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Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Ralph W. Peterson of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Dow of Lincoln, Journal of Thursday, January 24, read and approved.

House Papers

“Resolve Reimbursing Certain Municipalities on Account of Property Tax Exemptions of Veterans.” (H. P. 99) (L. D. 142)

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

“Resolve in Favor of City of Ellsworth.” (H. P. 100) (L. D. 143)

“Resolve in Favor of Town of Milo for Aid to Mabelle Brawn.” (H. P. 156)

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Relating to Services of State Police on Maine Turnpike.” (H. P. 106) (L. D. 144)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Relating to Taking of Smelts.” (H. P. 107) (L. D. 145)

Bill, “An Act Increasing the Bounty on Bobcat.” (H. P. 168) (L. D. 146)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Fees for License for Nonresident Dealers in Furs.” (H. P. 109) (L. D. 147)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Complimentary Non-Resident Fishing and Hunting Licenses.” (H. P. 110) (L. D. 148)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Houston Pond, Franklin County.” (H. P. 111) (L. D. 149)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Rangeley River, Franklin County.” (H. P. 112) (L. D. 150)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Haley Pond, Franklin County.” (H. P. 113) (L. D. 151)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saddleback Stream and Its Tributaries, Franklin County.” (H. P. 114) (L. D. 152)

“Resolve Prohibiting Live Fish as Bait in Spring Lake, Somerset County.” (H. P. 115) (L. D. 153)

“Resolve Closing Haley Brook, Franklin County, to all Fishing.” (H. P. 116) (L. D. 154)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tim Pond, Franklin County.” (H. P. 117) (L. D. 155)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Blanchard Ponds, Franklin County.” (H. P. 118) (L. D. 156)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Tributaries to Baker Pond, Somerset County.” (H. P. 119) (L. D. 157)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Big Island Pond, Franklin County” (H. P. 120) (L. D. 158)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kennebec River, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties.” (H. P. 121) (L. D. 159)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moose River, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 122) (L. D. 160)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kokadjo, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 123) (L. D. 161)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Bell Pond, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 124) (L. D. 162)

“Resolve Prohibiting Outboard Motors when Fishing in Grindstone Pond, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 125) (L. D. 163)

“Resolve Regulating Fishing in Moosehead Lake Tributaries, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties.” (H. P. 126) (L. D. 164)

“Resolve Opening Twitchell Pond in Oxford County to Ice Fishing During February and March.” (H. P. 127) (L. D. 165)

“Resolve Closing Chain of Tacoma Lakes to Ice Fishing.” (H. P. 132) (L. D. 170)

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

Bill “An Act Relating to Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws by Juveniles.” (H. P. 128) (L. D. 166)

Bill “An Act Relating to Certain Penalties for Motor Vehicle Violations.” (H. P. 129) (L. D. 167)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Delivery of Absent Voting and Physical Incapacity Voting Ballots.” (H. P. 130) (L. D. 168)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Qualifications of Judge and Duties of Re-

corder of Brunswick Municipal Court." (H. P. 131) (L. D. 169)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Examination of Dog Shelters by State Humane Agents." (H. P. 133) (L. D. 171)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Stealing or Killing Dogs." (H. P. 134) (L. D. 172)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Castle Hill-Chapman-Mapleton Community School District." (H. P. 135) (L. D. 173)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Redevelopment Project under Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Authority Law." (H. P. 136) (L. D. 174)

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Town of Brunswick to Provide for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish." (H. P. 137) (L. D. 175)

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

Bill, "An Act to Authorize the City of Lewiston to Discharge a Drain into the Androscoggin River." (H. P. 138) (L. D. 176)

"Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Certain Land in Woodland, Aroostook County." (H. P. 139) (L. D. 177)

"Resolve Authorizing the Forest Commissioner to Convey Loon Island to Mrs. Anna Fowler and Julius Peterson." (H. P. 140) (L. D. 178)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Facilities Furnished by Public Utilities for Rate Fixing Purposes." (H. P. 141) (L. D. 179)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Public School Under State Retirement System." (H. P. 142) (L. D. 180)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Military Leave Credits under State Personnel Law." (H. P. 143) (L. D. 181)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Military Leave Credits under State Retirement System." (H. P. 144) (L. D. 182)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Clarence Ramdell of Lubec." (H. P. 145) (L. D. 183)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for Ira Colson of Lubec." (H. P. 146) (L. D. 184)

"Resolve Providing for State Pension for George McCray, Presque Isle." (H. P. 147) (L. D. 185)

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

Bill, "An Act Exempting Water Sold for Home Consumption from Sales Tax." (H. P. 148) (L. D. 186)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Portland Municipal Court." (H. P. 149) (L. D. 187)

Bill, "An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the South Portland Municipal Court." (H. P. 150) (L. D. 188)

Bill, "An Act Increasing the Salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Westbrook Municipal Court." (H. P. 151) (L. D. 189)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payment of Expenses of Lewiston Municipal Court." (H. P. 152) (L. D. 190)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Issuance of Motor Vehicle Operators' Licenses from the Anniversary of the Date of Birth." (H. P. 153) (L. D. 191)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox
Recessed for five minutes.

After Recess

The Senate was called to order by the President.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
STATE OF MAINE
Augusta

January 24, 1957

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth Legislature:

We have the honor to present a report entitled "Belfast Passagassawakeag Bridge Study".

This report has been prepared in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Public Roads as the result of the resolve, Chapter 73, of the Ninety-seventh Legislature. A full copy of the resolve is included as a part of the report.

Respectfully,

(Signed) DAVID H. STEVENS
Chairman
CLARENCE S. CROSBY
HAROLD B. EMERY
State Highway Commission

Which was read and ordered placed on file.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Papers

The following bills and resolves were received, and on recommendation by the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented

"Resolve in Favor of the Maine Historical Society." (S. P. 92)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve for Purchase of Copies of Six 'Maine Province and Court Records, Volume IV.'" (S. P. 93)

The same Senator presented:

"Resolve Providing for a Traveling Clinic for Education of Mentally Retarded Children." (S. P. 94)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Constitutional Amendments

Mr. Low of Knox presented

"Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Election of Members of the Executive Council." (S. P. 95)

Which was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Highways

Mr. Ferguson of Oxford presented

Bill, "An Act Combining Use of State Aid and Town Road Improvement Funds." (S. P. 96)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

The same Senator presented (by request)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Sunday Hunting." (S. P. 97)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Cupsuptic River and Tributaries, Oxford County." (S. P. 98)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Ellis Pond, Oxford County." (S. P. 99)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Howard Pond, Oxford County." (S. P. 100)

The same Senator presented

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Umbagog Lake, Oxford County." (S. P. 101)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

The same Senator presented

Bill, "An Act Increasing Debt Limit Under Small Claim Law." (S. P. 102)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Persons Subject to Imprisonment for Life." (S. P. 103)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Ferguson of Oxford presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Union Highway Districts." (S. P. 104)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Health

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Charges for Treatment for Patients in State Sanatoriums." (S. P. 105)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

State Government

Mr. Hillman of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Appointment of a Deputy Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game." (S. P. 106)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Ferguson of Oxford presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Municipal Accounting and Audit." (S. P. 107)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, the Senate voted to reconsider its action taken earlier in today's session whereby it referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Redevelopment Project under Slum Clearance and Redevelopment Authority Law" (H. P. 136) (L. D. 174); and on further motion by the same Senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would note that the Senate is awaiting an expected communication from the Chief Executive.

