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SENATE

Wednesday, January 30, 1957

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Austin H. Wright of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Dunn of Kennebec, Journal of yesterday read and approved.

House Papers

“Resolve Appropriating Funds for Addition to State Police Headquarters Building.” (H. P. 154) (L. D. 202)

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

“Resolve to Reimburse the Town of Enfield for Certain Pauper Claims.” (H. P. 155) (L. D. 203)

“Resolve in Favor of Charles A. Dean Hospital for Services to Angus Morey.” (H. P. 177)

“Resolve in Favor of the Charles A. Dean Hospital.” (H. P. 178)

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

“Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Changing the Tenure of Office of the Governor to Four-Year Terms.” (H. P. 157) (L. D. 204)

Which was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Providing for funds for State Aid Highways in Hardship Cases and Town Road Improvement Fund.” (H. P. 158) (L. D. 205)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Relating to Bounty on Bears.” (H. P. 159) (L. D. 206)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Closed Season on Deer in Towns of Deer Isle and Stonington.” (H. P. 160) (L. D. 207)

“Resolve Regulating Black Bass Fishing in Sebec Lake, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 161) (L. D. 208)

“Resolve Regulating White Perch Fishing in Sebec Lake, Piscataquis County.” (H. P. 162) (L. D. 209)

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

Bill, “An Act Relating to Part-Time Liquor Licenses.” (H. P. 163) (L. D. 210)

Which was referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

“Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Regina M. Babine of Bath.” (H. P. 164) (L. D. 211)

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

Bill, “An Act Clarifying Certain Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws.” (H. P. 165) (L. D. 212)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Sale of Lobster Meat.” (H. P. 166) (L. D. 213)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Lobster Traps.” (H. P. 167) (L. D. 214)

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

“Resolve to Study Advisibility of State Office Building in Bangor.” (H. P. 168) (L. D. 215)

Which was referred to the Committee on State Government in concurrence.

Bill, “An Act Increasing Salary of Selectmen of Town of Mount Desert.” (H. P. 169) (L. D. 216)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Number of Medical Examiners in Penobscot County.” (H. P. 170) (L. D. 217)

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

Bill, “An Act Relating to Examinations and Instruction Permits for Motor Vehicle Licenses.” (H. P. 171) (L. D. 218)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Motor Vehicles Emerging from Alley, Driveway or Building.” (H. P. 172) (L. D. 219)

Bill, “An Act Relating to Limitations on Overtaking Motor Vehicles on the Left.” (H. P. 173) (L. D. 220)

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

Communication

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
Augusta

January 28, 1957

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

Dear Mr. Winslow:

On behalf of the Judicial Council, I am delivering herewith their Report to the 98th Legislature made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Resolves of 1955 entitled "Resolve Requesting Judicial Council to Study Certain Problems."

Attached to the Report are (1) the report of the subcommittee of the Council, (2) supplemental report covering "specific legislative proposals" with draft of bill relating to transfer of domestic relation problems from Superior to Probate Courts.

When and if the draft of bill is printed, will you kindly send to George A. Cowan, Esq., Secretary of Judicial Council, Wiscasset, Maine, 15 copies for distribution among members of the Council.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

ROBERT B. WILLIAMSON

Enclosures:

As Stated (S. P. 108)

Which was placed on file and on motion by Mr. Silsby of Hancock, ordered printed.

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:

Agriculture

Mr. Bailey of Sagadahoc presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Grading, Packing and Advertising Apples." (S. P. 113)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Reed of Arrostook presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Funeral Expenses in Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled." (S. P. 114)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Claims

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

"Resolve in Favor of Adrian Plouffe of Webster" (S. P. 115)

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented "Resolve to Reimburse Bragdon's Funeral Home, Ellsworth." (S. P. 116)

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Briggs of Aroostook presented "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Certain Waters in Aroostook County." (S. P. 117)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Ragged Pond, Piscataquis County." (S. P. 118)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Certain Waters in Aroostook County." (S. P. 119)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Certain Waters in Piscataquis County." (S. P. 120)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Closing Umcolcus Lake, Penobscot County, to Ice Fishing." (S. P. 121)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Opening Certain Waters in Piscataquis County to Fishing Under General Laws." (S. P. 122)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Establishing Day Limit and Prohibiting Live Fish as Bait in Certain Waters in Aroostook County." (S. P. 123)

The same Senator presented "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing for Smelts in Pleasant Lake, Aroostook County." (S. P. 124)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Charles of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Revising the State Civil Defense and Public Safety Law." (S. P. 125)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Authorizing a Mobile Unit for Registering Voters in Municipalities." (S. P. 126)

Mr. Cole of Waldo presented Bill, "An Act Creating an Interstate Compact on Mental Health." (S. P. 127)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act for Mandatory Disposition of Detainers within the State of Maine." (S. P. 128)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Defining 'State' in Uniform Act for Out-of-State Parolee Supervision." (S. P. 129)

Mr. Martin of Kennebec presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Right to Vote of Civilian Employees Resident at Togus." (S. P. 130)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Labor

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Minimum Wages." (S. P. 131)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Bailey of Sagadahoc presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments by Town of Georgetown for MacMahan Island." (S. P. 132)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Natural Resources

Mrs. Lord of Cumberland presented "Resolve Authorizing Commissioner of Institutional Service to Convey Land to Central Maine Power Company for Substations for Electric Power for Augusta State Hospital." (S. P. 133)

Which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Military Leave Credits Under Maine State Police Retirement System." (S. P. 134)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

Mr. Bailey of Sagadahoc presented Bill, "An Act Relating to the taking of Alewives in the Town of Woolwich." (S. P. 135)

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Taking Marine Worms in Woolwich, Sagadahoc County." (S. P. 136)

Mr. Charles of Cumberland presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Apprentice Lobster Fishing Licenses." (S. P. 137)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Mr. Silsby of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act to Increase Certain County Salaries in Hancock County." (S. P. 138)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Reed of Aroostook presented Bill, "An Act Relating to License Plates for Motor Vehicle Owners Who Operate Amateur Radio Stations." (S. P. 139)

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Way Under Motor Vehicle Laws." (S. P. 140)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Welfare

Mr. Reed of Aroostook presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Burial Expenses for Recipients of Aid to the Blind and Aid to the Disabled." (S. P. 141)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Report Ought to Pass

Mr. Cole from the Committee on Highways presented

Bill, "An Act to Allocate Money from the General Highway Fund for State Aid Construction." (S. P. 19) (L. D. 1) reported that the same ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and on motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, the rules were suspended, the bill read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Somerset, Senator Sinclair, asks unanimous consent to address the Senate in order to explain to the Senate the "Budget Document Summaries" and the purpose of his committee in presenting to the Senate this document.

Mr. Sinclair of Somerset was granted unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Mr. SINCLAIR: Mr. President and members of the Senate: I have just been presented with this document. I would say that if any of the members have any difficulty in interpreting this report I would be very happy to sit down and go over it with you.

I think you will find that this is nothing more than the first eighty-nine pages of the Budget Document

that has already been presented to you and covers just about all that is needed for you to understand the finances of the State and is much easier to carry around with you than the bulky document that was presented to us earlier in the session.

I do not know that I need to go into detail and cover this particular document page by page, other than to say that I hope you will look this over very carefully so that you will know something about the finances of the State of Maine. I am sure most of you do, but of course you are very much concerned and very busy with your own legislative bills. When the budget document does come in, I think you will understand it much better if you do concern yourselves with this particular document which is before you. It covers the appropriations in a line by line category, and the unappropriated surplus expenditures by unit all the way through, covers Highway revenues and so forth. I think it is something that all of us should become very familiar with.

Rather than going into any great detail, I would just commend it to you for further study, and we would be very happy to have any of you visit with us in the Appropriations room and ask any questions that you might like to ask. Thank you.

The PRESIDENT: The Senate has heard the address and the Chair thanks the Senator.

The Senate is proceeding under Orders of the Day. If there is no further business to come before the Senate the Secretary will read the notices.

On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec,

Adjourned until 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.