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SENATE

Friday, January 26, 1951

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend Edna L. Knowlton of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Joint Order

(Out of Order)

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, 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, January 30, 1951, at eleven o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 125)

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House

(Joint Order)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the State Controller supply for use of the Legislature four hundred sixty-eight (468) copies of a list of State Employees with their salaries as of December 31, 1950, and be it further

ORDERED, that said lists be distributed, two (2) to each member of the Senate, House and Council; one to each officer of the Senate and House; ten (10) each to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House for exchange purposes; thirty (30) to the State Librarian for exchange purposes. (H. P. 371)

Mr. ALLEN of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise on this occasion to move for the indefinite postponement of this order, and in moving for the indefinite postponement, I would state my reasons are thus: My experience in the time I have been in the legislature has led me to believe that this order causes more trouble than it causes good.

In the past two years I have had many persons come to me wanting to borrow my copy of the State Employees Salary List. I appreciate the fact that these people are members of a public service and their salaries, in a sense, are public business. I do not follow the reasoning that the salary of each and every employee should be spread from one

end of the state to the other to be compared by other employees who may be jealous of their rating. Their salaries should be available to members of this legislature and to people who are entitled to know what they are earning.

This order, last year for the first time, provided for extra copies to be printed and sold at a price, I believe, of a dollar each. 85% to 90% of them were sold to subordinates in various state departments and from what I can gather, I would estimate the cost of this particular order not only would amount to between five and eight hundred dollars this year, but probably would cost the State of Maine in a loss of morale among its employees, perhaps as much as ten thousand dollars.

I think anything that is good about this order is far out-weighted by the problems and by the evils that its passage would insure. I certainly hope the Senate will agree with me in moving for the indefinite postponement of this order.

Mr. NOYES of Hancock: Mr. President, noting the many vacant chairs in the Senate, I will move that this order be tabled and especially assigned for Tuesday next.

The motion prevailed and the order was laid upon the table pending motion by Mr. Allen of Cumberland to indefinitely postpone, and especially assigned for Tuesday next.

From the House

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Woolwich." (H. P. 223)

"Resolve in Favor of Cecil Packard, of Unity." (H. P. 258)

"Resolve in Favor of Kendall Hodgdon, of Blue Hill." (H. P. 259)

"Resolve in Favor of Elwood N. Grant, of Brewer." (H. P. 260)

"Resolve in Favor of Don C. Herick of Harmony." (H. P. 261)

"Resolve in Favor of Clarence G. Ricker, of Clinton." (H. P. 262)

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of North Yarmouth for Support of Marion Edna Polk." (H. P. 263)

"Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Columbia for Hospitalization and Support of Albert B. Reynolds." (H. P. 264)

"Resolve in Favor of Edith J. Patten of Augusta." (H. P. 265)

"Resolve in Favor of Roy Stanley of Salisbury Cove." (H. P. 266)

"Resolve in Favor of Benjamin H. Gowen, of South Portland." (H. P. 267)

"Resolve in Favor of Knowlton & Hewins, of Hallowell." (H. P. 268)

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

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Vinalhaven." (H. P. 270)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of North Haven." (H. P. 271)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of North Haven." (H. P. 272)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Orono." (H. P. 273)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Stockholm." (H. P. 274)

"Resolve in Favor of Westmanland Plantation." (H. P. 276)

"Resolve in Favor of Town of Alton." (H. P. 277)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bradford." (H. P. 278)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Charleston." (H. P. 279)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Hudson." (H. P. 280)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Springfield." (H. P. 281)

"Resolve in Favor of Prentiss Plantation." (H. P. 282)

"Resolve in Favor of Carroll Plantation." (H. P. 283)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Northport." (H. P. 284)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Greenbush." (H. P. 285)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Amherst." (H. P. 286)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Mariaville." (H. P. 287)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Aurora." (H. P. 288)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Lowell." (H. P. 289)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Newburg." (H. P. 290)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Etna." (H. P. 291)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Kenduskeag." (H. P. 292)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Dixmont." (H. P. 293)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Rumford." (H. P. 294)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Rumford." (H. P. 292)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Addison." (H. P. 296)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Columbia." (H. P. 297)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Harrington." (H. P. 298)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Milbridge." (H. P. 299)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Cherryfield." (H. P. 300)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Steuben." (H. P. 301)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Hampden." (H. P. 302)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Chelsea." (H. P. 303)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Chelsea." (H. P. 304)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Farmingdale." (H. P. 305)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Bucksport." (H. P. 306)

"Resolve in Favor of the Plantation of Moose River." (H. P. 307)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Cushing." (H. P. 308)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Friendship." (H. P. 309)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Thomaston." (H. P. 310)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Owl's Head." (H. P. 311)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to the Trustees of the Ministerial Funds of the Town of Bridgton." (H. P. 241) (L. D. 138)

