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OF THE

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SENATE

Friday, March 16, 1951

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Reverend John P. Donovan of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Joint Order

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin, out of order and under suspension of the rules:

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, March 20th, 1951, at ten o'clock in the morning. (S. P. 505)

Sent down for concurrence.

From the House

Bill "An Act Relating to Greely Institute." (H. P. 1070) (L. D. 604)

(In Senate, on March 2, 1951 passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.)

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Ela of Somerset, tabled pending consideration.

Joint Order: re. Feasibility of County Manager Form of Government, to be studied by Legislative Research Committee, same to make report to 96th Legislature. (H. P. 1647)

Come from the House, read and passed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Allen of Cumberland, read and passed in concurrence.

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to Distribution of Corporation Assets," (H. P. 1403) (L. D. 1063) reported that the same be referred to Judiciary.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the bill referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

The Committee on Highways on "Resolve in Favor of Caswell Plantation," (H. P. 1259) (L. D. 1191)

reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "A".

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence, and the Resolve read once; House Amendment "A" was read and adopted in concurrence, and the Resolve tomorrow assigned for second reading.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Prohibiting the Printing of Pauper Assistance in Town Reports," (H. P. 206) (L. D. 128) reported that the same ought to pass.

Comes from the House, passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment "B".

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Marshall of York, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Relating to Expenses of the Reporter of Decisions," (H. P. 955) (L. D. 567) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, Appropriating Moneys to Obtain Plasma," (H. P. 869) (L. D. 517) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve, in Favor of State Military Defense Commission," (H. P. 871) (L. D. 519) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill "An Act Relating to Savings Banks," (H. P. 1253) (L. D. 827) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill "An Act Describing the Jefferson-Somerville Town Line, Lincoln County," (H. P. 1190) (L. D. 718) reported that the same ought to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on Bill "An Act Relating to Inspection of Children's Homes," (H. P. 1142) (L. D. 674) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act Relating to Funeral Expenses Under Old Age Assistance Law," (H. P. 1285) (L. D. 823) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Elmer W. Lawrence, of Pittsfield.” (H. P. 1638) (L. D. 1197)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill “An Act Establishing Chapman Bird Sanctuary.” (H. P. 1633) (L. D. 1198)

“Resolve Extending Appropriation of Money to Improve the Approach to the Fish Way at Aroostook Falls.” (H. P. 1634) (L. D. 1199)

“Resolve in Favor of Piscataquis County Fish and Game Association.” (H. P. 1635) (L. D. 1200)

“Resolve Limiting Catch of Pickerel in Brann’s Mill Pond, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 1636) (L. D. 1201)

“Resolve Closing Brann’s Mill Pond, Piscataquis County, to Ice Fishing.” (H. P. 1637) (L. D. 1202)

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

Bill “An Act Relating to the County Law Library at Rumford, Oxford County.” (H. P. 1639) (L. D. 1203)

“Resolve Increasing Retirement Benefits for George H. Woodbury, of Belgrade.” (H. P. 1640) (L. D. 1204)

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

Bill “An Act to Regulate the Practice of Land Surveying.” H. P. 1641) (L. D. 1205)

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

Bill “An Act to Provide Partial Cutting Adjacent to Roadsides.” (H. P. 1642) (L. D. 1206)

“Resolve Authorizing the State Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Interest of the State in Property Formerly Owned by Anna Gray.” (H. P. 1644) (L. D. 1207)

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

Bill “An Act Relating to Purposes for Which Cities and Towns May Raise Money.” (H. P. 1645) (L. D. 1208)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

Bill “An Act Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles.” (H. P. 1646) (L. D. 1209)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Referred to Committee

The following Resolve was transmitted from the Director of Legislative Research pursuant to Joint Orders S. P. 138 and S. P. 265, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills, was referred to the following committee:

Highways

Mr. Savage of Somerset presented “Resolve in Favor of the Town of Cornville.” (S. P. 506)

Mr. Allen of Cumberland presented an order and moved its passage.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. President, is it permissible to give the Senate a word of explanation before the order is read?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that that would be quite in order.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. President and members of the Senate, a week ago in discussing with you a bill which I filed in the legislature, because of the state wide losses we are sustaining both in property and in lives due to fire in homes I stated that I would later present for your consideration a joint order that the Recess Committee be authorized to look into this matter of home fires to see if there were any solution which could be arrived at through legislation or other means. This order is in conformity with what other states are doing and it is presented so that in the next two years the Research Committee may have a chance to thoroughly look into the situation which last year cost the lives of sixty-three citizens and a million dollars of property. And for that reason I hope the

Senate will receive favorably this order.

The Secretary read the order: "Ordered, the House concurring, that the Legislative Research Committee be and hereby is directed to study the needs of regulating the installation of oil burning or liquified gas equipment utilized for heating or cooking, and be it further

"Ordered, that the committee report the results of its study to the 96th Legislature."

The order received a passage.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Wight from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act Relating to Open Time on Rabbits in Somerset County." (S. P. 321) (L. D. 720) reported the same in a new draft (S. P. 507) under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule No. 10.

Mr. Broggi from the Committee on Education on Bill "An Act Relating to Authorized Amount of Endowment for Bridge Academy in the Town of Dresden." (S. P. 318) (L. D. 719) reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to State Aid to Towns Maintaining Evening Schools." (S. P. 229) (L. D. 501) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Ela from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sourdnahunk and Little Sourdnahunk Lakes in the County of Piscataquis." (S. P. 233) (L. D. 504) reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

"Resolve Relating to Working Capital for Institutional Farms." (H. P. 257) (L. D. 169)

Bill "An Act Relating to Suspension of Licenses in Drunken Driving Cases." (H. P. 320) (L. D. 178)

"Resolve Restoring Interest on Certain Trust Funds." (H. P. 372) (L. D. 215)

Bill "An Act Relating to Compensation for Members of State Racing Commission." (H. P. 444) (L. D. 273)

Bill "An Act Relating to Workmen's Compensation for Death of Employee." (H. P. 572) (L. D. 378)

Bill "An Act Relating to Payment of Wages in Certain Businesses." (H. P. 642) (L. D. 362)

"Resolve Relating to Surplus Property Pool for Institutions." (H. P. 796) (L. D. 491)

Bill "An Act Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes." (H. P. 1032) (L. D. 587)

Bill "An Act to Provide Forest Fire Prevention and Control in Unorganized Areas not in the Maine Forestry District." (H. P. 1033) (L. D. 588)

Bill "An Act Relating to a Legal Day's Work." (H. P. 1275) (L. D. 844)

Bill "An Act Creating the Lubec Water and Electric District." (H. P. 1631) (L. D. 1192)

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

Bill "An Act Relating to Salary of the Forest Commissioner." (S. P. 223) (L. D. 498)

"Resolve Appropriating Moneys for Automatic Emergency Electric Power for State Police Radio System." (S. P. 246) (L. D. 548)

Bill "An Act Relating to Group Life Insurance." (S. P. 451) (L. D. 1066)

Which were severally read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to Court Stenographers." (S. P. 221) (L. D. 496)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

Bill "An Act Relating to Sales of Property in Lien Cases." (H. P. 533) (L. D. 302)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Incorporation of the City of Old Town

Municipal Building District." (H. P. 752) (L. D. 441)

Bill "An Act Repealing the Incorporation of the City of Old Town High School District." (H. P. 753) (L. D. 442)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Presque Isle." (H. P. 1057) (L. D. 637)

Bill "An Act to Limit, Define and Confirm the Powers and Purposes of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Company." (H. P. 1126) (L. D. 711)

Bill "An Act Relating to Reciprocal Fishing Licenses with New Hampshire." (H. P. 1162) (L. D. 685)

Bill "An Act Relating to Exemption of Parsonages from Taxation." (H. P. 1389) (L. D. 934)

"Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Grace Pond in Enchanted Township." (H. P. 194) (L. D. 116)

"Resolve, Relating to Flagstaff Pond in the County of Somerset." (H. P. 635) (L. D. 382)

"Resolve, Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake in Somerset and Franklin Counties." (H. P. 636) (L. D. 357)

Bill "An Act Relating to Definition of Steam Railroad in Public Utility Law." (S. P. 106) (L. D. 162)

Bill "An Act Creating a Sewer District in the Town of York." (S. P. 136) (L. D. 243)

Bill "An Act Relating to Recording of Judgments of Writs of Error." (S. P. 149) (L. D. 267)

Bill "An Act Relating to Renewal of Certificates by Certain Teachers." (S. P. 157) (L. D. 330)

Bill "An Act Relating to Street Openings by Public Utility Corporation." (S. P. 170) (L. D. 344)

Bill "An Act Relating to the Propagation and Cultivation of Clams, Quahogs and Mussels." (S. P. 173) (L. D. 348)

Bill "An Act to Ratify the Organization of Calvinistic Baptist Church and Society in Eastport and to Change Its Corporate Name." (S. P. 275) (L. D. 614)

Bill "An Act to Extend the Rights, Powers and Privileges of the Passamaquoddy District Authority." (S. P. 277) (L. D. 616)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of Portland Gas Light Company." (S. P. 338) (L. D. 754)

Which bills were severally passed to be enacted and resolves finally passed.

Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act to Create the Limestone School District." (H. P. 747) (L. D. 452)

Which bill being an emergency measure and having received the affirmative vote of 23 members of the Senate and none opposed was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

Mr. CROSBY of Franklin: Mr. President, I would like to inquire if House Paper 541, Legislative Document 326, An Act to Repeal the Act Creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation, and Senate Paper 50, Legislative Document 60, An Act to Incorporate the Town of York School District, are in the possession of the Senate?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will inform the Senator that the two acts are in the possession of the Senate, having been recalled from the Governor by joint order.

Mr. CROSBY: Mr. President and members of the Senate, these acts were recalled from the Governor's office because of a technicality in them which has now been corrected, and I move they now be forwarded to the office of the Governor.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Collins of Aroostook, the Senate voted to take from the table House Report Ought to Pass from the Committee on Towns and Counties on bill, An Act Relating to Recording of Highway Maps (H. P. 1239) (L. D. 160) tabled by that Senator on March 9 pending acceptance of the report; and on further motion by the same Senator, the report was accepted in concurrence and the bill was given its first reading and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Mr. Crosby of Franklin was granted the unanimous consent to address the Senate:

Mr. CROSBY: Mr. President and members of the Senate, the Order that was passed this morning changed our time of convening Tuesday to ten o'clock instead of eleven. This was done so that we might take some action on Tuesday on the Appropriation bill. I would suggest to the Senators that they

prepare their amendments as soon as possible so that we might complete our work on this bill, and forward it to the other branch.

I don't think we will get any tax bill until such time the House members have had opportunity to determine for themselves the revenue needs. So I hope we will all cooperate and if possible get this appropriation bill on its way at an early date.

Mr. SLEEPER of Knox: Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. SLEEPER: Mr. President and members of the Senate, it isn't often that we pass bills that bring as much pleasure as the passage of a certain bill has brought to me this morning. I want to compliment Senator Ela and his committee on giving an "ought to pass" report, and I also want to compliment whoever introduced the bill. It is Item 4 of the Senate

Committee Reports, Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sourdnahunk and Little Sourdnahunk Lakes in the County of Piscataquis. Last November I spent 30 anxious hours somewhere in that neighborhood and if I had found one of the wardens up there to regulate fishing it would have been a god-send indeed. Sometimes I doubt if I would have been out of there by now if there had not been a contest for President of the Senate and some folks wanted to get me out for some reason. I think it is one of the best bills that will be passed this season. It is wonderful territory to hunt in and perhaps I won't be too timid to go there again if fishing is to be regulated and there will be wardens around there. I would have given my right arm to have seen a warden in that thirty-hour period.

On motion by Mr. Crosby of Franklin

Adjourned until Tuesday, March 20th, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.