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Senate called to order by the President

Prayer by Rev. Alton E. Maxell of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Rogerson of Aroostook, Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time notes in the Senate several very attractive guests and he would ask the Secretary of the Senate to escort the lady that the Secretary thinks is the most attractive to the rostrum.

The Secretary of the Senate, Chester T. Winslow, escorted to the rostrum, his fiancée, Mrs. Irene Woodworth, amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended to permit the taking of pictures during this day's session.

Order

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox, 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 morning, March 5, 1957, at ten o'clock. (S. P. 379)

Which was read and passed. Sent forthwith to the House.

House Papers

"Resolve Relating to Moneys to Obtain Plasma." (H. P. 676) (L. D. 965)

"Resolve Appropriating Money for Purchase of 'History of Stockton Springs.'" (H. P. 677) (L. D. 966)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Coercion in Placing Insurance on Real and Personal Property." (H. P. 678) (L. D. 967)

Bill "An Act Relating to Adjustment of Losses by Certain Nonresident Insurance Adjusters." (H. P. 679) (L. D. 968)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments by Insurance Companies for Expenses of Administration of Fire Prevention Laws." (H. P. 680) (L. D. 969)

Which were severally referred to the Committee on Business Legislation in concurrence.

"Resolve to Reimburse Town of Caribou for Aid to Alpee Ouellette." (H. P. 681) (L. D. 970)

"Resolve to Reimburse Estate of Harriet B. W. Chalfant for Certain Inheritances Taxes Paid State." (H. P. 682) (L. D. 971)

"Resolve to Reimburse Wilson C. Ryder of Dresden." (H. P. 704)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Town Representation on Community School Committee." (H. P. 683) (L. D. 972)

Which was referred to the Committee on Education in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Jurisdiction of Trial Justices in Towns of Kittery and York." (H. P. 684) (L. D. 973)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Excluding Employers of Certain Female Employees from Keeping a Record of Hours Worked." (H. P. 685) (L. D. 974)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

"Resolve Granting Master Plumber License to Vernon M. Hooper of Castine." (H. P. 686) (L. D. 975)

Which was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Salaries of the Judge and Recorder and Clerk Hire of the Auburn Municipal Court." (H. P. 687) (L. D. 976)

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

"Resolve Authorizing Aeronautics Commission to Determine State Needs for Airports." (H. P. 688) (L. D. 977)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation in concurrence.

House Papers Received by Unanimous Consent

Bill, "An Act to Increase Borrowing Capacity of Town of Van Buren School District." (H. P. 691) (L. D. 978)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Board of Trustees of Fort Fairfield School District." (H. P. 693) (L. D. 980)

Which were received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Approval of Applications for Retail Store Liquor Licenses." (H. P. 692) (L. D. 979)

Which was received by unanimous consent and referred to the Committee on Liquor Control in concurrence.

House Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Claims on "Resolve in Favor of Leona Sanborn of Fryeburg." (H. P. 503) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted in concurrence.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Relating to Hunting for Raccoons at Night." (H. P. 353) (L. D. 483) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

Comes from the House, recommended to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

In the Senate, recommended to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game in concurrence.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Providing for Group Life Insurance for Certain Members of the State Police." (H. P. 78) (L. D. 104) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Comes from the House, report accepted, and bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendment A (Filing No. 38)

In the Senate, the report was read and accepted in concurrence and the Bill read once, House Amendment A was read and adopted in concurrence and the Bill as so amended was tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Ought to Pass

The Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Public School Under State Retirement System." (H. P. 142) (L. D. 180) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Comes from House, report accepted, subsequently the bill was recommended to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions.

In the Senate, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Retirements and Pensions in concurrence.

