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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Ninety-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1955

DAILY KENNEBEC JOURNAL
Augusta, Maine

SENATE

Thursday, February 10, 1955

The Senate was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Arthur G. Christopher of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Order

On motion by Mr. Reid of Kennebec, 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, February 15, 1955, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. (S. P. 239)

Which was read and passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the foregoing Order was returned from the House, having been read and passed in concurrence.

House Papers

Bill "An Act Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Harness Racing Commission Due to Insufficient Appropriations." (H. P. 460) (L. D. 505)

Bill "An Act relating to the Duties and Authority of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration." (H. P. 461) (L. D. 506)

Bill "An Act relating to the Reimbursement to Municipalities for Extraordinary Hospital Expenses." (H. P. 462) (L. D. 507)

"Resolve Appropriating Monies for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957 for the Development of Over - all Long Range Capital Improvement Programs for Agencies of the State Government." (H. P. 463) (L. D. 508)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Interest Rates for Small Loan Agencies." (H. P. 464) (L. D. 509)

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

"Resolve in Favor of Clarence Ricker of Clinton." (H. P. 465) (L. D. 510)

"Resolve in Favor of Alvah T. Leighton of New Gloucester." (H. P. 466) (L. D. 511)

"Resolve in Favor of Raoul Michaud of Soldier Pond." (H. P. 523)

"Resolve to Reimburse H. D. Stevens, D. O., Smyrna Mills, for Medical Aid to Certain Paupers." (H. P. 524)

"Resolve in Favor of the Town of Oakfield." (H. P. 525)

"Resolve in Favor of Dr. John D. Denison of Patten." (H. P. 526)

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

Bill "An Act to Establish a State Committee on Educational Television." (H. P. 467) (L. D. 512)

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

"Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in the town of Penobscot." (H. P. 468) (L. D. 513)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Nonresidents Kindling Fires in Unorganized Territory." (H. P. 419) (L. D. 504)

Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Deer." (H. P. 469) (L. D. 514)

"Resolve Closing Spring Pond in Piscataquis County to Fishing Except Fly Fishing." (H. P. 470) (L. D. 515)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Sawyer's Pond in Southport." (H. P. 471) (L. D. 516)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Arnold Pond in Coburn Gore, Franklin County." (H. P. 472) (L. D. 517)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Chain of Ponds in Chain of Ponds Township, County of Franklin." (H. P. 473) (L. D. 518)

"Resolve Defining Upper Dam Pool in Township 4 Range 1, Oxford County." (H. P. 474) (L. D. 519)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Crosby Pond in Coburn Gore, Franklin County." (H. P. 475) (L. D. 520)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake, Franklin County." (H. P. 476) (L. D. 521)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Flagstaff Lake in Franklin and Somerset Counties." (H. P. 477) (L. D. 522)

"Resolve relating to Night Fishing for Smelts in Long Lake, Aroostook County." (H. P. 478) (L. D. 523)

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

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Equitable Loan Co." (H. P. 479) (L. D. 524)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the State Finance Co." (H. P. 480) (L. D. 525)

Bill "An Act Concerning Expiration of Inheritance Tax Lien on Real Estate." (H. P. 481) (L. D. 526)

Bill "An Act to Clarify Provision for Child, Etc., Omitted in Will." (H. P. 482) (L. D. 527)

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Reduce the Voting Age to Eighteen Years." (H. P. 483) (L. D. 528)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Bail Commissioners." (H. P. 484) (L. D. 529)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Beacon Finance Company." (H. P. 485) (L. D. 530)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Sunday Sports in Public Schools." (H. P. 486) (L. D. 531)

Bill "An Act Revising the Law Relating to Licensing of Electricians." (H. P. 487) (L. D. 532)

Bill "An Act relating to Delivery of Motor Vehicles Sold by State on Bids." (H. P. 488) (L. D. 533)

Bill "An Act relating to Payments by Town of York to York Beach Village Corporation." (H. P. 489) (L. D. 534)

Bill "An Act to Provide a Selectman-Manager Form of Government for the Town of Madawaska, in the County of Aroostook." (H. P. 490) (L. D. 552)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Possession of Liquors by Minors." (H. P. 491) (L. D. 535)

Bill "An Act relating to Part-time Liquor Licenses." (H. P. 492) (L. D. 536)

