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HOUSE

Friday, March 25, 1927.

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

Prayer by Mr. Morse, Chaplain of the Maine State Grange.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Maine Publicity reporting ought not to pass on resolve to appropriate money for compiling and advertising the agricultural, industrial and recreational resources of the State, S. P. 2, S. D. 1.

Comes from the Senate the bill and report referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In the House bill and report referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to expenditures and returns of candidates for public office, H. P. 92 H. D. 31, which was passed to be engrossed in the House as amended by House Amendment A on March 17th.

Comes from the Senate the bill and amendment indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Hale of Portland that body voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference; and the Speaker appointed as such conferees on the part of the House, the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Hale, the gentleman from Bangor, Mr. Holman, and the gentleman from Castine, Mr. Patterson.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on Judiciary reporting ought not to pass on bill an act relative to enforcement of motor vehicle laws, S. P. 292, S. D. 113, which was accepted in the House March 22, having been accepted in the Senate, March 18.

Comes from the Senate the bill substituted for the report and passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Bangor that body voted to recede and concur with the Senate, and the rules were suspended and the bill was given its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the Senate.

From the Senate: Bill an act relating to the use as part of name the words "Bank", "Savings," "Trust" and kindred words which was passed to be enacted in the House, March 23.

Comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A in non-concurrence.

In the House, on motion by Mr. Page of Skowhegan the bill as amended was tabled pending reconsideration.

From the Senate: The following Order:

It appearing to the Senate that the following are important questions of law and the occasion a solemn one—

Ordered, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court are hereby requested to give to the Senate according to the provisions of the Constitution in this behalf their opinion on the following questions, to which is prefaced the statement of facts:

There have been filed with the Legislature under the initiative and referendum provisions of the Constitution of Maine, petitions asking that a law repealing the Primary Law be submitted to the voters of the State. These petitions are in proper form and contain more than twelve thousand signatures. It is apparent, from an examination of some of the petitions, that several names are in the same hand-writing.

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, is that a joint order or what is it? May I have the first part of it read again?

(Clerk reads the first part of the order)

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I raise

the question whether the House has anything to do with this.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that it appears from the order that the House does not have anything to do with the order, and does the gentleman from Auburn move that the House refuse consideration?

Mr. WING: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to show any disrespect to the Senate. It may be a mere clerical omission. I move that the paper be respectfully returned to the Senate.

Thereupon the House voted to respectfully return the order to the Senate without action.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Robie of Westbrook, it was

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to purchase a mimeograph equipment for the purpose of furnishing duplicate copies of such requirements of the Legislature as may come from time to time during the session of the Legislature. Same to be placed in the Department of Superintendent of Public Printing. Cost not to exceed \$400, to be paid out of the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Wood from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game reported "Ought not to pass" on bill an act relating to the registration of resident hunters and fishermen (H. P. 89) (H. D. 29) together with remonstrances H. P. 535, 536, 844, 845, 265, 348, 1150, 1006, 714 and S. P. 242 to 246 inclusive.

Mr. Stone from same Committee reported same on Resolve for the purchase and propagation of pheasants and Hungarian partridges (H. P. 357) (H. D. 89)

(Tabled by Mr. Clifford of Bath pending acceptance.)

Mr. Buker from same Committee reported same on bill an act to close Pickerel Pond in Township 32, Hancock County (H. P. 590)

Mr. Stone from same Committee on petitions H. P. 79, 80, 174, 235, 584, reported that same be placed on file, favoring repeal of the trapping law.

Mr. McKnight from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported

"Ought not to pass" on bill an act relative to overtime work by state employees (H. P. 1074)

Mr. Metcalf from the Committee on Ways and Bridges reported same on bill an act relating to the removal of snow from State highways (H. P. 752) (H. D. 209)

Reports read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Rounds from the Committee on Claims on Resolve in favor of the Charles H. Cutter Coal Company of Boston, for loss incurred by said company in the sale and delivery of 4000 tons of bituminous coal to the Augusta State Hospital during the strike in the year 1922, which was settled by Government regulation and interference (H. D. 56) (H. P. 217) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1209) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Same gentleman from same Committee on Resolve to compensate Mary A. Stevens for personal injuries due to defect in a building of the property of the State of Maine (H. P. 818) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1210) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mrs. Folsom from the Committee on bill an act to empower the Board of Trustees of State Normal Schools to confer academic degrees upon graduates of four year courses in the Normal schools (H. P. 835) (H. D. 214) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1216) under title of "An act relating to diplomas to be issued by State Normal Schools."

Mr. Crockett from same Committee on bill an act relating to school supervisory unions (H. P. 264) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1213) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."

Mr. Buker from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on bill an act relating to regulating hunting wild birds in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay (H. P. 616) (H. D. 162) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1215) under title of "An Act to regulate the hunting of wild birds on the waters of Merrymeeting Bay and that it "Ought to pass."

(Tabled by Mr. Clifford of Bath pending acceptance.)

Mr. Aldrich from the Committee on Judiciary on bill an act relating to appeal in non-support cases (H. P. 365) (H. D. 80) reported same in a new draft (H. P. 1217) under same title and that it "Ought to pass."