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SENATE

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The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Chauncey D. Wentworth of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

From the House

Bill "An Act Relative to Game Preserve, Limington, Hollis and Waterboro." (H. P. 652) (L. D. 208)

Which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Granting Certain Powers to the Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations." (H. P. 655) (L. D. 209)

Bill "An Act Relating to Curfew." (H. P. 656) (L. D. 210)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Bingham School District." (H. P. 657) (L. D. 211)

Bill "An Act Relating to Castle-Hill - Chapman - Mapleton School District." (H. P. 658) (L. D. 212)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Water Supply of Boothbay Harbor." (H. P. 659) (L. D. 213)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Staff of the Governor." (H. P. 662) (L. D. 214)

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) (L. D. 215)

"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) (L. D. 216)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Transfer of Certificates of Motor Vehicles for Hire." (H. P. 660) (L. D. 217)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Milo Water District." (H. P. 661) (L. D. 218)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Kennebec County." (H. P. 673) (L. D. 219)

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in concurrence.

"Resolve Relating to Catching Lobsters Near Monhegan." (H. P. 674) (L. D. 220)

Which was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Dependent Children and Providing Revenue Therefor." (H. P. 675) (L. D. 221)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Aid to Dependent Children." (H. P. 697) (L. D. 222)

Which was referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Amount of Aid to Dependents of Veterans." (H. P. 698) (L. D. 223)

On motion by Mr. Batchelder of York, tabled, pending reference to a committee.

"Resolve in Favor of Winfield Paddock of Milo for Damage to Property." (H. P. 633) (L. D. 224)

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Dexter for Support of a Pauper." (H. P. 699)

"Resolve in Favor of George Stairs, of Searsport." (H. P. 700)

"Resolve in Favor of Theron McBrierty, of Allagash." (H. P. 701)

"Resolve in Favor of A. V. Higgins, of Mt. Desert." (H. P. 702)
Which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Retirement Fund of State Employees in Armed Forces." (H. P. 584) (L. D. 189)

Bill "An Act Relating to Re-employment Rights of State Employees in Armed Forces." (H. P. 585) (L. D. 190)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Maggie Caird, of Dexter." (H. P. 710)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Blanche Grant, of Lincoln." (H. P. 711)

"Resolve in Favor of Lloyd L. Arnold, of Gardiner." (H. P. 712)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Eddie D. Ouellette, of St. Francis." (H. P. 713)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Pensions in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of New Gloucester." (H. P. 721)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Alfred." (H. P. 722)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Waterboro." (H. P. 723)

"Resolve in Favor of Winterville Plantation." (H. P. 724)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to the Bangor Family Welfare Society," (H. P. 133) (L. D. 39) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Increasing Tax Assessments of Dixfield Village Corporation," (H. P. 137) (L. D. 43) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Pensions for Members of Police Department for City of Bangor," (H. P. 53) (L. D. 16) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Vinalhaven Port District," (H. P. 52) (L. D. 15) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Proxies," (H. P. 50) (L. D. 13) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill read once; Committee Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the bill as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Referred to Committees

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

Claims

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented "Resolve in Favor of Carroll B. Johnson, of Brewer." (S. P. 197)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of Roy Wright, of East Holden." (S. P. 198)

Mr. Allen of Cumberland presented "Resolve in Favor of Herbert D. Page, of Portland." (S. P. 199)

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented "Resolve to Reimburse the City of Gardiner for Sanatorium Treatment of Sylvester Van Sickle and Aid to Dependent Children of Cora Van Sickle." (S. P. 200)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Indian Affairs

Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis presented Bill "An Act Relating to Indians." (S. P. 201)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Free Hunting and Fishing Permits for Certain Veterans of World War II." (S. P. 202)

Mr. Ela of Somerset presented "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Spencer Lake in Somerset County." (S. P. 203)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Savage of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Authorizing Prepayments by the County Treasurer of Somerset County to the Law Library Association for the Purchase of Law Books." (S. P. 204)

Mr. Allen of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Establish and Define the Civil Liability of Radio Broadcasters Relative to Libel." (S. P. 205)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to Assistant County Attorneys for Cumberland County." (S. P. 206)

Mr. Baker of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Relating to Certificates of Intention to Seek Nominations to Public Office." (S. P. 207)

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented Bill "An Act Relating to Increases of Capital Stock." (S. P. 208)

(On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock tabled pending reference to a committee.)

Mr. Williams of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to Adoption of Neglected Children." (S. P. 209)

Mr. Crosby of Franklin presented Bill "An Act Relating to Liens on Logs, Lumber or Pulpwood for Advances of Money or Merchandise." (S. P. 210)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Practice of Architecture." (S. P. 211)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Maine Publicity

Mr. Denny of Lincoln presented "Resolve in Favor of State of Maine Building at Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition." (S. P. 212)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Savage of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the Skowhegan Water Company." (S. P. 213)

Mr. Noyes of Hancock presented Bill "An Act Relating to Railroad Crossing Signs." (S. P. 214)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Forest Commissioner." (S. P. 215)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

State School for Boys, State School for Girls, and State Reformatories

The same Senator presented "Resolve Permitting Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Incorporated, to Lay a Pipeline Across Property of the State School for Girls in Hallowell and Property of the Augusta State Hospital in Augusta." (S. P. 216)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Cobb of Oxford presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sweden." (S. P. 217)

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act Relating to Application of Cigarette

and Tobacco Taxes to Federal Income Tax," (S. P. 49) (L. D. 31) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 218) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill in new draft laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Haskell of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table bill, An Act for the Assessment of a State Tax for the Year Nineteen Hundred Forty-nine and for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty (H. P. 25) (L. D. 79) tabled by that Senator on January 26 pending reference to a committee.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President, I now move that this bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation in non-concurrence and in support of that motion, I am privileged to say that the Committee on Appropriations have indicated their willingness that this bill be a taxation bill to permit us to have it heard along with other general tax measures.

Thereupon, the bill was referred to the Committee on Taxation in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Baker of Kennebec, the Senate voted to reconsider its former action taken earlier this morning, whereby Bill An Act Increasing Tax Assessments of Dixfield Village Corporation

(H. P. 137) (L. D. 43) was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. BAKER of Kennebec: Mr. President, this matter being an emergency measure and one of considerable importance to the members of the Dixfield Village Corporation, I now move that the bill be given its second reading at this time.

Thereupon, under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. HASKELL of Penobscot: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this is a very minor matter but there have been distributed on the desks of each member of the Senate these exemption certificates which those of you who use public transportation facilities in traveling to and from the state house, should use. While you are on state business you are entitled to exemption from the 15% transportation tax. It is clearly your right to use them. You must use a certificate each time you purchase your train fare ticket or plane ticket or what have you that is subject to transportation tax.

The Senate office has a good supply of these exemption certificates and those who want them may pick them up and use them.

On motion of Mr. Brewer of Aroostook,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.