Bill "An Act relating to Retail Licenses for Sale of Malt Liquor." (H. P. 493) (L. D. 537)

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

Bill "An Act Limiting Application of Outdoor Advertising Laws." (H. P. 494) (L. D. 538)

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

Bill "An Act relating to Apprenticeship in Hairdressing and Beauty Culture." (H. P. 495) (L. D. 539)

Bill "An Act relating to Permit Before Examination for Applicant to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture." (H. P. 496) (L. D. 540)

Bill "An Act relating to Time of Examinations for Applicants to Practice Hairdressing and Beauty Culture." (H. P. 497) (L. D. 541)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Public Health in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Create the Augusta Sewerage District." (H. P. 498) (L. D. 549)

Bill "An Act Creating the Pittsfield Utilities District." (H. P. 499) (L. D. 550)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Mexico Sewer District." (H. P. 500) (L. D. 551)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Roland Shaw of Farmingdale." (H. P. 553)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Richard A. Holbrook of Livermore Falls." (H. P. 554)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for John Kidder of Dixfield." (H. P. 555)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Barbara Anne Parlin of Norway." (H. P. 556)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for John C.

Prescott of East Corinth." (H. P. 557)

"Resolve in Favor of R. Clifton Burnell of East Sebago." (H. P. 558)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Bertha F. Foster of Auburn." (H. P. 559)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Elizabeth Kavanaugh of Millinocket." (H. P. 560)

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

"Resolve Providing Review of Shellfish and Marine Worm Laws." (H. P. 505) (L. D. 542)

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

Bill "An Act Exempting Funeral Services from Sales Tax." (H. P. 506) (L. D. 543)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act Relating to the Salary of the Recorder of the Sanford Municipal Court." (H. P. 507) (L. D. 544)

Bill "An Act Relative to the Salary of the Judge of the Brunswick Municipal Court." (H. P. 508) (L. D. 545)

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

Bill "An Act relating to the Issuance of Operators' Licenses from Date of Birth." (H. P. 509) (L. D. 546)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

Bill "An Act relating to Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients." (H. P. 510) (L. D. 547)

Which was referred to the Committee on Welfare in concurrence.

House Committee Reports

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Open Season on Muskrats in Washington County." (H. P. 42) (L. D. 53) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which report and bill were recommitted to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

The Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act relating to Speed of Commercial Vehicles." (H. P. 132) (L. D. 133) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which report and bill were recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill "An Act relating to Licenses for Spouses and Children of Members of the Armed Forces of the United States to Hunt or Fish." (H. P. 102) (L. D. 110) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill "An Act relating to Facsimile Signature of Secretary of State and Power of Deputy in Certain Motor Vehicle Notices." (H. P. 59) (L. D. 64) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act relating to Stipend to Agricultural Societies." (H. P. 43) (L. D. 54) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to a School District for the Towns of Limerick, Parsonsfield, Cornish and Others." (H. P. 66) (L. D. 71) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Taxation on Bill "An Act relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes." (H. P. 121) (L. D. 124) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Transportation on Bill "An Act Repealing the Law Prohibiting the Use of Motor Vehicles on a Certain Road in the Town of North Haven." (H. P. 18) (L. D. 17) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Turning Signals on Fire Department Vehicles." (H. P. 82) (L. D. 79) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Automobiles Operated by Sheriffs, Police and Fire Officials." (H. P. 83) (L. D. 80) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Sirens on Motor Vehicles Operated by Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries." (H. P. 126) (L. D. 129) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill "An Act relating to Weighing Vehicles by Officers." (H. P. 128) (L. D. 131) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

**Senate Papers
Referred to Committees
Appropriations and Financial
Affairs**

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Repealing the Merit Award Board." S. P. 240)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to the Custody of State Funds." (S. P. 241)

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act Increasing Salary of Treasurer of State." (S. P. 242)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented

"Resolve to Reimburse the Maine General Hospital for Care and Hospitalization of Leland Curtis." (S. P. 243)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Highways

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented

"Resolve Reappropriating Road Resolve Funds in Chesuncook Township." (S. P. 244)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to Bounty on Bears." (S. P. 245)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Farley of York presented Bill "An Act relating to Itemized Statements Filed by Legislative Counsel and Agents." (S. P. 246)

