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HOUSE

Thursday, January 21, 1960

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Douglas H. Robbins of Augusta.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the House of a newly elected member of the House from Rumford, Mr. Theodore Sirois. Would Mr. Sirois come to the front of the Hall please. It gives the Chair great pleasure to introduce Mr. Sirois to the House. (Applause)

The Chair would request the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, to please escort the gentleman from Rumford to the Governor and Council so that he may take his oath of office.

Whereupon, the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, escorted the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Sirois, to the Office of the Governor for the purpose of taking his oath of office.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of sixty-four students from Freeport Junior High accompanied by Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Deroche and Mr. Berube, and a group of fifteen students from Somerset Academy of Athens accompanied by their advisor, Mr. Robert Thomas.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most hearty and cordial welcome, and we hope you will enjoy your visit with us. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair is honored to recognize the presence in the House of a young lady from East Pakistan who is visiting us under a program sponsored by the United States Government. The young lady is a teacher, here to observe teaching methods in the United States. The Chair understands that she is particularly interested in government procedures in general and is here today to see how it is done the best way.

At this time the Chair would request the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort to the rostrum as the guest of the Speaker, Miss Tatini Das of East Pakistan.

Whereupon, the Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Miss Tatini Das of East Pakistan to the rostrum amid applause of the House, the members rising.

The SPEAKER: It gives the Chair great pleasure to introduce Miss Das to the House.

Messages and Documents

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 20, 1960

Hon. Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of
Representatives
99th Legislature
Sir:

The President of the Senate announced changes and appointments in Senate membership to make the following committees read as follows:

Agriculture: Dow of Lincoln, Cyr of Aroostook, St. Pierre of Androscoggin.

Inland Fisheries and Game: Carpenter of Somerset, Briggs of Aroostook, Stilphen of Knox.

Retirements and Pensions: Cyr of Aroostook, Noyes of Knox, Hunt of Kennebec.

Sea and Shore Fisheries: Palmeter of Washington, Dow of Lincoln, Coffin of Cumberland.

State Government: Noyes of Franklin, Ross of Sagadahoc, Lesnard of Androscoggin.

Welfare: Ross of Sagadahoc, Palmeter of Washington, Boucher of Androscoggin.

Legislative Research: Hillman of Penobscot replaced by Cole of Waldo as Chairman.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Chester T. Winslow
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Paper from the Senate

From the Senate:

Bill "An Act to Authorize the Maintenance and Operation of a

Dam at the Outlet of Sebec Lake” (S. P. 534) (L. D. 1441)

Came from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

In the House, referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

Orders

On motion of Mr. Graves of Mt. Desert, it was

ORDERED, that Mr. Storm of Sherman be excused from attendance for the remainder of this Special Session because of illness in the family.

On motion of Mr. Cahill of Moscow, it was

ORDERED, the Senate concurring that the Commissioner of Finance immediately set aside and designate for the use of Legislators during this Special Session, the same parking area adjacent to the State House as was reserved for that purpose during the Regular Session of the 99th Legislature. (H. P. 1023)

On further motion of the same gentlemen, under suspension of the rules, sent forthwith to the Senate.

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

At this point, the gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, reported to the House that the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Sirois, had been duly sworn in by the Governor.

The SPEAKER: On behalf of the House the Chair extends to Mr. Sirois a most cordial welcome and we wish you the best of luck. (Applause) The Chair will assign to the gentleman from Rumford, Seat Number 80, and will also assign him to a vacancy existing on the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

**House Reports of Committees
Ought to Pass
Printed Bills**

Mr. Clark from the Committee on Education reported “Ought to pass” on Bill “An Act to Increase the Indebtedness of the Town of Hermon School District” (H. P. 1021) (L. D. 1422)

Miss Cormier from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 6” (H. P. 1008) (L. D. 1417)

Mr. Ervin from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Gray and New Gloucester to Form a School Administrative District” (H. P. 992) (L. D. 1401)

Mrs. Hanson from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Dixmont, Hampden and Newburgh to Form a School Administrative District” (H. P. 993) (L. D. 1402)

Mr. Mathieson from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of North Yarmouth and Pownal to Form a School Administrative District and Contract with the Town of Cumberland for High School Education” (H. P. 991) (L. D. 1400)

Mr. Rowe from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 10” (H. P. 1007) (L. D. 1416)

Mr. Whitney from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 4” (H. P. 1006) (L. D. 1415)

Mr. Kellam from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill “An Act Increasing Indebtedness of New Gloucester School District” (H. P. 998) (L. D. 1407)

Mr. Trumbull from same Committee reported same on Bill “An Act to Increase Indebtedness of Bath Parking District” (H. P. 1000) (L. D. 1409)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

**Ought to Pass with
Committee Amendment**

Mrs. Hanson from the Committee on Education on Bill “An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Cornish, Limerick, Newfield and Parsonsfield to Form a School Administrative District” (H. P. 994) (L. D. 1403) reported “Ought to pass” as amended by Committee Amendment “A” submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 994, L. D. 1403, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Cornish, Limerick, Newfield and Parsonsfield to Form a School Administrative District."