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Display of Licenses of Real Estate Salesmen." (H. P. 175) (L. D. 240) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Definition of Real Estate Brokers." (H. P. 198) (L. D. 285) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Powers of Directors of Credit Unions." (H. P. 199) (L. D. 286) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Maximum Amount Held by a Member of a Credit Union." (H. P. 200) (L. D. 287) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees for Certain Licenses Under Real Estate Law." (H. P. 262) (L. D. 360) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Authorizing State Board of Education to Operate Schools for Practical Nursing." (H. P. 311) (L. D. 428) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to a Pension Plan for the Police and Fire Departments of the Town of Rumford." (H. P. 183) (L. D. 246) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Authorizing Caribou Hospital District to Convey Certain Land." (H. P. 280) (L. D. 376) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Construction of School Bus Garage for Town of Orland School District." (H. P. 285) (L. D. 381) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Borrowing Capacity of Town of Orland School District." (H. P. 286) (L. D. 382) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Natural Resources on Bill, "An Act Permitting Town of Naples to Construct Wharf." (H. P. 378) (L. D. 631) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The same Committee on "Resolve Authorizing Attorney General to Convey Interest of the State in Certain Lands in Cumberland County." (H. P. 431) (L. D. 607) reported that the same Ought to pass.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Clarifying Certain Sea and Shore Fisheries Laws." (H. P. 165) (L. D. 212) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

Ought to Pass—N.D.—Same Title

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Fire Hazards in Certain Buildings." (H. P. 24) (L. D. 29) reported the same in New Draft (H. P. 690) (L. D. 958), same title, and that it Ought to pass.

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

Ought to Pass—N.D.—New Title

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Relating to Methods of Taking Clams." (H. P. 188) (L. D. 251) reported the same in New Draft (H. P. 689) (L. D. 957) under New Title:

Bill, "An Act Relating to Methods of Taking Clams and Marine Worms." and that it Ought to pass.

On motion by Mr. Fournier of

York, the bill was laid upon the table pending consideration of the committee report.

Ought to Pass—as amended

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Amending Laws Relating to Loan and Building Associations." (H. P. 261) (L. D. 359) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 34)

The Committee on Education on Bill, "An Act Establishing Poetry Day in Maine." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 480) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 35)

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment and Meetings of Trustees of Edward Little Institute." (H. P. 380) (L. D. 509) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 36)

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Lobster Traps." (H. P. 167) (L. D. 214) reported that the same Ought to pass as amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 37)

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence and the bills read once. Committee Amendments A were read and adopted in concurrence, and the bills as so amended were tomorrow assigned for second reading.

Senate Papers

The following bills and resolves were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order (H. P. 43) and on recommendation by the committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Dow of Lincoln presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments." (S. P. 380)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salary of Reporter of Decisions." (S. P. 381)

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

"Resolve in Favor of a Classroom, Library, and Auditorium Building at Washington State Teachers' College." (S. P. 382)

The same Senator presented "Resolve in Favor of a Physical Education and Athletics Field at Washington State Teachers' College." (S. P. 383)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Dow of Lincoln presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Membership in Maine School Building Authority." (S. P. 384)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Highways

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Cost of Relocating Facilities in Federal-Aid Interstate Highway Projects." (S. P. 385)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Briggs of Aroostook presented

"Resolve Opening Certain Brooks and Tributaries in Somerset County to Fishing." (S. P. 386)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Dow of Lincoln presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Statements to Ministers, Priests and Rabbis as Privileged Communications." (S. P. 387)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Alternative Jail Sentences in Default of Payment of Fines or Costs." (S. P. 388)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Public Utilities

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Operation of Diesel or Diesel-Electric Locomotives in Reverse." (S. P. 389)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Mr. Wyman of Washington presented

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Frank Eldridge of Milbridge." (S. P. 390)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Transportation

Mr. Carpenter of Somerset presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration of Dealers in Boat Trailers and Temporary Registration Plates." (S. P. 391)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Education

Mr. Sinclair of Somerset presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Educational Aid and Reorganization of School Administrative Units." (S. P. 392)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

Mr. Briggs of Aroostook presented bill, "An Act Relating to Age of Admissions to State Hospitals."

Which was received by unanimous consent, and on motion by the same Senator was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Committee Reports Leave to Withdraw

Mr. Silsby from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Re-

vising the State Civil Defense and Public Safety Law." (S. P. 125) (L. D. 339) reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Silsby from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Concerning Liability of Parents for Damage by Children." (S. P. 33) (L. D. 35) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

(On motion by Mrs. Lord of Cumberland, tabled pending consideration of the committee report.)

