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**SENATE**

Thursday, March 14, 1957

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Austin H. Wright of Augusta.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington,

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time notes the presence in the Senate Chamber of a distinguished Maine citizen, a former presiding officer of this body, and asks that the Sergeant-at-Arms escort Ex-Governor Burton M. Cross to the rostrum. (Applause, members rising)

**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 19, 1957. (S. P. 441)

Which was read and passed.

Sent forthwith to the House.

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

**Papers from the House**

Bill, "An Act Establishing Poetry Day in Maine." (H. P. 350) (L. D. 480)

In Senate on March 5, passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A in concurrence.

Comes from the House, engrossing reconsidered and bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment A and as amended by House Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, that Body voted to recede and concur.

Bill, "An Act Revising the Maine Milk Commission Law." (H. P. 851) (L. D. 1214)

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Decreasing Rate of Interest of Licensed Small Loan Agencies." (H. P. 852) (L. D. 1215)

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

Bill, "An Act Amending the Outdoor Advertising Sign Law." (H. P. 853) (L. D. 1216)

Which was referred to the Committee on Highways in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair at this time notes another distinguished Maine citizen in the Senate Chamber, a member of this body who distinguished himself and did great honor to the State as presiding officer of the Maine Senate.

The Chair will ask the Assistant Secretary to escort to the rostrum the Hon. Nathaniel Haskell. (Applause, members rising)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Appointment of Special Deputy Sheriffs." (H. P. 854) (L. D. 1217)

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Relating to Employment of Minors." H. P. 855) (L. D. 1218)

Which was referred to the Committee on Labor in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to Create the Cape Elizabeth Sewer District." (H. P. 856) (L. D. 1219)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Deposit of Contributions of Former Member of State Retirement System." (H. P. 857) (L. D. 1220)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Restoration to Service Under State Retirement System." (H. P. 858) (L. D. 1221)

"Resolve Providing for an Increase in State Pension for Daniel McCurdy of Weeks Mills." (H. P. 859) (L. D. 1222)

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

"Resolve Relating to Taking of Alewives in the Outlet of Long Pond

in Town of Mount Desert." (H. P. 860) (L. D. 1223)

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

Bill, "An Act Providing for a Tax on Quahogs." (H. P. 861) (L. D. 1224)

Which was referred to the Committee on Taxation in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act Increasing Salaries of Judge and Recorder of the Yorkshire Municipal Court." (H. P. 862) (L. D. 1225)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Reciprocal Agreements Concerning Operation, Regulation and Taxation of Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 863) (L. D. 1226)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Registration Fees for Motor Vehicles." (H. P. 865) (L. D. 1227)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Registration Fees for Passenger Vehicles." (H. P. 866) (L. D. 1228)

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

#### House Committee Reports Ought Not to Pass

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act Relating to licensing of Persons Buying and Selling Junk." (H. P. 174) (L. D. 239) reported that the same Ought not to pass

The Committee on Judiciary on Bill, "An Act Relating to Negotiable Instruments for Uncompleted Agreements." (H. P. 364) (L. D. 494) reported that the same Ought not to pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Duties of State Liquor Inspectors." (H. P. 365) (L. D. 495) reported that the same Ought not to pass

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Taxation of Certain Construction Machinery and Equipment." (H. P. 191) (L. D. 254) reported that the same Ought not to pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Refunding Tax on Gaso-

line Used in Pumping Heating Oils." (H. P. 554) (L. D. 781) reported that the same Ought not to pass

Which reports were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

The Committee on Business Legislation on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the 'Able Loan Co.'" (H. P. 459) (L. D. 652) reported that the same Ought to pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Incorporate the Farrar-Brown Finance Company." (H. P. 590) (L. D. 839) reported that the same Ought to pass

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

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Increasing Insured Perils Underwritten by Union Farmers' (H. P. 564) (L. D. 874) reported that the same Ought to pass

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell re Nominations and Elections." (H. P. 225) (L. D. 320) reported that the same Ought to pass

(On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, tabled pending consideration of the report.)

