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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Tuesday, February 8, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Ernest B. Johnson of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Clarifying Laws on Slaughterhouses and Meat Processing Plants." (H. P. 327) (L. D. 368)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

"Resolve for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of 'History of Otisfield, Maine'." (H. P. 331) (L. D. 372)

"Resolve Creating the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Scholarship Fund." (H. P. 332) (L. D. 373)

"Resolve Providing Funds for Operating Pilot Programs in Marine Commercial Fisheries and Maritime Occupations." (H. P. 333) (L. D. 374)

"Resolve in Favor of Addition to Chemical Engineering Building at University of Maine." (H. P. 334) (L. D. 375)

"Resolve in Favor of a Science and Classroom Building at Gorham State Teachers College." (H. P. 335) (L. D. 376)

"Resolve in Favor of Skowhegan Armory Project." (H. P. 336) (L. D. 377)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Transportation of Explosives." (H. P. 337) (L. D. 378)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

"Resolve to Reimburse Cecil Merrill of Dixfield for Damage done by State Ward." (H. P. 338) (L. D. 379)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Lyman." (H. P. 339) (L. D. 380)

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Exits from and Means of Extinguishing Fire in School Buildings." (H. P. 342) (L. D. 381)

Bill "An Act relating to Children Attending School in Adjoining Town." (H. P. 344) (L. D. 382)

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of Residence of Parents of Children of School Age." (H. P. 345) (L. D. 383)

Bill "An Act to Supplement Loans by Maine School Building Authority." (H. P. 346) (L. D. 385)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Meeting of Joint Superintending School Committees." (H. P. 347) (L. D. 384)

Bill "An Act relating to Requirements in Construction of School Buildings." (H. P. 348) (L. D. 386)

Bill "An Act relating to Conveyance of School Children." (H. P. 349) (L. D. 387)

Bill "An Act relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 388)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Permits to Haul Farm Products Over Certain Highways." (H. P. 351) (L. D. 389)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership and Administration of State Highway Commission." (H. P. 352) (L. D. 390)

"Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in Town of Kennebunkport." (H. P. 353) (L. D. 391)

"Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in the Town of Mars Hill." (H. P. 354) (L. D. 392)

"Resolve to Construct Portions of Pequawket Trail, Oxford County." (H. P. 355) (L. D. 393)

"Resolve Providing for Construction of a Substitute Road in Howland." (H. P. 356) (L. D. 394)

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

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kewayden Lake and Virginia Lake in Oxford County." (H. P. 357) (L. D. 395)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Special Deputies in War Time or When War Imminent." (H. P. 358) (L. D. 396)

Bill "An Act relating to Contracts of Minors Under Statute of Frauds." (H. P. 359) (L. D. 397)

Bill "An Act relating to Amending Declaration or Pleading Anew after Demurrer." (H. P. 360) (L. D. 398)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms." (H. P. 361) (L. D. 399)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Date of the General Election." (H. P. 362) (L. D. 400)

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Belfast." (H. P. 364) (L. D. 401)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Southport Cemetery District." (H. P. 365) (L. D. 402)

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mexico School District." (H. P. 366) (L. D. 403)

Bill "An Act relating to Salary and Bond of Treasurer of Community School District." (H. P. 368) (L. S. 404)

Bill "An Act relating to Retirement Pensions for Police and Fire Departments of the City of Portland." (H. P. 369) (L. D. 405)

Bill "An Act relating to Duties of Building Committees and District Trustees Re Schoolhouses." (H. P. 371) (L. D. 406)

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

Bill "An Act to Provide Refunds on Certain Liquor License Fees." (H. P. 372) (L. D. 407)

Bill "An Act relating to Limitation of Liquor Licenses." (H. P. 373) (L. D. 408)

Bill "An Act relating to the Sale of Malt Liquor in Non-returnable Glass Containers." (H. P. 374) (L. D. 409)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

"Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey to Portland Water District a Right of Way for a Pipeline over Land of the Reformatory for Men in South Windham." (H. P. 375) (L. D. 410)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to License Fees for Barber Shops and Beauty Shops." (H. P. 376) (L. D. 411)

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

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Donald Chaloult of Caribou." (H. P. 444)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Sirois of Caribou." (H. P. 445)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Edith Levesque of Caribou." (H. P. 446)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Roland E. Whitney of East Newport." (H. P. 447)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ronald Duntun of Rumford." (H. P. 448)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Franklin B. Leveille of West Enfield." (H. P. 449)

"Resolve in Favor of Francis G. Kalile of Belfast." (H. P. 450)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Alfred Ouellette of Augusta." (H. P. 451)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Fredolin Poulin of Augusta." (H. P. 452)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Vene Cote of Augusta." (H. P. 453)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Sturgis Piscopo of Augusta." (H. P. 454)

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

House Committee Reports Ought Not To Pass

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Dr. H. D. Stevens of Smyrna Mills." (H. P. 39) re-

ported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on "Resolve in Favor of a Retirement Allowance for J. Harrison Bailey of Hallowell." (H. P. 68) (L. D. 73) reported that the same Ought Not to Pass.

Which reports were read and accepted in concurrence.

