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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Wednesday, February 2, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. John Brett Fort of Bangor.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

House Papers

Bill "An Act relating to Commercial Fertilizers." (H. P. 246) (L. D. 234)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

"Resolve in Favor of Fred Smith of Newport." (H. P. 247) (L. D. 235)

"Resolve in Favor of Henry Michaud of South Berwick." (H. P. 248) (L. D. 236)

"Resolve in Favor of J. C. Haynes of Millinocket." (H. P. 249) (L. D. 237)

"Resolve in Favor of Philip Krisilos of Portland." (H. P. 291)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Construction of Entrances to Highways." (H. P. 253) (L. D. 238)

"Resolve Authorizing State Highway Commission to Study Desirability of Bridge and Causeways connecting Littlejohn's Island and Chebeague Island in Casco Bay with the Mainland." (H. P. 254) (L. D. 239)

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer." (H. P. 255) (L. D. 240)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season for Black Bass." (H. P. 256) (L. D. 241)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Washington County." (H. P. 258) (L. D. 242)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for Black Bass in Washington County." (H. P. 259) (L. D. 243)

"Resolve Closing Little Jim Pond in Franklin and Somerset Counties to Fishing Except Fly Fishing." (H. P. 260) (L. D. 244)

"Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Cochnewagan Pond." (H. P. 261) (L. D. 245)

"Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Cobbosseecontee Lake." (H. P. 262) (L. D. 246)

"Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Annabessacook Lake." (H. P. 263) (L. D. 247)

"Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Wilson Pond." (H. P. 264) (L. D. 248)

"Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Maranacook Lake." (H. P. 265) (L. D. 249)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in Penobscot County." (H. P. 266) (L. D. 250)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Mousam Lake, York County." (H. P. 267) (L. D. 251)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Square Pond, York County." (H. P. 268) (L. D. 252)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Goose Pond, York County." (H. P. 269) (L. D. 253)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Ossipee Pond." (H. P. 270) (L. D. 254)

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

Bill "An Act relating to a Revolving Fund to Satisfy Judgments from Motor Vehicle Accidents." (H. P. 271) (L. D. 255)

Bill "An Act relating to Service on Foreign Corporations." (H. P. 172) (L. D. 256)

Bill "An Act Amending the Law relating to Factors' Liens." (H. P. 273) (L. D. 257)

Bill "An Act relating to the Joint Board under the Bridge Act." (H. P. 274) (L. D. 258)

Bill "An Act Establishing Maximum Speed Limit for Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 275) (L. D. 259)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Report of Harness Racing Commission." (H. P. 276) (L. D. 260)

Bill "An Act relating to Election and Salary of Corporation Counsel of the City of Lewiston." (H. P. 277) (L. D. 261)

Bill "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Westbrook." (H. P. 278) (L. D. 262)

Bill "An Act Creating an Airfield Zoning Ordinance for the Unorganized Territory of Aroostook County." (H. P. 279) (L. D. 263)

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

Bill "An Act Defining Vessel under Public Utility Law." (H. P. 280) (L. D. 264)

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

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Raymond Longway of Rumford." (H. P. 210)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bertha M. Morrison of Lubec." (H. P. 211)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Perley McEachern of Mapleton." (H. P. 212)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Annie McEntee of Westfield." (H. P. 213)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Daniel McCurdy of China." (H. P. 214)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Kathleen Whitehouse of Weeks Mills." (H. P. 215)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Stephen G. Johnson of Old Orchard Beach." (H. P. 216)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Hazel Whalen of Gardiner." (H. P. 217)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Roland Laurence Green of Orrington." (H. P. 243)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Leland Small of Lewiston." (H. P. 218)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Merle Merrill of Liberty." (H. P. 219)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Mrs. Therese Jacques of Van Buren." (H. P. 220)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Wilfreda Cyr of Van Buren." (H. P. 221)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Annette Cyr of Van Buren." (H. P. 222)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Stella Pocius of Rumford." (H. P. 223)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Evelyn Irvine of Winthrop." (H. P. 244)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Donat J. Clavette of Madawaska." (H. P. 224)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Agnes Bourgoin of Madawaska." (H. P. 225)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Maurice Albert of Madawaska." (H. P. 226)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Marie A. Fongemie of Madawaska." (H. P. 227)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Yvonne Jeanne Dubois of Madawaska." (H. P. 228)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for George Beaulieu of Madawaska." (H. P. 229)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Bernard Dumond of Aroostook County." (H. P. 230)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Linwood Bowden of Penobscot." (H. P. 231)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Isaiah Barker of Ludlow." (H. P. 232)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Minnie Shaw of Sebago." (H. P. 245)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Theresa Bolduc of Lewiston." (H. P. 315)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Joseph F. Boulet of Lewiston." (H. P. 316)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Mrs. Aurore Auclair of Lewiston." (H. P. 317)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension Increase for Jennie Mower of Belfast." (H. P. 318)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ava Carter of Belfast." (H. P. 319)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Myrtle Conant of Warren." (H. P. 320)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Burleigh N. F. Esancy of Union." (H. P. 321)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for John B. Herrick of Penobscot." (H. P. 322)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Sylvia Price of Orland.” (H. P. 323)

“Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John Upham of Thomaston.” (H. P. 324)

“Resolve Providing for State Pension for Esther Genthner of Thomaston.” (H. P. 325)

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

Bill “An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mount Desert to Give the Selectmen Authority to Make Ordinances.” (H. P. 281) (L. D. 265)

Bill “An Act to Incorporate the Town of Harpswell Neck.” (H. P. 282) (L. D. 266)

Which were referred to the Committee on Towns & Counties in concurrence.