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Authorizing County of Somerset and Bingham Water District to Enter into Contract for Fire Protection in Concord Township." (H. P. 55) (L. D. 69) reported that the same Ought to pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Penalties and Evidence Under Law Regulating Operation of Motor Vehicles for profit." (H. P. 511) (L. D. 721) reported that the same Ought to pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Source of Supply of the Brewer Water District." (H. P. 568) (L. D. 878) reported that the same Ought to pass

The Committee on Taxation on Bill, "An Act Relating to Giving of Notice Under Sales and Use Tax Law." (H. P. 487) (L. D. 680) reported that the same Ought to pass

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Deficiency Assessments Under the Sales and Use Tax

Law." (H. P. 488) (L. D. 681) 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.

#### Ought to Pass—N. D.—New Title

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Creating the Limestone Utility District." (H. P. 230) (L. D. 338) reported the same in New Draft (H. P. 868) (L. D. 1206) under New Title:

"An Act Creating the Limestone Water and Sewer District" and that it Ought to pass.

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

#### Ought to Pass—N. D.—Same Title

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act Relating to Operating Motor Vehicles for Carrying Passengers for Hire." (H. P. 615) (L. D. 862) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 867) (L. D. 1204) and Under the Same Title, and that it Ought to pass.

The Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Measuring of Herring." (H. P. 239) (L. D. 332) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 869) (L. D. 1207) Under same title, and that it Ought to pass.

The Committee on Welfare on Bill, "An Act Relating to Expense of Care of Neglected Children." (H. P. 495) (L. D. 679) reported same in New Draft (H. P. 870) (L. D. 1205) Under same title, and that it Ought to pass.

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

#### Ought to Pass—as Amended

The Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of Gardiner School District." (H. P. 335) (L. D. 420) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 78)

Comes from the House, report accepted and bill passed to be engrossed as amended by Committee

Amendment A and House Amendment A (Filing No. 91)

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

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Mount Desert to Give the Selectmen Authority to Make Ordinances." (H. P. 23) (L. D. 28) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 75)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Number of Councillors in Town of Fort Fairfield." (H. P. 473) (L. D. 666) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 79)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Harbor of Portland and its Powers." (H. P. 474) (L. D. 667) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 76)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of Baileyville School District." (H. P. 477) (L. D. 669) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 77)

The Committee on Public Utilities on Bill, "An Act to Repeal Incorporation of Bridgton Centre Village Corporation and Incorporating Bridgton Water District." (H. P. 324) (L. D. 441) reported that the same Ought to pass with Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 81)

The same Committee on Bill, "An Act in Relation to the Paris Village Corporation and Establishing a Municipal Water System for said Corporation." (H. P. 325) (L. D. 442) reported that the same Ought to pass with Committee Amendment A (Filing No. 82)

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.

**Majority — OTP**  
**Minority — ONTP**

The Majority of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Fishing in Kennebec River, Somerset and Piscataquis Counties." (H. P. 121) (L. D. 159) reported that the same Ought to pass.

(Signed)

Senator:

HALL of York

Representatives:

HARRIS of Greenville  
 CARVILLE of Eustis  
 WHEATON of Princeton  
 ROSS of Brownville  
 BARTLETT of Belgrade  
 DUDLEY of Enfield  
 HARRIMAN of Lovell

The Minority of the same Committee on the same subject matter, reported that the resolve Ought not to pass.

(Signed)

Sensors:

BRIGGS of Aroostook  
 CARPENTER of Somerset

Comes from the House, Majority report accepted and the resolve passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, the resolve and accompanying papers were laid upon the table pending consideration of the reports.

**Senate Papers**

The following bills were transmitted by the Director of Legislative Research, pursuant to Joint Order (H. P. 43)

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Mr. Lessard of Androscoggin presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Construction Reserve Fund in Department of Finance and Administration." (S. P. 442)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Business Legislation**

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Creating a Hospital Lien Law." (S. P. 443)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Education**

The same Senator presented Bill, "An Act Providing for Nursing Education." (S. P. 444)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

Mr. Briggs of Aroostook presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Open Season on Moose." (S. P. 445)

Mr. Willey of Hancock presented Bill, "An Act Relating to Closed Season on Deer in Hancock and Washington Counties." (S. P. 446)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Judiciary**