Ought to Pass as Amended

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Rabbit Hunting in Oxford, Franklin and Somerset Counties." (H. P. 8) (L. D. 7) reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A". (Filing No. 3)

Which report and bill were re-committed to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE
RESEARCH
Augusta

February 8, 1955

Hon. Chester T. Winslow,
Secretary of the Senate,
State House,
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I submit herewith, in accordance with Senate Paper 25, a list of all bills for private or special legislation which are in the process of preparation in my office.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) SAMUEL H. SLOSBERG
Director of Legislative
Research

Which was read and placed on file.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that the above mentioned list will be available to any Senate member, in the office of the Secretary, and that the list does include thirty-four Senate bills and resolves, and eighty-seven House bills and resolves. Your inspection of the list is invited.

Senate Papers Referred to Committees Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Sinclair of Somerset presented Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Forest Commissioner." (S. P. 210)

Mr. Fuller of Oxford presented "Resolve Appropriating Funds for Related and Supplemental Instructions Under Voluntary Apprenticeship Law." (S. P. 201)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Carpenter of Somerset presented

"Resolve in Favor of Bernard L. Smith of Madison." (S. P. 202)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented "Resolve in Favor of Wyman and Simpson, Inc., of Augusta." (S. P. 203)

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act Providing for Contents Volumes of Cumberland County Records of Deeds to be Copied." (S. P. 204)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill "An Act relating to Medical Services under the Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 205)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Weeks of Cumberland presented

Bill "An Act relating to Wharf in Long Lake at Naples." (S. P. 206)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Mr. Carpenter of Somerset presented

Bill "An Act relating to Suspension of Liquor Licenses Pending Appeal." (S. P. 207)

The same Senator presented

Bill "An Act relating to Sales of Liquor by the Commission to Government Instrumentalities." (S. P. 208)

Which were referred to the Committee on Liquor Control and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Myrtle Kittredge of Hallowell." (S. P. 209)

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Repealing Obsolete Highway Laws." (S. P. 115) (L. D. 278) reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Woodcock from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Repealing Separate Bids for Purchase of Institutional Supplies." (S. P. 49) (L. D. 46) reported that the same Ought to Pass.

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

**Ought to Pass
New Draft—New Title**

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Audience Participation Radio or Television Amusements or Games." (S. P. 57) (L. D. 85) reported the same in a New Draft (S. P. 211) New Title

Bill "An Act relating to Audience Participation in Radio or Television Amusements or Games" and that it Ought to Pass.

Which report was read and accepted and the bill in a new draft and under the new title was laid upon the table for printing under Joint Rule 10.

Passed to be Engrossed

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading reported the following Bills and Resolves:

House

Bill "An Act relating to Recording of Notices of Liens and Certificates of Discharge of Liens of Internal Revenue Taxes." (H. P. 2) (L. D. 2)

Bill "An Act relating to Membership of the Board of Trustees on the North Haven Port District." (H. P. 11) (L. D. 10)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Readfield School District." (H. P. 14) (L. D. 13)

Bill "An Act relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of Presque Isle." (H. P. 44) (L. D. 55)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Avon." (H. P. 5) (L. D. 279)

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

House, as amended

Bill "An Act relating to Definition of 'Elevator' under Board of Elevator Rules and Regulations." (H. P. 12) (L. D. 11)

Which was read a second time and passed to be engrossed as amended, (Filing No. 2) in concurrence.

Senate

"Resolve in Favor of Herman Zimmerman of Presque Isle." (S. P. 76)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Reid of Kennebec was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. REID: Mr. President and members of the Senate: This is just a brief report of the progress resulting from the meeting of the committee of the whole that we had last week with respect to notices to weeklies of legislative hearings.

For those who wanted to make sure that we did not commit ourselves beyond the point we should go, a release was sent out, dated February 2, 1955, with the following preamble:

"The following tabulation of legislative hearings for next week represents all of the available information as of the date of this release. It is not necessarily a complete list of all legislative hearings for the following week. It is offered only as a news release and is not an order to advertise the hearings. It should not be interpreted as representing a complete list of all Bills that may be advertised for hearings next week. This is our first effort on a Wednesday release. Next week we will try to assemble at least some of the lists for Tuesday release. We invite your comments and criticism, hopeful that we can give you a news service of some value." That is signed by our President.

That release which was sent out contains four mimeographed sheets and a good list of a number of committee hearings and a fairly complete list of bills. Of course we have

not had time to get complete responses, but I do have letters from The Brunswick Record and Sanford Publishing Company expressing their appreciation.

I would remind the Senate chairmen of the committees that if they will this afternoon obtain so far as they can a list of the bills that are in their committee rooms now that they are sure are going to be heard next week and have the clerks of your committees make up that list and give it to Mearle Norton, then those weeklies that publish next Wednesday will at least have something, and then tomorrow please get the complete list in as early as you can and have it in the hands of Mearle Norton. If you do that, probably the bulk of bills to be heard next week can be advertised in those newspapers that publish on Thursday.

I think that the system outlined at the hearing of the committee on the whole is really working out mechanically and will be of a great deal of benefit and interest to the weeklies.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would add to that comment that as many chairmen as can get next week's hearings list into Mrs. Norton sometime before 2:30 or 3:00 this afternoon should do so, so that she can get them out and the papers that are published tomorrow will have them.

On motion by Mr. Dunham of Hancock,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.