Bill “An Act relating to Height of Letters on Signs on School Buses.” (H. P. 283) (L. D. 267)

Which were referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

House Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Claims on “Resolve in Favor of Anastases Johnston of Milo.” (H. P. 36) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill “An Act relating to Exemptions from Taxation of Veterans.” (H. P. 4) (L. D. 15) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on “Resolve Repealing the Rule and Regulation Regulating the Taking of Crabs in Cumberland County.” (H. P. 28) (L. D. 38) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence, the Resolve read once and on motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, the rules were suspended, the resolve read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the gallery of a group of students from the seventh grade of Farrington School in Augusta, accompanied by Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Johnstone.

The Chair welcomes you youngsters to the Senate and hopes that you enjoy our session and take something of interest back to your school with you. Do come again please.

Senate Papers Referred to Committees Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Jamieson of Aroostook presented

“Resolve in Favor of the Northern Maine Sanatorium.” (H. P. 2143)

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented

Bill “An Act Providing for Construction of a Women’s Dormitory at the University of Maine and Appropriating Moneys Therefor.” (S. P. 144)

Mr. Crabtree of Aroostook presented

Bill “An Act relating to an Expense Account for Governor-Elect.” (S. P. 145)

Mr. Fuller of Oxford presented

“Resolve Providing for the Construction of a Men’s Dormitory at Farmington State Teachers’ College.” (S. P. 146)

Mr. Low of Knox presented

Bill “An Act relating to Education of Physically Handicapped or Exceptional Children.” (S. P. 147)

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented

Bill “An Act relating to Salaries of Justices of Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court.” (S. P. 148)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill “An Act relating to Group Life Insurance Standard Provisions.” (S. P. 149)

The same Senator presented
Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Group Life Insurance." (S. P. 150)

Which were referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Crabtree of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act relating to Education in Unorganized Territory." (S. P. 151)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Reimbursement of Towns for Transportation or Board of School Children." (S. P. 152)

Which were referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Coffee Pond in Cumberland County." (S. P. 153)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for Black Bass in Schoodic Lake in Washington County." (S. P. 154)

Which were referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented
Bill "An Act relating to Destruction of County Records." (S. P. 155)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act Repealing County Laws Relating to Meridian Lines and Standards of Length." (S. P. 156)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act Providing for Reappointment of Active Retired Justices." (S. P. 157)

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Joseph's College." (S. P. 158)

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented

Bill "An Act Revising the Laws on Civil Defense and Public Safety." (S. P. 159)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

Bill "An Act to Incorporate Associated Industries of Maine." (S. P. 160)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented
Bill "An Act relating to the Reorganization of the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation." (S. P. 161)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Equipment of Rail Track Motorcars used by Railroad to Transport Employees." (S. P. 162)

Which were referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Pensions for Dependents of Deceased Policemen of City of Lewiston." (S. P. 163)

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented

Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Northport Village Corporation to Town of Northport." (S. P. 164)

Which were referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Health

Mr. Crabtree of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act relating to Licensed Practical Nurses." (S. P. 165)

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Valuation of Property of Public Utilities for Fixing Rates." (S. P. 167)

Which were referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Irving Lear of Northport." (S. P. 168)

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland (by request) presented

Bill "An Act relating to Salaries of Registers of Deeds and Clerk Hire and Indexes of Records." (S. P. 169)

Which was referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Bill "An Act relating to Specially Designed Motor Vehicle Number Plates for Maine Members in Congress." (S. P. 170)

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented

Bill "An Act Repealing Special Duty of State Police Registration of Motor Vehicles and Licensing of Operators." (S. P. 171)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act Repealing State Police Enforcement at Agricultural Fairs." (S. P. 172)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Transportation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Engrossed

"Resolve in Favor of the Cary Memorial Hospital in Caribou." (S. P. 34) (L. D. 22)

"Resolve in Favor of the Cary Memorial Hospital in Caribou." (S. P. 35) (L. D. 23)

Bill "An Act relating to Depositions in Probate Courts." (S. P. 37) (L. D. 24)

Bill "An Act relating to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act." (S. P. 45) (L. D. 34)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Emergency Measure

Bill "An Act to Provide Credit or Refund for Tobacco Tax Stamps and Correcting Error in Discount for Tobacco Tax Stamps." (S. P. 20) (L. D. 4)

On motion by Mr. Boucher of Androscoggin, tabled pending passage to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc adjourned until tomorrow afternoon at one-thirty o'clock.