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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Friday, February 4, 1949

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Edna Knowlton of Augusta

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Order**(Out of Order)**

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

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 8th, 1949, at 11:30 o'clock in the morning (S. P. 249)

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing order was returned from the House having been read and passed in concurrence.

From the House

"Resolve in Favor of the Maine Historical Society." (H. P. 811)

Which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Investments of Savings Banks." (H. P. 726) (L. D. 305)

Which was referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of the Bath Water District." (H. P. 727) (L. D. 283)

"Resolve in Favor of F. Errol Littlefield, of Hampden." (H. P. 728) (L. D. 284)

"Resolve in Favor of Arthur L. Hitchcock, Jr., of Rangeley." (H. P. 814)

"Resolve in Favor of Albert E. Briggs, of Hudson." (H. P. 815)

"Resolve to Reimburse the City of Old Town for Hospitalization and Aid Furnished Mrs. Lawrence Gordon." (H. P. 816)

"Resolve in Favor of Winfield Jordon, of Old Town." (H. P. 817)

"Resolve in Favor of Keene Morrison, of Wilton." (H. P. 818)

"Resolve in Favor of Darrell F. Ireland, of Pittsfield." (H. P. 819)

"Resolve in Favor of Grevis F. Payson, of Union." (H. P. 820)

"Resolve in Favor of Donald Grinnell of Washington." (H. P. 821)

"Resolve in Favor of Hatches, Inc., of Belgrade." (H. P. 822)

"Resolve in Favor of Albert D. Bartlett, of Bucksport." (H. P. 823)

"Resolve in Favor of Reginald Hutchins, of Verona Island." (H. P. 824)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Aurora." (H. P. 825)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Business Hours for Certain County Officers." (H. P. 743) (L. D. 285)

Which was referred to the Committee on Counties in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Transportation of Fish, Game and Fur-bearing Animals by Airplane." (H. P. 744) (L. D. 286)

Bill "An Act Relative to Certain Implements and Devices Prohibited in Fishing." (H. P. 745) (L. D. 287)

"Resolve Closing Kennebec Stream to All Fishing." (H. P. 746) (L. D. 288)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Porter Lake." (H. P. 747) (L. D. 289)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Horse Pulling Contests." (H. P. 725) (L. D. 282)

Bill "An Act to Establish the Vinalhaven Municipal Court." (H. P. 748) (L. D. 290)

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the City of Westbrook School District." (H. P. 749) (L. D. 291)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

“Resolve in Favor of Nancy A. Gilbert, of Belfast.” (H. P. 842)

Resolve in Favor of Eva W. Dow, of Belfast.” (H. P. 843)

“Resolve in Favor of May Ella Folsom, of Belfast.” (H. P. 844)

“Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harland B. Webber, of Cumberland.” (H. P. 845)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Earl Hewett, of Portage Lake.” (H. P. 846)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ervin Lord, Sr., of Manchester.” (H. P. 847)

“Resolve Granting a Pension to Grace Merrill Cutts, of Saco.” (H. P. 848)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Carlene Hanson, of Newport.” (H. P. 849)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ralph Cunningham, of Nobleboro.” (H. P. 850)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ann Cochrane, of Oakland.” (H. P. 851)

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

“Resolve Appropriating a Fund to Repair and Recondition the Lot and Monument of a Former Maine Governor.” (H. P. 852)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds in concurrence.

Bill “An Act Relating to the Ashland Water and Sewer District.” (H. P. 755) (L. D. 292)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Bill “An Act Relating to Compensation for Members of the Boxing Commission.” (H. P. 756) (L. D. 293)

Bill “An Act Relating to the Salary of the Clerk of Courts in

Sagadahoc County.” (H. P. 757) (L. D. 294)

Bill “An Act Relating to Licenses Issued by Boxing Commission.” (H. P. 758) (L. D. 295)

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

Bill “An Act Relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of Vinalhaven.” (H. P. 760) (L. D. 296)

Bill “An Act Relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of St. George.” (H. P. 761) (L. D. 297)

Bill “An Act Relating to the Digging of Clams in the Town of North Haven.” (H. P. 762) (L. D. 298)

Bill “An Act Relating to Revocation of Licenses Issued by Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries.” (H. P. 763) (L. D. 299)

Bill “An Act Relating to Wholesale Lobster Dealer’s License.” (H. P. 764) (L. D. 300)

Bill “An Act Relating to Canning of Quahogs.” (H. P. 765) (L. D. 301)

Bill “An Act Relating to Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses.” (H. P. 766) (L. D. 302)

