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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1949

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HOUSE

Friday, January 28, 1949

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith of Hallowell.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Papers From the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to State Owned Delinquent Tax Lands Account" (S. P. 110) (L. D. 137)

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Refunding to Towns Fees of Retail Liquor Licenses" (S. P. 112) (L. D. 135)

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:

Resolve Relating to Impounded Bank Accounts of Certain Trust Funds (S. P. 111) (L. D. 136)

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:

Resolve in favor of Ernest Libby of Portland (S. P. 128)

Resolve in favor of Rosaire Cliche, of Lewiston (S. P. 129)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Claims.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Provide for Equal Pay for Equal Work." (S. P. 115) (L. D. 138)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Woolwich School District" (S. P. 116) (L. D. 139)

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:

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Essie Cotton of Norway (S. P. 142)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bertha F. Foster of Norway (S. P. 143)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Pensions.

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

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Fares between the Westerly End of Peaks Island and Portland" (S. P. 119) (L. D. 140)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Northwest Harbor Water Company" (S. P. 120) (L. D. 141)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of Deputy Sheriffs" (S. P. 121) (L. D. 142)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Clarify and Simplify the Sea and Shore Fisheries Law" (S. P. 122) (L. D. 143)

Bill "An Act Relating to State Owned Cars for Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries." (S. P. 123) (L. D. 144)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission" (S. P. 124) (L. D. 145)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve in favor of the City of Ellsworth (S. P. 150)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Bucksport (S. P. 151)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Gouldsboro (S. P. 152)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Sullivan (S. P. 153)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Brooklin (S. P. 154)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Jonesboro (S. P. 155)

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.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind" (S. P. 125) (L. D. 146)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Welfare.

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

The following additional paper from the Senate:

From the Senate: The following order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 1, 1949, at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon (S. P. 184).

Came from the Senate in that body read and passed.

In the House, the order received passage in concurrence.

Messages and Documents

The following communication:

STATE OF MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUGUSTA

January 27, 1949

The Honorable President
of the Senate

The Honorable Speaker
of the House

Ninety-Fourth Legislature

Gentlemen:

A cordial invitation is extended to the Members of this Honorable Body for them to attend the Public Tax Conference to be held in the House of Representatives on Monday morning, January 31, 1949 at ten o'clock.

It is hoped that at the Tax Conference concrete ideas may be developed which will aid in formulating a practicable tax policy.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) **FREDERICK G. PAYNE**
Governor

The communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Bills and Resolves

Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

Appropriation and Financial Affairs

Resolve Providing for Certain Repairs and Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (H. P. 630) (Presented by Mr. Faas of Benton)

Resolve Providing for Construction of Dormitory for Female Patients at Augusta State Hospital (H. P. 631) (Presented by Mr. Kent of Randolph)

Resolve Providing for Certain Construction at the Bangor State Hospital (H. P. 632) (Presented by Mr. Patterson of Freeport)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve in favor of Winfield Padlock of Milo for Damage to Prop-

erty (H. P. 633) (Presented by Mr. Parker of Sebec)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Oscar L. Wyman of Orono (H. P. 634) (Presented by Mr. Bates of Orono)

Resolve in favor of Paul F. Goodchild of Madison (H. P. 635) (Presented by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison)

Resolve in favor of Herman I. Ham of Madison (H. P. 636) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. Ida Dorsey of Andover, Connecticut (H. P. 637) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of Earl Ettinger, of Sebago Lake (H. P. 638) (Presented by Mr. Fitch of Sebago)

Resolve in favor of Vernard I. Pierce, of Bingham (H. P. 639) (Presented by Mr. Hill of Bingham)

Resolve in favor of Doris L. Young of Palermo (H. P. 640) (Presented by Mr. Kent of Randolph)

Resolve in favor of Henry Beau-doin, of Limerick (H. P. 641) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Parsonsfield)

Resolve in favor of Daniel B. Lord, of Kezar Falls (H. P. 642) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Mrs. William Kirk, of Eagle Lake (H. P. 643) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Resolve in favor of Paul Wadsworth, of Hiram (H. P. 644) (Presented by Mr. Stanley of Porter)

Resolve in favor of Harry J. Welch of Gorham (H. P. 645) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of Kenneth E. Stoddard of Boothbay (H. P. 646) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

Resolve in favor of Philip N. Whittaker, of Bangor (H. P. 647) (Presented by Mr. Wight of Bangor)

Resolve in favor of Frederick C. Osgood, of Cumberland (H. P. 648) (Presented by Mr. Williams of Auburn)

Resolve in favor of Susan M. Osgood of Cumberland (H. P. 649)

(Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Resolve in favor of Limington Academy (H. P. 650) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Parsonsfield)

Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary (H. P. 651) (Presented by same gentleman)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act Relative to Game Preserve, Limington, Hollis and Waterboro" (H. P. 652) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Parsonsfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Gay Brook in the County of Cumberland (H. P. 653) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Falmouth)

Resolve Closing East Pond Stream to All Fishing (H. P. 654) (Presented by Mr. Woodworth of Fairfield)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act Granting Certain Powers to the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations" (H. P. 655) (Presented by Mr. Dunham of Ellsworth)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Curfew" (H. P. 656) (Presented by Mr. Gauvin of Lewiston)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Bingham School District" (H. P. 657) (Presented by Mr. Hill of Bingham)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Castle Hill - Chapman - Mapleton School District" (H. P. 658) (Presented by Mr. Merritt of Mapleton)

(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Water Supply of Boothbay Harbor" (H. P. 659) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Military Affairs

Bill "An Act Relating to the Staff of the Governor." (H. P. 662) (Presented by Mr. Bird of Rockland)
(Ordered printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for the Payment of a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and to Provide for Payment Thereof by a State Lottery" (H. P. 663) (Presented by Mr. Gauvin of Lewiston)
(1500 copies ordered printed)

Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for a Bond Issue for the Purpose of Paying a Bonus to Maine Veterans of World War II and to Provide for the Payment Thereof by a State Lottery (H. P. 664) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Pensions

Resolve in favor of Merton Verrill, of Mechanic Falls (H. P. 665) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Durham)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Dean, of Fort Kent (H. P. 666) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Albridge Raymond Ranks, of Randolph (H. P. 667) (Presented by Mr. Kent of Randolph)

Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Daniel McCurdy, of Weeks Mills (H. P. 668) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edgar Jandreau, of St. Francis (H. P. 669) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for George R. Boyce, of Hermon (H. P. 670) (Presented by Mr. Thomas of Hampden by request)

Resolve in favor of Charles Ora Butters, of Exeter (H. P. 671) (Presented by Mr. Merrill of Stetson)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Stephen G. Johnson, of Old Orchard Beach (H. P. 672) (Presented by Mr. Sharpe of Anson)
Sent up for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Bill "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certificates of Motor Vehicles for Hire" (H. P. 660) (Presented by Mr. Faas of Benton)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Milo Water District" (H. P. 661) (Presented by Mr. Parker of Sebec)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Kennebec County" (H. P. 673) (Presented by Mr. Arthur of Farmingdale)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Resolve Relative to Catching Lobsters Near Monhegan (H. P. 674) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Dependent Children and Providing Revenue Therefor" (H. P. 675) (Presented by Mr. Campbell of Garland)

(1000 copies ordered printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Dependent Children" (H. P. 697) (Presented by Mr. Lackee of Addison)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Relating to Amount of Aid to Dependents of Veterans" (H. P. 698) (Presented by Mr. Paine of Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Resolve in favor of the town of Leeds (H. P. 676) (Presented by Mr. Brown of Durham)

Resolve in favor of the town of Webster (H. P. 677) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Durham (H. P. 678) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Athens (H. P. 679) (Presented by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison)

Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Fairfield (H. P. 680) (Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield)

Resolve in favor of Concord Township (H. P. 681) (Presented by Mr. Hill of Bingham)

Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick (H. P. 682) (Presented by Mr. Lacharite of Brunswick)

Resolve in favor of the town of Limington (H. P. 683) (Presented by Mr. Leavitt of Parsonsfield)

Resolve in favor of the town of Limerick (H. P. 684) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Parsonsfield (H. P. 685) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Appleton (H. P. 686) (Presented by Mr. Ludwig of Hope)

Resolve in favor of the town of Appleton (H. P. 687) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Hope (H. P. 688) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of St. Francis Plantation (H. P. 689) (Presented by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake)

Resolve in favor of New Canada Plantation (H. P. 690) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Pownal (H. P. 691) (Presented by Mr. Patterson of Freeport)

Resolve in favor of the city of South Portland (H. P. 692) (Presented by Mr. Spear of South Portland)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay (H. P. 693) (Presented by Mr. Stevens of Boothbay)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay (H. P. 694) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay (H. P. 695) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve in favor of the town of Owl's Head (H. P. 696) (Presented

by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship) Sent up for concurrence.

House Reports of Committees Ought Not To Be Passed

Mr. McGlauffin from the House Committee on Elections on the Returns of Votes Cast in the Towns of Belmont, Freedom, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Northport, Palermo and Searsmont at Special Election to Fill Vacancy, reported that William R. Cole of Liberty be declared the duly elected Representative to the 94th Legislature.

Report was read and accepted and Mr. Cole of Liberty was declared duly elected.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. McGlauffin from the House Committee on Rules and Business of the House on House Order relative to amending House Rule 4 reported "Ought not to be passed."

The SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the report of the Committee?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure.

Mr. McCCLURE: Mr. Speaker, I move that we substitute the order for the report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the motion until Tuesday morning.

The SPEAKER: The pending question is on the motion of the gentleman from Bath, Mr. McClure, that the order be substituted for the report. The gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Johnson, moves that the matter lie on the table and be specially assigned for Tuesday, February 1st. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

Tabled and Assigned

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Rules and Business of the House on House Order relative

to House Rule 25 (Smoking Rule) reported that it "Ought not to be passed," unless the House should feel that substantial advantages will be gained from a change of procedure, which has heretofore operated in a satisfactory and beneficial manner.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth.

Mr. WOODWORTH: Mr. Speaker, I move that the report and order lie on the table pending acceptance of the report, and that the matter be specially assigned for Wednesday, February 2.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Fairfield, Mr. Woodworth, moves that the report of the committee with accompanying papers lie on the table and be specially assigned for Wednesday, February 2, pending acceptance of the report. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the matter was so tabled and so assigned.

On motion by Miss Cormier of Rumford, House Rule No. 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking. (Applause)

Ought To Pass

Mr. Boulier from the Committee on Ways and Bridges reported "Ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the town of Medway (H. P. 74)

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

Ought To Pass Printed Bills

Mr. McGlauffin from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act Relating to the Bangor Family Welfare Society" (H. P. 133) (L. D. 39)

Mr. Atherton from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to Pen-

sions for Members of Police Department for City of Bangor" (H. P. 53) (L. D. 16)

Mr. Marble from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Increasing Tax Assessments of Dixfield Village Corporation" (H. P. 137) (L. D. 43)

Mr. Paine from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act Relating to the Vinalhaven Port District" (H. P. 52) (L. D. 15)

Reports were read and accepted and the Bills having already been printed were read twice under suspension of the rules and assigned for third reading at 11:30 A. M. the next legislative day.

Ought To Pass with Committee Amendment

Mr. Silsby from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Proxies" (H. P. 50) (L. D. 13) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill having already been printed, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 50 L. D. 13, Bill "An Act Relating to Proxies."

Amend said bill by striking out in the last line thereof the following underlined words: "be witnessed and need not"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill was assigned for third reading at 11:30 A.M. the next legislative day.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: If there be no further items of business, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Chute of Harrison,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 1st, at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon.