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HOUSE

Thursday, January 22, 1953

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Harvey F. Ammerman of Augusta.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert.

Mr. ALBERT: Mr. Speaker, I note the presence in the Hall of the House of Representative-elect Dorsey of Fort Fairfield and I move that he be taken to the Governor's Office where he may take the oath necessary to enable him to enter upon his duties as a Member of this House.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert, moves that Representative-elect Dorsey of Fort Fairfield be conducted to the office of the Governor, there to take and subscribe to the oath necessary to entitle him to his seat on the floor of the House. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed the gentleman from Augusta, Mr. Albert, to conduct Representative-elect Dorsey to the office of the Governor for the purpose of taking and subscribing to the oath necessary to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties as a Member of the House. Mr. Albert subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him and that Mr. Dorsey had taken and subscribed the required oath.

The Speaker then assigned Seat 103 to Representative Dorsey.

Papers from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955" (S. P. 41) (L. D. 54)

Resolve providing for a Salmon Rearing Station in Southern Maine (S. P. 40) (L. D. 53)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act Authorizing Appointment of Special Guardian" (S. P. 42) (L. D. 55)

Bill "An Act relating to Liens on Certain Personal Property" (S. P. 43) (L. D. 56)

Bill "An Act relating to Hearings before the Insurance Commissioner" (S. P. 44) (L. D. 57)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Additional Powers to Portland University" (S. P. 30) (L. D. 52)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Payments of Certain County Officers" (S. P. 46) (L. D. 58)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer" (S. P. 48) (L. D. 76)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions" (S. P. 49) (L. D. 77)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Inspection of Construction Projects" (S. P. 50) (L. D. 78)

Bill "An Act relating to Employment of Females in Certain Employment" (S. P. 51) (L. D. 79)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Labor.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Resolve Regulating Fishing in the Sheepscot River (S. P. 52) (L. D. 80)

Resolve relating to the Protection of Smelts in the Montsweag River (S. P. 53) (L. D. 81)

Resolve relating to the Protection of Smelts in the Sheepscot River (S. P. 54) (L. D. 82)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Certain Tax Exemptions for Amputee Veterans" (S. P. 55) (L. D. 83)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Taxation.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act relating to Korean Campaign Veterans' Preference in State Employment" (S. P. 56) (L. D. 84)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: The following Order:

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, January 27, 1953, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 66)

Came from the Senate read and passed.

In the House, read and passed in concurrence.

Bills and Resolves Requiring Reference

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Moving Expenses of Fish and Game and Coastal Wardens" (H. P. 86) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Town of Medway (H. P. 87) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Addition to Chemical Engineering Building at University of Maine (H. P. 88) (Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Bridgewater for Hospitalization and Medical Aid for Robert Crockett (H. P. 89) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to Pay Certain Claims (H. P. 90) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of the Dragon Cement Company, Inc. (H. P. 91) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve in favor of the Town of Waterford (H. P. 92) (Presented by Mr. Ford of Waterford)

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve relating to Salary Increases to State Police Granted by Ninety-fifth Legislature (H. P. 93) (Presented by Mr. Gowell of Berwick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Driving of Deer" (H. P. 94) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Enlarge the Old Town Game Preserve" (H. P. 95) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Hunting with Bow and Arrow in Washington County" (H. P. 96) (Presented by Mr. Murray of Baileyville)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Use of Gill Nets in First Debsconeag Lake and Thoroughfare, in Piscataquis County" (H. P. 97) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments of Motor Vehicle Damage by Deer" (H. P. 98) (Presented by Mr. Whitney of Bridgton)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve relating to Ice Fishing in Hopkins Pond, Penobscot County (H. P. 99) (Presented by Mr. Archer of Brewer)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in Stearns Pond and Tributaries in the County of Oxford (H. P. 100) (Presented by Mr. Moulton of Sweden)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Regulating Fishing in East Branch Tributaries of the Penobscot River (H. P. 101) (Presented by Mr. Potter of Medway)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Center Pond in the Town of Lincoln to Ice Fishing (H. P. 102) (Presented by Miss Steeves of Lincoln)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Crane Pond to Ice Fishing (H. P. 103) (Presented by same member)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Ballot Clerks in Small Towns" (H. P. 104) (Presented by Mr. Ferguson of Hanover)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Records as to Tax Mortgages" (H. P. 105) (Presented by Mr. Wadleigh of Mt. Vernon)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Absent Voting'" (H. P. 106)

(Presented by Mr. Woodcock of Bangor)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Miss Margaret Crosby of Bangor (H. P. 134) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Labor

Bill "An Act relating to Work Permits for Minors" (H. P. 107) (Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Material Borrowed from State Library" (H. P. 108) (Presented by Mr. Hand of New Limerick)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Authorizing City of Old Town to Use Certain Lands of State of Maine" (H. P. 109) (Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Clarifying the Boxing Law" (H. P. 110) (Presented by Mr. Low of South Portland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Revising the Appeal Section of Boxing Commission Law" (H. P. 111) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Accident Insurance for Boxers" (H. P. 112) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to State Stipend for Counties and Towns" (H. P. 113) (Presented by Mr. O'Dell of Eastport)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Bluehill-George Stevens Academy" (H. P. 114) (Presented by Mr. Willey of Ellsworth)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Authorizing State Librarian to Dispose of Certain Newspapers (H. P. 115) (Presented by Mr. Hand of New Limerick)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Bill "An Act relating to Refund on Retail Liquor Licenses" (H. P. 116) (Presented by Mr. Albert of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Angelo Cote of Augusta (H. P. 117) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Bill "An Act to Facilitate the Burning of Brush and Slash" (H. P. 118) (Presented by Mr. Wadleigh of Mt. Vernon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Bill "An Act relating to the Protection of Alewives in the Town of East Machias" (H. P. 119) (Presented by Mr. Cates of East Machias)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Taxation

Bill "An Act for the Assessment of a State Tax for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-three and for the Year Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four" (H. P. 120) (Presented by Mr. Low of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" (H. P. 121) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Refund of Gasoline Tax to Town of North Haven" (H. P. 122) (Presented by Mr. Robinson of St. George by request)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans" (H. P. 123) (Presented by Mr. Wadleigh of Mt. Vernon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low.

Mr. LOW: Mr. Speaker, House Paper 121, Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" is an emergency measure and should have its hearings as soon as possible. With this in view, I move that House Paper number 121 be sent to the Senate forthwith.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low, moves that House Paper 121, Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes" be sent forthwith to the Sen-

ate. Is this the pleasure of the House?

The motion prevailed.

Welfare

Resolve providing for State Pension for Everett B. Crabbe of Mars Hill (H. P. 124) (Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Ruth Flewellyn of Bridgewater (H. P. 125) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for Harold H. Weymouth of St. Albans (H. P. 126) (Presented by Mr. Gardner of Hartland)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Harry E. Cobb of Harmony (H. P. 127) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Clyde Spaulding of Hartland (H. P. 128) (Presented by same gentleman)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Leland J. Small of Lewiston (H. P. 129) (Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Sadie Crush of Wilton (H. P. 130) (Presented by Mr. Macomber of Jay)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Nettie Johnson of Brownfield (H. P. 131) (Presented by Mr. Moulton of Sweden)

Resolve providing for State Pension for Elmer McKenney of Lowell (H. P. 132) (Presented by Miss Steeves of Lincoln)

Resolve providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Upham of Thomaston (H. P. 133) (Presented by Mr. Winchenpaw of Friendship)

Sent up for concurrence.

Orders

The gentlewoman from Rockland, Miss Lawry, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the House is informed of the birth of a baby girl Tuesday, January 20th, to Representative Joseph C. Robinson, Jr., of St. George, and Mrs. Robinson,

AND WHEREAS, the members of the House are much pleased and wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Robinson and her husband,

BE IT ORDERED, that the baby girl be named Marilyn Robinson, and that the Clerk of the House be directed to send to Mrs. Robinson an engrossed copy of this Order.

Thereupon, the Order received passage. (Applause)

The gentleman from Brewer, Mr. Archer, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the House is informed of the birth of a grandson on January 20, 1953 to Representative Emery M. DeBeck of Holden;

AND WHEREAS, the members of the House are much pleased and wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Emery M. DeBeck;

BE IT ORDERED, that the baby boy be named Robert Milton DeBeck, Jr., and that the Clerk of the House be directed to send to Mr. DeBeck of Holden an attested copy of this Order.

Thereupon, the order received passage. (Applause)

On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session, in order to permit smoking.

The gentlewoman from Presque Isle, Mrs. Christie, presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS, the Members of the House have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Benjamin Curtis of Presque Isle, brother of Representative Curtis of Bowdoinham, on January 19, 1953;

BE IT ORDERED, that the sympathy of the House be extended to Mr. Curtis of Bowdoinham in the loss of his brother;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House be directed to send an attested copy of this Order to him.

Thereupon, the Order received passage.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The Chair, at this time, will make appointments

to fill vacancies in the Legislative Research Committee and the Committee on Interstate Cooperation. The Clerk will read the appointments.

The CLERK: The Committee on Interstate Cooperation: To fill the vacancy in the position formerly held by Mr. Robbins of Houlton, the gentleman from Liberty, Mr. Cole.

To fill the vacancy in membership formerly occupied by Mr. Carville of Eustis, the gentleman from Westbrook, Mr. Larrabee.

To fill vacancies in the Legislative Research Committee: To fill the vacancy in the membership formerly held by Mr. Chase, now Senator Chase, the gentleman from New Limerick, Mr. Hand.

To fill the vacancy formerly occupied by Mr. Carter, now Senator Carter, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Albee.

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Fuller, the gentleman from Guilford, Mr. Campbell.

To fill the vacancy held on the committee membership by the late Mr. Bearce, the gentleman from Oakland, Mr. Pullen.

To fill the vacancy in the membership of the committee formerly held by the former Representative Mr. Sinclair, now Senator Sinclair, the gentleman from Rockland, Mr. Low.

To fill the vacancy in the membership of the committee formerly held by Mr. Dunham, now Senator Dunham, the gentleman from Hebron, Mr. Bearce.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that as last Thursday, again this Thursday, the Chair wishes to call to the attention of each member of this House the fact that it is the responsibility of each member also in aiding to speed up the legislative machinery by getting your bills well organized and presented as soon as possible. The length of the legislative session depends, to a great extent, on the manner in which each member gets his bills prepared, presented and started through the legislative machinery.

The SPEAKER: The House is continuing under Orders of the Day.

If there is no further business to come before the House at this time, the Clerk will read the notices.

On motion of Mr. Wadeigh of Mt. Vernon,

The House adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon.