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OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Thursday, January 15, 1959

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Roger Blinn of Gardiner.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

**Papers from the Senate
Non-Concurrent Matter**

Joint Order relative to Advances on Account of Compensation for Members (S. P. 21) which was read and passed in concurrence in the House on January 13.

Came from the Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The Clerk read Senate Amendment "A" as follows:

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to Senate Paper 21, a Joint Order Relative to Advances on Account of Compensation for Members.

Amend said order by striking out in the fourth line thereof, the words and figures "one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120) fortnightly," and inserting in place thereof the words and figures "one hundred and forty dollars (\$140) fortnightly."

Under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its action of January 13 whereby the Order was passed in concurrence. Senate Amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the Order was passed as amended by Senate Amendment "A" in concurrence.

**Petitions, Bills and Resolves
Requiring Reference**

The following Bills and Resolves were received and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills, were referred to the following Committees:

**Appropriations and Financial
Affairs**

Resolve relating to Research and Experimental Work in Relation to the Eradication of Aquatic Weeds (H. P. 20) (Presented by Mr. Du-maine of Readfield)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Purchase One Hundred Copies of "History of Otisfield" (H. P. 21) (Presented by Mr. Pitts of Harrison)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Business Legislation

Bill "An Act Permitting Savings Banks to Act as Collection Agent" (H. P. 22) (Presented by Mr. Kinch of Livermore Falls)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Claims

Resolve to Reimburse Town of Norway for Aid to Lafayette Water-house (H. P. 23) (Presented by Mr. Chapman of Norway)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve to Reimburse G. A. Peterson Company of Auburn (H. P. 24) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Auburn)
(Ordered Printed)

Resolve in favor of Robert H. Anderson of Falls Church, Virginia (H. P. 25) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Rockland)

Resolve in favor of Town of Bethel for Aid to Charles F. Cone (H. P. 26) (Presented by Mr. Saunders of Bethel)

Resolve to Reimburse Douglas Motor Transportation Company of Auburn (H. P. 27) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Auburn)

Sent up for concurrence.

Education

Bill "An Act relating to Location of Maine Maritime Academy" (H. P. 28) (Presented by Mr. Walsh of Verona)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Election Laws

Bill "An Act relating to Town Meetings" (H. P. 29) (Presented by Mr. Dostie of Winslow)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Highways

Resolve Designating Bridge in York Harbor as "Marshall Bridge" (H. P. 30) (Presented by Mr. Dow of Eliot)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Bill "An Act relating to Free Fishing Licenses for Certain Veterans" (H. P. 31) (Presented by Mr. Cyr of Augusta)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Penalty for Night Hunting" (H. P. 32) (Presented by Mr. Dumaine of Readfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Local Option for Sunday Hunting" (H. P. 33) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Regulating Black Bass Fishing in Belgrade Lakes" (H. P. 34) (Presented by Mr. Morse of Oakland)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Muddy Pond, Wayne, Kennebec County to Ice Fishing (H. P. 35) (Presented by Mr. Dumaine of Readfield)

(Ordered Printed)

Resolve Opening Messalonskee Stream, Kennebec County, to Ice Fishing (H. P. 36) (Presented by Mr. Morse of Oakland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Judiciary

Bill "An Act relating to Return of Writs in York County" (H. P. 37) (Presented by Mr. Emmons of Kennebunk)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Terms of the Superior Court in York County" (H. P. 38) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Increasing Payments to York County Law Library" (H. P. 39) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Freedom of Access to Public Records and Proceedings" (H. P. 40) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Permitting Prisoners at County Jails to Attend Funerals Outside" (H. P. 41) (Presented by Mrs. Harrington of Patten)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Legal Affairs

Bill "An Act relating to Residence of Chief of Police of Ogunquit Vil-

lage Corporation" (H. P. 42) (Presented by Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Qualifications for Appointment to Auburn Police and Fire Departments" (H. P. 43) (Presented by Mr. Wade of Auburn)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Changing Name of the Young Men's Christian Association of Auburn to The Young Men's Christian Association of Auburn-Lewiston" (H. P. 44) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Topsfield" (H. P. 45) (Presented by Mr. Wheaton of Princeton)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Retirements and Pensions

Resolve to Increase Retirement Benefit of Clyde P. Walker of Stratton (H. P. 46) (Presented by Mr. Carville of Eustis)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

