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HOUSE

Friday, May 15, 1959

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. William D. Chapman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brunswick.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Papers from the Senate Senate Reports of Committees Ought to Pass in New Draft Passed to Be Engrossed

Report of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on Bill "An Act Providing for Mental Health Services" (S. P. 288) (L. D. 812) reporting same in a new draft (S. P. 490) (L. D. 1367) under same title and that it "Ought to pass"

Came from the Senate with the Report read and accepted and the Bill passed to be engrossed.

In the House, the Report was read and accepted in concurrence and the New Draft read twice.

Under suspension of the rules, the New Draft was given its third reading, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act relating to the Classification of Prestile Stream in Aroostook County" (H. P. 661) (L. D. 954) which was passed to be engrossed in the House on May 13.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House:

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Ervin.

Mr. ERVIN: Mr. Speaker, the author of this bill, the gentleman from Monticello, Mr. Jewell is absent today. However, he has advised me to make the motion to insist which I make at this time.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Ervin, moves that the House insist. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Woodstock, Mr. Whitman.

Mr. WHITMAN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House: I move that we recede and concur.

The SPEAKER: The question now before the House is the motion of the gentleman from Woodstock, Mr. Whitman, that the House recede and concur. Is this the pleasure of the House? Will those who favor the motion to recede and concur please say aye; those opposed, no.

A viva voce vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act relating to Petition for Review of Incapacity under Workmen's Compensation Act (H. P. 855) (L. D. 1355) which was passed to be enacted in the House on May 12, and passed to be engrossed on May 5.

Came from the Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

In the House: On motion of Mr. Berman of Auburn, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate.

Non-Concurrent Matter Tabled and Assigned

Bill, "An Act Establishing a Minimum Wage" (S. P. 472) (L. D. 1337) which was passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments A, C and E in non-concurrence in the House on May 11.

Came from the Senate with House Amendment "E" indefinitely postponed and the Bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House Amendments "A" and "C" and Senate Amendments "B" "C" "D" and "F" in non-concurrence.

In the House:

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

Miss CORMIER: Mr. Speaker and Members of the House; In view of all these amendments, I would now move that this item be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday, May 20.

The SPEAKER: The gentlewoman from Rumford, Miss Cormier, moves that this Bill be tabled and specially assigned for Wednesday next pending further consideration.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Friendship, Mr. Winch-enpaw.

Thereupon, on motion of that gentleman, a division of the House was had.

Eighty-four having voted in the affirmative and seven having voted in the negative, the tabling motion did prevail.

**Non-Concurrent Matter
Tabled and Assigned**

An Act to Continue the Citizens Committee on Survey of State Government (S. P. 321) (L. D. 897) which failed passage to be enacted in the House on May 13.

Came from the Senate passed to be enacted in non-concurrence.

In the House: (On motion of Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston, tabled pending further consideration and specially assigned for Tuesday, May 19.)

The following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
SENATE CHAMBER

May 13, 1959

Hon. Harvey R. Pease
Clerk of the House of
Representatives
99th Legislature
State House
Augusta, Maine

Sir:

The President of the Senate today appointed as Senate members of the American Civil War Centennial Commission, the following:

Senators:

CHARLES of Cumberland
CARPENTER of Somerset
MARTIN of Kennebec
COFFIN of Cumberland

Respectfully,

(Signed) CHESTER T. WINSLOW
Secretary of the Senate

The Communication was read and ordered placed on file.

Orders

On motion of Mrs. Christie of Presque Isle, it was

ORDERED, that the Bureau of Purchases provide clothes appropriate to the weather for the Speaker and Clerk of the House to be charged to legislative appropriation.

On motion of the gentlewoman from P a t t e n, Mrs. Harrington,

House Rule 25 was suspended for the remainder of today's session in order to permit smoking.

Mr. Hughes of St. Albans presented the following Order and moved its passage:

WHEREAS on May 12th, I was appointed sole unbiased judge of which lobsters were the best, those from the Bar Harbor area or those from Lincoln County, and;

WHEREAS, certain conditions were that I should have a Bar Harbor lobster first and,

WHEREAS, it is impossible to judge them without first sampling them, and,

WHEREAS, it is impossible to sample them without having one at hand;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, all House members concurring, that, our Honorable Speaker be instructed to bring to the State House before this session ends and in any case not later than the second Monday in September, one of the choicest lobsters obtainable from the Bar Harbor area, with due proof that it did come from that area. Same lobster to be delivered to me in very good edible condition;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Honorable Representative from Lincoln County, Ashley Walter, be instructed also to bring to the State House before this session ends, and in any case not later than Thanksgiving, one of the choicest lobsters from that County, also with proof that it did come from that County. Same lobster to be delivered to me in very good edible condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT:

The Speaker act and not just chat. He commissioned me to make a test

As to which crustacean tastes the best.

I hate to gripe about this, but, My stomach thinks my throat is cut.

The SPEAKER: By way of explanation to the gentleman from St. Albans, Mr. Hughes, the day on which the gentleman from Lincoln County so kindly presented the Speaker with those lobsters, somehow, and I don't know how, but