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

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Chelsea.” (H. P. 866)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Castle Hill.” (H. P. 867)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Buckfield.” (H. P. 868)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Hebron.” (H. P. 869)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sunner.” (H. P. 870)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Peru.” (H. P. 871)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Hartford.” (H. P. 872)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bradley.” (H. P. 873)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Greenbush.” (H. P. 874)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Holden.” (H. P. 875)

“Resolve in Favor of the Town of Clifton.” (H. P. 876)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Eddington." (H. P. 877)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Berwick." (H. P. 878)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Easton." (H. P. 879)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Chapman." (H. P. 880)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Palmyra." (H. P. 881)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Detroit." (H. P. 882)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Pittsfield." (H. P. 883)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Cornville." (H. P. 884)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Fryburg." (H. P. 885)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Sidney." (H. P. 886)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Gorham." (H. P. 887)

Bill "An Act Relating to Maintenance of Bonny Eagle Bridge in the Town of Standish." (H. P. 768) (L. D. 304)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Old Age Assistance." (H. P. 767) (L. D. 303)

Which was referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Salaries and Fees on bill "An Act Relating to Travel Expense for Members of the Legislature." (H. P. 138) (L. D. 76) reported that leave be granted to withdraw the same as covered by other legislation.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

The same Committee on bill "An Act Relating to Travel Reimbursement for Members of the Legislature," (H. P. 312) (L. D. 92) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. COLLINS of Aroostook: Mr. President, I would move that this bill be recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees. In explanation I would say that there is a little difficulty in the phraseology which we want to clear up and I believe it can be done better

by recommitting the bill to committee, than by amendment.

Thereupon, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries and Fees in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of New Sweden School District," (H. P. 57) (L. D. 20) reported the same in a new draft (H. P. 809) (L. D. 264) under the same title and that it ought to pass.

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

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Lisbon School District." (H. P. 58) (L. D. 21) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Board of Trustees of Maine Wesleyan Seminary and College," (H. P. 136) (L. D. 42) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The same Committee on Bill "An Act to Create the Ellsworth School District," (H. P. 56) (L. D. 19) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence, and the bills read once; Committee Amendments "A" were severally read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as amended were 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.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Payment of the Cost of the Ken-

nebec or Carlton Bridge." (S. P. 255)

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Batchelder of York presented "Resolve in Favor of Carlton Rollins, of Sanford." (S. P. 256)

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented "Resolve in Favor of Donat J. Fortin, of Lewiston." (S. P. 257)

Mr. Ward of Penobscot presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of East Millinocket." (S. P. 258)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Relating to Compulsory Insurance." (S. P. 259)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Election of Members to the Executive Council." (S. P. 260)

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing Authority to the Legislature to Require Compulsory Voting." (S. P. 261)

Mr. Batchelder of York presented Bill "An Act Relating to Permits to Cut Logs." (S. P. 262)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Pensions

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot presented "Resolve in Favor of Mabelle K. Toole, of Bangor." (S. P. 263)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Slocum of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to a Filtering Plant or System for the Portland Water District." (S. P. 264)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries and Fees

Mr. Batchelder of York presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Sheriff of York County." (S. P. 265)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the County Attorney of York County." (S. P. 266)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Bowker of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Combination Highway and Railroad Bridge Across Fore River." (S. P. 267)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Authorize the Issuing of Bonds to be Used for the Purpose of Building Highway or Combination Bridges Authorized by the Legislature." (S. P. 268)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

Bill "An Act Relating to Application of Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes to Federal Income Tax," (S. P. 218) (L. D. 279)

Which was read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on "Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Codify the Constitution," (S. P. 48) (L. D. 30) reported that the same ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which report was read and accepted, and the bill read once; Committee Amendment "A" was read:

"Committee Amendment 'A' to S. P. 48, L. D. 30, 'Resolve proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Codify the Constitution.'

"Amend said resolve by striking out in the 5th, 6th and 7th lines of that part designated as 'Section 3' thereof the following underlined words and punctuation: 'and such arrangement of the Constitution shall be made and submitted whenever a new revision of the public laws of the state is authorized;'"

Which amendment was adopted and the bill as so amended was

tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Passed to be Engrossed

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Medway." (H. P. 74) (L. D. 207)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Permitting the Presidential Short Ballot." (S. P. 74) (L. D. 50)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act Increasing Tax Assessments of Dixfield Village Corporation" (H. P. 137) (L. D. 43)

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Kennebec, the bill was laid upon the table pending passage to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Noyes of Hancock

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 8, 1949 at 11:30 o'clock in the forenoon.