Mr. Low of Knox was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President, the time is coming when we will doubtless have some debate and motions in regard to committee reports on bills which come before us. It would make a much cleaner looking record, it would help our reporters very much indeed, if we made it a rule to table any report or bill about which we wish to make a motion and take it from the table and have the discussion after all the bills have been reported—in other words under Orders of the Day. If we keep making motions and having debate during the course of the reading of these bills, we will clutter up the reports of the session. We would do much better I think if we waited until Orders of the Day to make our motions and have our debate. Thank you.

STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Augusta

January 29, 1957

The Honorable President

The Honorable Speaker of the House

Ninety-eighth Legislature

There will be presented to the Legislature today a resolve relating to the Hungarian refugee problem. I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words with reference to it.

You are all aware of the recent events in Hungary which have brought thousands of freedom-loving citizens of that unfortunate land to our shores. It is national policy, as declared by the President, as well as simple humanity, that all Americans apply themselves to the problem of finding a place in our midst where these people can find work and establish homes.

It is a heart-warming fact that many citizens in our state have voluntarily and spontaneously rallied their forces to this task. Private agencies are applying their resources to the problem. The Red Cross, the International Rescue Committee, and resettlement services of various church groups are raising funds and doing a great deal of the work.

A meeting of representatives of these agencies, of legislative lead-

ers, appropriate state department heads, and private citizens was held at the Blaine House last week. It was agreed that there was need to coordinate all of the foregoing efforts and to rally public support for a comprehensive program. It was felt that a Governor's Committee on Refugee Resettlement would serve these purposes. The resolve which will be presented to you today will give legislative endorsement to this proposal.

Funds are needed only to provide minimum secretarial staff. Other funds which may be required for relief or similar purposes will be raised through private sources or by public subscription.

The objective of the coordinated effort will be to find places for Hungarian refugees in Maine consistent with their talents to the extent that can be done without, of course, displacing our own citizens. The numbers involved will probably be relatively limited, although unpredictable at the present time. The Governor's Committee will not be involved in the actual work of resettlement, but will serve simply as a means of coordinating the efforts of the operating agencies.

The resolve has my support, and I commend it to your attention.

Respectfully submitted,
EDMUND S. MUSKIE

Which communication was received and placed on file.

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President, in order to implement the suggestions of the Governor, I move that the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing the resolve.

The motion prevailed and under suspension of the rules Mr. Low of Knox presented Resolve to Aid Settlement of Hungarian Refugees in Maine (S. P. 110)

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President, this is a resolve to appropriate five thousand dollars from the unappropriated surplus for the purpose of paying for the expenses of the committee and the Governor's staff in working out the resettlement of Hungarian refugees. I am sure we are all in favor of it. I move that the rules be suspended and that the resolve be passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

The motion prevailed and under suspension of the rules, without reference to a committee, the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, Mr. Sinclair of Somerset presented bill, "An Act Relating to Payment of Salaries of Members of the Legislature" (S. P. 111)

Mr. SINCLAIR of Somerset: Mr. President and members of the Senate, this is a bill relating to the payment of salaries to members of the legislature.

As many of you know, the statutes call for payment to be made to the various members of the Legislature on the basis of \$100 per month, the balance to be taken care of at the end of the session. This bill will merely make it legal for the process we are now using to be carried out, whereby we are paying \$125 bi-monthly. I move that this bill be given its two readings without reference to a committee.

The motion prevailed and under suspension of the rules, the bill was given its two several readings without reference to a committee, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent forthwith to the House for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would note that no member of this legislature will be asked to vote on the question of enactment of either the resolve or the bill just received, until each has been printed. It would normally be printed tonight, and both the resolve and the bill should be on your books tomorrow before the enactment stage.

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am informed by the House Floor Leader that there will be a school tonight for new members of the House and Senate and it will be addressed by our Honorable President on budget matters. All members of the Senate are cordially invited to attend.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind the Senate of the Senate Order passed in the last legislative week, wherein the Citizens Committee studying PAS report was granted the use of the

Senate Chamber this afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Parker of Piscataquis

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.