State Government

Resolve Amending the Resolve Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to Convey Certain Land of the State in York County (H. P. 47) (Presented by Mrs. Hanson of Lebanon)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Towns and Counties

Bill "An Act Increasing the Salary of the Judge of the Norway Municipal Court" (H. P. 48) (Presented by Mr. Chapman of Norway)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act Providing for Clerk Hire for Norway Municipal Court" (H. P. 49) (Presented by same gentleman)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act relating to Fees of Registers of Deeds for Mechanical Methods of Recording" (H. P. 50) (Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston)

(Ordered Printed)

Bill "An Act to Increase the Salary of the Register of Deeds of Somerset County" (H. P. 51) (Pre-

sented by Mr. Whiting of Skowhegan)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Welfare

Bill "An Act relating to Requisites for Old Age Assistance" (H. P. 52) (Presented by Mr. Knight of Rockland)

(Ordered Printed)

Sent up for concurrence.

Order

Mr. Bragdon of Perham presented the following Order and moved its passage:

ORDERED, that two Clerk-Stenographers be employed to provide stenographic and clerical assistance to the Members of the House. Such Clerk-Stenographers to be selected, one by the Majority Leader, and one by the Minority Leader.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the House include in his payroll of House Officers, the Clerk-Stenographers so employed, at a salary approved by a special committee consisting of the House members of the Joint Standing Committee on State Government.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perham, Mr. Bragdon.

Mr. BRAGDON: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: Possibly the order needs no explanation, but it is intended evidently to provide a stenographer available to the Minority Floor Leader's office and one available to the Majority Floor Leader's office. I think perhaps that is all the explanation it needs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Freeport, Mr. Crockett.

Mr. CROCKETT: Mr. Speaker, I believe we all have equalization here. I believe if any member of the House wants a letter written he should have the privilege to go to the stenographer, typist so-called, whatever you call them, and should have the same privilege.

I don't believe any Minority or Majority leader should have that privilege. I believe it should be the privilege of every member of this House.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will once again read the order.

The order was read by the Clerk again.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier.

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I would like it clearly understood that so far as I am concerned, and I am sure that so far as my good friend from Auburn, Mr. Wade, is concerned, that this is not a private secretary for the Minority or Majority Leaders. It has been my experience in the past that we have had a rather outward look upon it as a service to our constituents.

In the past we have received a great deal of correspondence from our constituents and we have no place to turn where we might dictate a letter in return.

Under the Sinclair Bill, for example, last session we were just swamped with correspondence. We were told that there was one stenographer on the first floor where we might go to dictate letters. Upon reaching her we found that she was overloaded and she would ask us to return either at 3:00 or 4:00 and with our committee assignments it was impossible for us to meet those commitments; and consequently I feel that as members of this House we should be able to reply to the letters that we receive, and I feel that one stenographer for the minority members of this House, fifty-eight of us, and one for the majority, is not an expense that is going to cripple the financial bill of this legislature. So I would hope that this order would receive passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade.

Mr. WADE: Mr. Speaker, as Majority Floor Leader I want particularly to concur with the remarks of the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, in that the plan is to have this clerk-stenographer available to the entire Republican membership as far as the one in our office is concerned, and I hope the order receives passage.

The SPEAKER: Is the House ready for the question? Will all those in favor of the passage of this order please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed and the Order received passage.

(Off Record Remarks)

On motion of the gentlewoman from Falmouth, Mrs. Smith, House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Before the House adjourns, and on the record, this instance this morning points up something that the Speaker would like to make very clear, not only to the new members but also to the order members of the House. During our daily procedure the Speaker will not recognize any member who interrupts the normal routine of the business of the House to speak on something that does not pertain to the business of the House.

The Chair is not in any way being critical of the gentleman who just spoke, but is using him as an instance to emphasize what the Chair means. If any member wishes to say anything that might be called extra-curricular or extraneous will the member kindly wait until all the business of the House has been finished, and then under Orders of the Day, which is the final item on the agenda, Orders of the Day, not Orders, that is the time when any member may rise to speak about almost anything that he chooses, and the Chair at that time will recognize those members, but will not interrupt the business of the House for that purpose until that time.

(Off Record)

On motion of Mr. Barnett of Augusta,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, at ten o'clock in the morning.