P. 160) (L. D. 176)

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

Orders of the Day

THE SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

If there is nothing to come before the House under Orders of the Day, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Sirois of Van Buren,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.