Amend said Bill in the title by adding after the word "District" the following: 'and to Authorize the Municipalities of Enfield, Greenbush, Howland, LaGrange, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Sebocis Plantation to Form a School Administrative District'

Further amend said Bill in the emergency preamble by inserting before the last paragraph the following:

'Whereas, the Maine School District Commission recommends that the municipalities of Enfield, Greenbush, Howland, LaGrange, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Sebocis Plantation be authorized to establish a School Administrative District; and'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before the emergency clause the following paragraphs:

'Sec. 2. School Administrative District for Enfield, Greenbush, Howland, LaGrange, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Sebocis Plantation, authorized. The municipalities of Enfield, Greenbush, Howland, LaGrange, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Sebocis Plantation are exempted from the limitations provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section 111-E, as amended, and the Maine School District Commission is authorized to proceed pursuant to said chapter 41, sections 111-F to 111-U, to take the necessary action to allow the municipalities of Enfield, Greenbush, Howland, LaGrange, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Sebocis Plantation to form a School Administrative District.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the number of times that the above-named municipalities may make application to the Maine School District Commission, nor shall the authority heretofore granted to the Maine School District Commission under this act be limited to any specified number

of times for the commission to authorize the above-named municipalities to act on the formation of a School Administrative District.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Mr. Good from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act Permitting Town of Hartland to Build and Maintain Dams and Sluice Ways on Sebasticook River" (H. P. 999) (L. D. 1408) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 999, L. D. 1408, Bill "An Act Permitting Town of Hartland to Build and Maintain Dams and Sluice Ways on Sebasticook River."

Amend said Bill in the 4th line by inserting after the word "ways" the words 'in the Towns of Hartland and St. Albans'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end, before the Statement of Facts, the following sentence:

'Nothing herein contained shall authorize the Town of Hartland to decrease the flow in said Sebasticook River below the natural flow.'

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

Mr. Linnell from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to Authorize School Administrative District No. 5 to Take a Schoolhouse Lot by Condemnation in the City of Rockland" (H. P. 1019) (L. D. 1427) reported "Ought to pass" as amended by Committee Amendment "A" submitted therewith.

Report was read and accepted and the Bill read twice.

Committee Amendment "A" was read by the Clerk as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1019, L. D. 1427, Bill, "An Act to Authorize School Administrative District No. 5 to Take a Schoolhouse Lot by Condemnation in the City of Rockland."

Amend said Bill in the 2nd paragraph after the enacting clause by

striking out in the 17th line the comma between the figures "44 degrees" and the figures "45" and by striking out the word "east" and inserting in place thereof the word "west"

Further amend said Bill in the 2nd paragraph after the enacting clause by striking out in the 21st line the word "south" and inserting in place thereof the word "north" and by striking out the word "west" and inserting in place thereof the word "east"

Committee Amendment "A" was adopted and the Bill assigned for third reading tomorrow.

The SPEAKER: At this time the Chair would recognize the presence in the gallery of the House of a group of students from Deering High in Portland, the Problems of Democracy Class, accompanied by Mr. Elliot, their Instructor.

On behalf of the House, the Chair extends to you ladies and gentlemen a most cordial welcome and we hope you will enjoy your visit here with us. (Applause)

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will proceed under House Reports listed on the mimeographed Supplement No. 1 which has been distributed to the members' desks.

Ought to Pass Printed Bills

Mr. Clark from the Committee on Education reported "Ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 11" (H. P. 1005) (L. D. 1414)

Miss Cormier from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 7" (H. P. 1009) (L. D. 1418)

Mr. Ervin from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 1" (H. P. 1001) (L. D. 1410)

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 12" (H. P. 1004) (L. D. 1413)

Mr. Mathieson from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Adminis-

trative District No. 13" (H. P. 1003) (L. D. 1412)

Mr. Rowe from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Authorize the Municipalities of Danforth and Weston to Form a School Administrative District" (H. P. 995) (L. D. 1404)

Mr. Whitney from same Committee reported same on Bill "An Act to Reconstitute School Administrative District No. 8" (H. P. 1010) (L. D. 1419)

Reports were read and accepted, the Bills read twice and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

Bill "An Act relating to Ferry Service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island and Long Island Plantation" (H. P. 996) (L. D. 1405)

Bill "An Act to Create the Houlton Sewer District" (H. P. 1017) (L. D. 1446)

Were reported by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

The Chair lays before the House, a House Order which was under the rules of the House placed on the table yesterday and now is to be removed from the table, and the Chair is advised it was inadvertently omitted from the printed calendar. The Chair will read the order:

ORDERED, that all matters placed upon the table during this Special Session, shall be considered automatically assigned for consideration on the next legislative day and the Speaker, under Orders of the Day, shall lay such matters before the House in the order in which they were tabled.

Is it the pleasure of the House that this order receive passage?

The motion prevailed.

The SPEAKER: Would the gentleman from Auburn, Mr. Wade, please approach the rostrum.

(Conference at rostrum)

Mr. Rankin of Southport was granted unanimous consent to address the House briefly.

Mr. RANKIN: Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen: It was brought to my attention yesterday and confirmed by this morning's press that there is at present a movement afoot to introduce an amendment to the school bus bill. This amendment if I understand it correctly, will send this issue to our citizens for state-wide referendum in November.

I know each of you, if that amendment is introduced, will vote ac-

ording to your convictions. It is my conviction that the people of Maine desire us to settle this issue in the 99th Legislature's Special Session. I shall, therefore, vote against such amendment, and I shall work against such an amendment.

The SPEAKER: The House is proceeding under Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Auburn,

Adjourned until nine-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning.