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SENATE

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The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. David Hickland of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

**Order
(Out of Order)**

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, out of order and under suspension of the rules, presented the following order:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 25th, 1949, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 94)

Mr. BARNES of Aroostook: Mr. President, at this early date in the legislature I myself fail to see why we should start in having Tuesday morning sessions of the legislature. If there is any need of it by reason of committee hearings that cannot be taken care of on Wednesday I personally would like to be enlightened on that point. I know that so far as my own committee is concerned, and that is one of the busy committees in this legislature, there isn't anything on the docket as yet that couldn't be cleaned up Wednesday afternoon.

Now I assumed the purpose of this order is to permit committee hearings to be held on Tuesday afternoon. If this legislature has started in to work on bills that cannot be heard on Wednesday I would like to hear about it. I would oppose the order unless there is some need of a Tuesday afternoon hearing.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, we have received so far a sufficient number of bills so that I am in hopes there will be hearings Tuesday and Wednesday and I am sure that if we are permitted to stay in session until Friday there will be hearings Thursday afternoon. The intent of the order is to give to the committees an opportunity to have three days of hearings next week and I am sure that if this is done

it will speed up our legislative session.

I hope the order receives passage.

Mr. BARNES: Mr. President, we have chairmen of the various committees right here in the Senate Chamber. My own committee, the Judiciary Committee, has only four bills that are ready for hearing. I personally would like to know what committees have so many bills to be heard next week that they cannot get them in on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. HASKELL: Mr. President, I hesitate to speak a second time but I would inform the Senator from Aroostook, Senator Barnes, that one of the committees of which I am chairman has bills enough for a committee hearing. I presented the problem to my committee and found that there were others on that committee who were having hearings Wednesday afternoon and said it was their wish that that particular committee have hearings Thursday afternoon. I recite that as one instance only of the need of more than one day of hearings next week.

Mr. SAVAGE of Somerset: Mr. President, I would say that the Committee on Appropriations are having three hearings next week.

Mr. ELA of Somerset: Mr. President, the Committee of Fish and Game has hearings scheduled for Tuesday afternoon and I presume that the reason for the Tuesday hearings is that several members have hearings for Wednesday.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state for the information of the Senators that this order was not presented without some forethought and the chairmen of several committees have hearings arranged for Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. WARD of Penobscot: Mr. President, eleven o'clock in the morning means that a number of us have to leave on Monday in order to be here on Tuesday at that time. I am wondering if it is necessary to have hearings on Tuesday afternoon and whether this body couldn't convene at 12 or 1 o'clock on Tuesday and still have time to have the committee hearings and

enable a number of people to leave home on Tuesday morning rather than Monday in order to get here on time.

Mr. NOYES of Hancock: Mr. President, I would support the proposition as expressed by Senator Ward for calling the Senate in session at a later time, say 12:30.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the order was laid upon the table pending consideration.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I move that the Senate recess for five minutes. In so moving I note the presence in the Senate chamber members of the committees for the House.

The motion to recess prevailed.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table Joint Order Relative to Adjournment (S. P. 94) tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session pending consideration; and on further motion by the same Senator the order received passage.

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills and resolves were received and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Payment of the Cost of the Kennebec or Carlton Bridge." (S. P. 78)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for Certain Improvement in the Property of the Maine Port Authority." (S. P. 79)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Banks and Banking

Mr. Allen of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Federal Employees' Credit Union of Maine." (S. P. 80)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Bowker of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of C. E. Fogg of Yarmouth." (S. P. 81)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Ward of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Citizenship to Hold Office." (S. P. 82)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Creating a Merit Award Board to Encourage and Reward Efficiency and Economy in State Government." (S. P. 83)

Mr. Allen of Cumberland presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of Senators to Four-Year Terms." (S. P. 84)

Mr. Edwards of Oxford presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Use of the Prefix 'Dr.' by Dentists." (S. P. 85)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Arnold L. Oakes, of Bradford Center." (S. P. 86)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Health

Mr. Edwards of Oxford presented Bill "An Act Relating to Fees of and Examinations by Board of Dental Examiners." (S. P. 87)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Bowker of Cumberland presented "Resolve Relating to Unexpended Balances for Lobster Rearing Station." (S. P. 88)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Territory Included in the Maine Forestry District." (S. P. 89)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Edwards of Oxford presented

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Oxford." (S. P. 90)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Oxford." (S. P. 91)

Ways and Bridges

Mr Cobb of Oxford presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Denmark." (S. P. 92)

Mr. Crosby of Franklin presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Freeman." (S. P. 93)

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

The Committee of Conference on the disagreeing action of the two branches of the Legislature, on Joint Order (S. P. 24) Relative to Reimbursement of Traveling Expenses of Members of the Ninety-fourth Legislature, reported that the Senate recede from its former action whereby the above order, S. P. 24, received passage, and indefinitely postpone the order in concurrence with the House; and that Joint Order (S. P. 77) accompanying this report receive passage; and that the House concur with the Senate in the passage of Joint Order (S. P. 77).

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, out of order and under suspension of the rules, it was

ORDERED, the House concurring, that each member of the Legislature be paid five cents (5c) per mile from his residence to Augusta and return, once each week of the legislative sessions. Payments shall be made in accordance with mileage list certified by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. (S. P. 77)

Order

(Out of Order)

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, out of order and suspension of the rules,

presented the following order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that any town clerk may upon written request of the Document Clerk receive without charge copies of all printed bills so that there may be available to the public during the legislative session a complete and convenient file of all printed bills.

Mr HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I would first point out to the members of the Senate that this order is not similar to most of the orders I have presented in this session in that it represents my own feeling and my own desire to make available to the people of Maine such information of our doings as is reasonably possible. The costs would be very small. It so happens that I have that same service sent to my office and in rendering the same service to the cities and towns it will probable not cost over a dollar per community for the session and I really believe that in many communities the public will benefit.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec the order was laid upon the table pending passage.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. McKusick from the Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Increasing Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind," (S. P. 37) (L. D. 9) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Savage from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind," (S. P. 30) (L. D. 5) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A":

"Committee Amendment A to S. P. 30, L. D. 5, bill, "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Old Age Assistance and Aid to the Blind."

"Amend said bill by inserting in the next to last line of the next to last paragraph, after the date "June 30, 1949," the following: ', \$155,000 of sum to be appropriated.'

Further amend said bill by inserting at the end of the next to last line of the last paragraph, after the word "and," the following: '\$10,000 of such sum to be appropriated for.'

Which report was read and expected, and the bill read once. Committee Amendment A was read and adopted, and the bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec the Senate voted to take from the table the order with ref-

erence to furnishing town clerks with copies of printed bills, tabled to that Senator earlier in today's session pending passage.

Mr. HOPKINS of Kennebec: Mr. President, I would like to explain to the Senate that when the order was read I missed the words "on written request." This order is perfectly proper. I suppose that all of the towns would like to have their document clerks get copies of the bills and I move that the order have passage and be sent forthwith to the House.

Thereupon the order received passage and was sent forthwith to the House.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Penobscot.

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, January 25, at eleven o'clock.