Bill "An Act Relating to Powers and Duties of Recorder of the Municipal Court of the City of Biddeford." (H. P. 240) (L. D. 137)

Bill "An Act to Confer the Right of Eminent Domain upon Wiscasset Water Company." (H. P. 239) (L. D. 135)

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

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Land with Buildings There on in Newcastle, in the County of Lincoln." (H. P. 242) (L. D. 136)

"Resolve Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey by Sale Certain Interest of the State in Lands in the Unorganized Territory." (H. P. 243) (L. D. 139)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regulating Shooting Seals in Certain Waters of York County." (H. P. 244) (L. D. 140)

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

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Rita Lebel, of Hamlin Plantation." (H. P. 345)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Alfred Wik of Stockholm." (H. P. 346)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John B. Ayotte of Stockholm." (H. P. 347)

"Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Elise Ayotte of Stockholm." (H. P. 348)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Dennis Rossignoll of Stockholm." (H. P. 349)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edith Rossignoll, of Stockholm." (H. P. 350)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Henry McCullough, of Hudson." (H. P. 351)

Resolve Providing for State Pension for Evelyn M. Moody, of Belfast." (H. P. 352)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Charlotte E. Armstrong, of Belmont." (H. P. 353)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Melvin Belden, of Palermo." (H. P. 354)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Ellis, of Monroe." (H. P. 355)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lillian Goodrich of Brewer." (H. P. 356)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold L. Weymouth, of St. Albans." (H. P. 357)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for George W. Rines, of North Newburg." (H. P. 358)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for LeRoy Clewley, of Etna." (H. P. 359)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Desmond A. Kennedy, of Pea Cove." (H. P. 360)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Alice Sirois, of Old Town." (H. P. 361)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph Chouinard, of Old Town." (H. P. 362)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Rolande Tondreau, of Augusta." (H. P. 363)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Lida Nickerson, of Orland." (H. P. 364)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Mitchell, of Patten." (H. P. 365)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bertha Hodge, of Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 366)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Margaret McLean, of Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 367)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Curtis Bragdon, of Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 368)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Jabez Coffin, of Mechanic Falls." (H. P. 369)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension, for Charles C. Pullen, of Thomaston." (H. P. 370)

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

Referred to Committees

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

Highways

Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis presented "Resolve in Favor of the Town of Parkman." (S. P. 114)
Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Larrabee of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Relating to Migratory Birds." (S. P. 115)
(Ordered printed.)
Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mrs. Kavanagh of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Authorizing Mainente School of Music to Confer Degree." (S. P. 116)

Mr. Haskell of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Authorizing Approval of the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact." (S. P. 117)
(Each ordered printed.)
Sent down for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Mr. Dennett of York presented Bill "An Act to Clarify Provisions of Liquor Law." (S. P. 118)

Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis presented Bill "An Act Prohibiting Sale of Malt Liquor in Non-Returnable Bottles." (S. P. 119)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Buildings and Parks

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act to Create a State Recreation Commission." (S. P. 120)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Larrabee of Sagadahoc presented Bill "An Act Regulating the Taking of Clams and Quahogs." (S. P. 121)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Haskell of Cumberland presented Bill "An Act Relating to Estimates for Taxes by County Commissioners." (S. P. 122)

Mrs. Kavanagh of Androscoggin presented Bill "An Act Relating to Vacations for Members of the Fire Department of the City of Lewiston." (S. P. 123)

(Each ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Welfare

Mr. McKusick of Piscataquis presented Bill "An Act Relieving Towns of Assessments for Aid to Dependent Children." (S. P. 124)

(Ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

Order

On motion by Mr. Boyker of Oxford, it was

ORDERED, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the Maine State Employees' Association this evening.

Mr. Leavitt of Cumberland was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. LEAVITT of Cumberland: Mr. President and members of the Senate, the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Brewer, has asked me if I would make a very short statement as to the progress of that committee. We have to date had five public hearings and have heard twenty three department agencies. The total budget as requested, amounts to about forty million dollars in the general fund per year. From the agencies which we have already heard, the aggregate requests amount to about twenty one million dollars. This would seem to show that we are half way through our work and of course you all know we are not, but we have heard the agencies which are question one half, at least of the money that has been asked. We have had no executive sessions up to the present time, but I cannot see from the questions that have been asked and the answers we have received, that the final report will be very far away from the budget requests.

I thank you.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Barnes from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act Relating to Escapes from Jail," (S. P. 42) (L. D. 48) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Ratifying Lease Given by the State to Portland Pipe Line Corporation," (S. P. 24) (L. D. 14) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Haskell of Penobscot from the same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to the Town of Winthrop School District," (S. P. 35) (L. D. 21) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once, and Tuesday next assigned for second reading.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 30, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.