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act relating to Abstracts of Criminal Records for State Bureau of Identification." (S. P. 248)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to the Merger, Consolidation, Etc. of Corporations." (S. P. 249)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to Appointment of Special Deputy Sheriffs." (S. P. 250)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to the Uniform Civil Liability for Support Act." (S. P. 251)

The same Senator presented Bill "An Act relating to Jurisdiction of State Courts after Federal Court Disposed of Criminal Case." (S. P. 252)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Liquor Control

Mr. Crabtree of Aroostook presented

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Liquor Laws." (S. P. 254)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented "Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Donald M. Laughlin of Great Pond." (S. P. 255)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Providing for State Pension Increase for Leah Jordan of Waltham." (S. P. 256)

Which were referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented "Resolve in Favor of Elizabeth J. Stevens of Augusta." (S. P. 257)

Which was referred to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation

Mr. Dunham of Hancock presented Bill "An Act relating to Maine Sardine Tax Committee and Suspending Sardine Tax on Certain Cases of Sardines." (S. P. 258)

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

Towns and Counties

Mr. Reid of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act relating to Payments to Kennebec Law Library." (S. P. 261)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

Bill "An Act relating to Audit of Counties." (S. P. 262)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented Bill "An Act relating to Use of Dealer or Transit Motor Vehicle Registration Plates." (S. P. 259)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

The following bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order:

Judiciary

Mr. Martin of Kennebec presented Bill "An Act relating to Eminent Domain by Maine Turnpike Authority." (S. P. 247)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Cummings of Sagadahoc presented

Bill "An Act Creating the MacMahan Island Village Corporation." (S. P. 253)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Collins of Aroostook presented Bill "An Act Providing for Rental of Caribou Municipal Court." (S. P. 260)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Highways and Taxation

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds in the Amount of Fifteen Million Dollars on Behalf of the State for the Purpose of Building State Highways." (S. P. 263) which was referred to the Committees on Highways and Taxation, jointly, and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COLLINS of Aroostook: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would like to offer a bill for unanimous consent and in so doing, I would like to explain to the Senate why it is necessary to do so.

Two years ago, the legislature passed a bill creating the Caribou Hospital District. We find now that one of the conditions of the bill needs a technical change, and I did not discover this until after the deadline on the entering of bills for private and special legislation. I got legal opinion which stated that it would be better if this technical change was made. I am sure it will not delay the work of the legislature. I have been assured by the Senator from Penobscot, Senator

Woodcock, that if the bill is referred to Legal Affairs, they are willing to accept it and I therefore offer this bill for acceptance by unanimous consent.

Thereupon, bill, An Act Amending the Charter of the Caribou Hospital District was received by unanimous consent, referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

First Reading of a Printed Bill

Bill "An Act relating to Audience Participation in Radio or Television Amusements or Games." (S. P. 211) (L. D. 495)

Which was read once and under suspension of Rules given a second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Ought to Pass, as Amended

Mr. Low from the Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Gordon M. Stewart of Paris, Administrator d.b.n.c.t.a. of the Estate of Eva M. Elliot, late of Otisfield, Deceased." (S. P. 29) (L. D. 18) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolve read once.

The Secretary read Committee Amendment A. Committee Amendment A. to L. D. 18. "Amend said resolve by striking out in the second line of said Resolve "general fund" and inserting therefor, "Unappropriated surplus."

Which amendment was adopted and the resolve as amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Jamieson from the Committee on Highways on "Resolve Pro-

viding for Motor Vehicle Registration Plates." (S. P. 44) (L. D. 33) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

Passed to be Engrossed

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

House

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Season on Deer in Town of Isle au Haut, Knox County." (H. P. 6) (L. D. 5)

"Resolve Opening Roxbury Pond, Oxford County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 56) (L. D. 62)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer on Cranberry Isles." (H. P. 103) (L. D. 111)

Bill "An Act relating to Closed Time on Deer in Long Island Plantation." (H. P. 104) (L. D. 112)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Borrowing Capacity of the Town of Gray School District." (H. P. 154) (L. D. 154)

"Resolve in Favor of Norway Fish and Game Association for Fish Screen at Dam at Norway Lake." (H. P. 58) (L. D. 366)

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

Orders of the Day

On Motion by Mr. Farris of Kennebec,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 15, 1955 at ten o'clock in the morning.