Mr. Butler from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Regulating the Abandonment of Wells." (S. P. 34) (L. D. 36) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

Mr. Silsby from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Authorizing a Mobile Unit for Registering Voters in Municipalities." (S. P. 126) (L. D. 269) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Charles of Cumberland, tabled pending consideration of the committee report.)

Mr. Low from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on "Resolve Providing for State Pension for Barbara Anne Parlin of Norway." (S. P. 78) (L. D. 135) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Pike of Oxford, tabled pending consideration of the committee report.)

Mr. Davis from the same Committee on "Resolve Providing for a State Pension for Evonne J. Rollins of West Gardiner." (S. P. 185) (L. D. 464) reported that the same Ought Not to pass.

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ought to Pass

Mr. Woodcock from the Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Approval of Expenses of Judicial Council." (S. P. 157) (L. D. 404) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Which report was read and accepted, the bill read once and to-

morrow assigned for second reading.

Sent down for concurrence.

Second Readers

The Committee on Bills in the Second Reading Reported the Following Bills and Resolves:

House

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees for Licenses of Funeral Directors and Embalmers." (H. P. 12) (L. D. 11)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Special Milk Program for Children in Schools." (H. P. 265) (L. D. 361)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Employment of Females." (H. P. 422) (L. D. 599)

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

"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 South Bog Stream, Franklin County." (H. P. 313) (L. D. 430)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Chain of Ponds, Franklin County." (H. P. 315) (L. D. 432)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Little Kennebago Lake, Franklin County." (H. P. 317) (L. D. 434)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Houston Brook, Franklin and Somerset Counties." (H. P. 650) (L. D. 896)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Saddleback Mountain Ponds in Franklin County." (H. P. 651) (L. D. 897)

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

House—as Amended

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)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Depositing Carcass of Domestic Fowl to Cause Nuisance." (H. P. 289) (L. D. 385)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing for White Perch in China Lake and Tributaries, Kennebec County." (H. P. 50) (L. D. 74)

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

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

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

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

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

Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Time for Harness Race Meets." (S. P. 244) (L. D. 645)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Issuance of License for Harness Racing." (S. P. 245) (L. D. 646)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Senate—as Amended

"Resolve Designating New Bridge to Span Jonesport Reach from the Town of Jonesport to the Town of Beals as 'Jonesport - Beals Bridge.'" (S. P. 175) (L. D. 454)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

Enactors

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported as truly and strictly engrossed, the following Bills and Resolves:

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 Nonresident Fishing and Hunting Licenses." (H. P. 110) (L. D. 148)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Time on Deer in Long Island Plantation." (H. P. 206) (L. D. 290)

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

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Lower Chain Lake, Washington County." (H. P. 211) (L. D. 295)

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Lombard Lake and Upper Sysladobsis Lake, Penobscot County." (H. P. 212) (L. D. 296)

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Middle Chain Lake and Upper Chain Lake, Hancock County." (H. P. 213) (L. D. 297)

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing on Lake Christopher, Oxford County." (H. P. 215) (L. D. 299)

Which bills were severally passed to be enacted and the resolves finally passed.

Emergency Measures

Bill, "An Act Relating to Taking of Alewives in Town of Sullivan." (H. P. 80) (L. D. 106)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Bill, "An Act Relating to the Moderator, Board of Assessors, Authority of the Town Council, Board of Registration and Secret Ballot in the Town of Caribou." (H. P. 91) (L. D. 129)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Bill, "An Act to Establish Representative Town Meetings in the Town of Caribou." (H. P. 92) (L. D. 132)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

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

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 27 members of the Senate, was passed to be enacted.

Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time would ask if there is objection to his inviting our honored Secretary to join him at the rostrum? The Chair hears no objection.

I think I need not introduce to the Senate your attractive guest to the left of the rostrum. Irene Woodworth is known to the many of us who have been here at least a few sessions. We have known her charming personality and have enjoyed working with her. (Applause)

It certainly is no news that the Chair at this time recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Low.

Mr. LOW of Knox: Mr. President, it is not too often that every single member of the Senate joins in any one action with complete enthusiasm, but we do so today, Irene and Chester, in wishing you many happy years of married life together. So that you won't forget the day, we are presenting you with a small gift. The love and respect that go with it are very large indeed. We wish you many happy years filled with health and prosperity and good luck. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: It is now a distinct honor for the three of us up here to note the presence in the Chamber, of His Excellency, Governor Muskie and his Executive Council.

Governor Muskie was then escorted to the rostrum amid the applause of the Senate.

GOVERNOR MUSKIE: "Chet" and Irene, in behalf of the Executive Council and myself I would like to make our contribution to your day of happiness, but I won't hand it over to you until I have made a few choice comments.

I understand that this is a part of a silver service for twelve, and I can only suggest a note of optimism which appears to be implicit in the size of the gift which I hope will be warranted by events in the next few years.

As for you, "Chet," I would like first of all to raise a question out of

curiosity. I am told that when a man has nothing to worry about he gets married. Now I hope, in order that you may preserve that peace of mind, that you will always remember that women were made to be loved and not to be understood. And may I say to you also, "Chet," that when a married man wishes to have the last word it is well for him to remember that his chances are best if he uses only the word "Yes." And then I would like to note a parallel here from my own experience. I am not going to divulge your ages, which I happen to know but I happen to know there is a difference of thirteen years. This may suggest to some an unlucky occasion, but may I assure you that the difference in ages between Jane and myself is also thirteen years, so I believe from my experience it augurs well for your happiness. In behalf of the Council and myself, may I wish you long years of happiness and close companionship. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would now ask the dean of the State House press to join us on the rostrum.

Lorin Arnold, of the Bangor News, was thereupon escorted to the rostrum.

Mr. LORIN ARNOLD: "Chet," we newspapermen who cover the Legislature are very happy to have the opportunity to participate in this occasion and I and they want to wish you and Irene the best of happiness and success. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: And now the dean of all of us, a legislative agent who has been here, he says, going on sixty years, "Tom" Weeks. (Applause)

Mr. THOMAS N. WEEKS: Irene and "Chet," I am delighted and highly honored to have been selected to perform this little function for the "Third House." You have both worked with us and for us and have helped us tremendously all through my time here. Our debt to you is one we cannot pay in any coin of any realm on any reckoning day. We wish for you the best of everything. We want you to remember there are two births: one when life first strikes the newly-awakened senses and the other when two souls

unite. We must count our life from thence. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: And now we will be honored up here by the presence of the coordinator of the two legislative branches, Mrs. Regis Strout.

Mrs. REGIS STROUT: Mr. President, I am charged with a message from the Clerk of that unmentionable Body at the other end of the corridor, and his office staff that they heartily concur in the purposes of this occasion and extend to you, Irene and "Chet," their very best and sincere wishes for many happy years together. (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: Now will one of our attractive Pages, or two of our attractive Pages come forward?

The Senate Pages, Mrs. Lois Beauchaine and Mrs. Ruth Foster approached the rostrum.

Mrs. FOSTER: Irene and "Chet," we are not the speech-makers that you have been listening to, but we want to add our little gift on behalf of the Staff and Officers of the Senate. Lots of love and happiness to both of you.

Mrs. IRENE WOODWORTH: Oh, I don't know which one to open!

First of all, Your Excellency, members of the Honorable Senate, and House members, and last but not least, Mr. President, who have all been so good to me, please accept my heartfelt thanks. I cannot tell you, words would be inadequate, I cannot find the right words, but please be assured that I will forever hold the dearest remembrance of this occasion. I am also confident that I speak for "Chet" when I say we shall cherish this forever. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are wonderful! (Applause)

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Knox, Senator Low, now moves that the Senate adjourn to 10:00 a.m. Tuesday next, and before the gavel comes down the Chair will note a suspicion that "Chet" and Irene will stand down here and will be very happy if you will come down and shake hands with them.

On motion by Mr. Low of Knox,
Adjourned until 10:00 a.m. next Tuesday.