Mr. Hall of York presented Bill, "An Act Prohibiting Throwing, Depositing and Dumping of Rubbish in Certain Places." (S. P. 447)

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 Workmen's Compensation Act." (S. P. 448)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

**Retirements and Pensions**

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Group Life Insurance for Certain Former Members of State Police." (S. P. 449)

Mr. Woodcock of Penobscot presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Unclaimed Bodies." (S. P. 450)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Towns and Counties

Mr. Pike of Oxford presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Fees of Registers of Deeds." (S. P. 451)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Transportation

Mr. Parker of Piscataquis presented

Bill, "An Act Relating to Lights on Rear of Trucks." (S. P. 452)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Senate Committee Reports

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on "Resolve for State Pension for Welma K. O'Dell of Hallowell." (S. P. 347) (L. D. 927) reported that same be referred to the Committee on Claims

On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, tabled pending consideration of the report.

#### Leave to Withdraw

The same Senator from the same Committee on "Resolve in Favor of a Retirement Allowance for Robert Hall of Lubec." (S. P. 315) (L. D. 812) reported that the same be granted Leave to withdraw.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ought Not to Pass

Mr. Hall from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Lone Pond, York County." (S. P. 236) (L. D. 636) reported that the same Ought not to pass.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Ought to Pass

Mr. Reed from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill, "An Act Relating to the Duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture Re Sardine Canning Inspection Law and Standards of Contents of Cans." (S. P. 263) (L. D. 702) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Carpenter from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on "Resolve Opening Pineo Pond, Town of Deblois, Washington County, to Fly Fishing Only." (S. P. 298) (L. D. 795) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mr. Reed from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill, "An Act Relating to Purposes of Knox County General Hospital." (S. P. 346) (L. D. 926) reported that the same Ought to pass.

Mrs. Lord from the Committee on Towns and Counties on Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments to County Law Libraries in Arrostook County." (S. P. 227) (L. D. 570) reported that the same Ought to pass.

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

#### Ought to Pass—as Amended

Mr. Briggs from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on Bill, "An Act Repealing Certain Game Preserves and Sanctuaries." (S. P. 195) (L. D. 540) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A.

Mr. Davis from the Committee on Retirements and Pensions on Bill, "An Act Relating to Service Retirement under State Retirement System." (S. P. 184) (L. D. 463) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A.

Mr. Low from the same Committee on Bill, "An Act Relating to Membership in Maine State Retirement System of Maine National Guard Employees." (S. P. 286) (L. D. 745) reported that the same Ought to pass as Amended by Committee Amendment A.

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

### Second Readers

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

#### House

Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell Relating to the Election of the City Marshal and Street Commissioner by the City Council." (H. P. 226) (L. D. 321)

Bill, "An Act Increasing Indebtedness of George H. Robertson School District of Belfast." (H. P. 287) (L. D. 383)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Legal Length of Scallops." (H. P. 292) (L. D. 388)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Indebtedness of West Gardiner School District." (H. P. 427) (L. D. 603)

Bill, "An Act Creating the Lake Christopher Game Management Area, Oxford County." (H. P. 504) (L. D. 714)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Taking of Smelts in Certain Waters." (H. P. 602) (L. D. 849)

Bill, "An Act Closing Cranberry Isles to all Deer Hunting." (H. P. 603) (L. D. 850)

Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the Relief Association of the Portland Fire Department." (H. P. 566) (L. D. 876)

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

Bill, "An Act Relating to Limitations on Overtaking Motor Vehicles on the Left." (H. P. 837) (L. D. 1173)

"Resolve Regulating Ice Fishing in Pleasant Lake, Aroostook County." (H. P. 412) (L. D. 589)

"Resolve Opening Chemquasabamticook Lake, Piscataquis County, to Ice Fishing." (H. P. 463) (L. D. 656)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Milliken's Mill Pond and Tributaries, York County." (H. P. 464) (L. D. 657)

"Resolve Prohibiting Taking of Smelts from Auburn Lake and Little Wilson Pond, Androscoggin County." (H. P. 542) (L. D. 769)

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

#### House — as Amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Clarification of Saving Bank Investments." (H. P. 343) (L. D. 474)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Borrowing by Federal Employees' Credit Union of Maine." (H. P. 340) (L. D. 513)

"Resolve Closing Waters near Grand Lake Stream Dam to Fishing." (H. P. 359) (L. D. 489)

"Resolve Regulating Fishing in Grand Lake Stream, Washington County." (H. P. 360) (L. D. 490)

"Resolve Relating to Open Water Fishing Season in Certain Waters in Androscoggin County." (H. P. 541) (L. D. 768)

(On motion by Mr. Carpenter of Somerset, tabled pending passage to be engrossed.)

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

#### Senate

Bill, "An Act Relating to Union Highway Districts." (S. P. 104) (L. D. 234)

Bill, "An Act Creating a School District for Kingman Township, the Plantations of Prentiss, Webster and Others." (S. P. 425) (L. D. 1229)

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

Sent down for concurrence.

#### Senate—as amended

Bill, "An Act Relating to Military Leave Credits Under Maine State Police Retirement System." (S. P. 134) (L. D. 273)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Branding of Potatoes." (S. P. 273) (L. D. 731)

Bill, "An Act Repealing Laws Relating to Street Railroads." (S. P. 310) (L. D. 807)

Which were severally 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 Certain Fees Payable to Insurance



Commissioner." (H. P. 201) (L. D. 288)

Bill, "An Act to Ratify and Make Valid the Incorporation of the Trustees of the Charity and Hall Fund of Riverside Lodge No. 135, F. and A. M., of Jefferson." (H. P. 220) (L. D. 304)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Rental for Dexter Municipal Court." (H. P. 298) (L. D. 394)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payment to Hancock County Law Library." (H. P. 321) (L. D. 438)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Vacancy in School Board in City of Eastport." (H. P. 375) (L. D. 505)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Number and Revision of Wards in City of Eastport." (H. P. 375) (L. D. 505)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Vacancy in Board of Assessors in City of Eastport." (H. P. 377) (L. D. 507)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Payments of Salary of Judge of Hallowell Municipal Court." (H. P. 398) (L. D. 528)

(On motion by Mr. Martin of Kennebec, tabled pending enactment.)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Director of Public Works of City of Waterville." (H. P. 472) (L. D. 665)

Bill, "An Act Relating to Approval of Expenses of Judicial Council." (S. P. 157) (L. D. 404)

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

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

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

(On motion by Mr. Sinclair the resolve was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

"Resolve, to Reimburse Old Town School Department for Tuition for Children Living on Indian Island." (H. P. 345) (L. D. 476)

(On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, the resolve was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

"Resolve, in Favor of Robert Elliott of Windham." (H. P. 406) (L. D. 583)

(On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, the resolve was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

"Resolve, in Favor of Town of Franklin." (H. P. 105) (L. D. 981)

(On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, the resolve was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

"Resolve, in Favor of Philip Krisilos, of Portland." (H. P. 264) (L. D. 982)

(On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, the resolve was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

"Resolve, to Reimburse Town of Mercer for Supplies Furnished Orlando Hunnewell." (H. P. 347) (L. D. 983)

(On motion by Mr. Sinclair of Somerset, the resolve was laid upon the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment.)

"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)

(On motion by Mr. Cole of Waldo, tabled pending enactment.)

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

### Emergency

Bill, "An Act Amending the Maine Fidelity Life Insurance Company." (S. P. 173) (L. D. 452)

Which bill, being an emergency measure, and having received the affirmative vote of 29 members of the Senate, was Passed to be enacted; and having been signed by the President, was by the Secretary presented to the Governor for his approval.

### Emergency

Bill, "An Act to Create the Bangor Water District." (H. P. 54) (L. D. 70)

(On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook, tabled pending enactment.)

### Orders of the Day

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would remind our guests and Senate members who have been members of the House in past years that

we are expected, immediately upon adjournment today, to form as we normally do in joint convention and go over to the House. The Chair is advised that the distinguished and honored veterans of the House will

have seats down in the front of the chamber.

On motion by Mr. Briggs of Aroostook,

Adjourned until ten o'clock next Tuesday.