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Statutes, relating to the qualifications of insurance agents and brokers.

An Act to amend the charter and extend the rights of the Goodall Worsted Company.

An Act relating to the use of automobiles in the town of Mount Desert in Hancock county.

An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 79 of the Public Laws of 1907 and as further amended by Chapter 200 of the Public Laws of 1909 relating to the election of Road Commissioners.

Finally Passed.

Resolve providing a State pension for Abbie M. Dinsmore.

Resolve for the permanent improvement of the main highway leading from the town of Franklin, in Hancock county, to the town of Cherryfield, in the county of Washington.

Resolve for aid in building a bridge across Moose River near its mouth.

Resolve in favor of navigation on Rangeley Lake, Mooselucmeguntic Lake and Cupsuptic Lake.

Resolve providing for a State pension for James R. Hunton.

Resolve for aid in building a bridge across Passadumkeag Stream, in Grand Falls Plantation.

Resolve for aid in repairing the highways in the town of Cutler.

Resolve for aid in repairing and permanently improving a highway in the town of Ripley.

Resolve for aid in building a bridge across Sandy Stream in the Plantation of Lexington.

Resolve for aid in building a bridge across the Umclucus Stream in Oxbow Plantation, in Aroostook county.

Resolve for aid in building a highway bridge in the plantation of New Canada.

Resolve in favor of the Washington State Normal school for equipment, repairs and permanent improvements.

Resolve in aid of navigation on Sebago Lake.

Orders of the Day.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that unless there is objection, the public utilities being the main subject for consideration, today, involving

the greatest amount of time, the Chair will permit routine matters to be taken up first, and then other matters specially assigned for today, and take up public utilities last.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Oxford, the vote whereby the Senate passed to be engrossed Senate Document 477, an Act to amend the primary election law, was reconsidered.

On further motion by the same senator, the bill was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, Senate Document 302, an Act to enlarge the powers and jurisdiction of the Somerset municipal court, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator, the bill was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Penobscot, Senate Document 531, an Act to authorize the city of Lewiston to issue its bonds to the amount of \$100,000 to pay its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year 1913, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator, the bill was tabled and specially assigned for consideration Thursday.

On motion by Mr. Hersey of Aroostook, Senate Document 17, an Act to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation and conduct of elections, was taken from the table.

The PRESIDENT: The pending question is the action upon the disagreeing action of the two branches, the Senate having passed the bill to be engrossed, and the House having indefinitely postponed the bill.

Mr. HERSEY: Mr. President, I move that the Senate insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The motion was agreed to, and the Chair appointed as Senate members of the committee of conference, Messrs. Hersey of Aroostook, Boynton of Lincoln and Stearns of Oxford.

On motion by Mr. Morey of Androscoggin, House Document 360, an Act permitting the use of automobiles in the town of Eden, was taken from the table.

Mr. PATTEN of Hancock: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed. I make this explanation, that an error has been discovered in the bill, and I make this motion in order that an amendment may be offered. I ask that the bill be specially assigned for tomorrow.

The vote was reconsidered and the bill assigned for consideration tomorrow.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate for consideration the first matter specially assigned for today, House Document 210, an Act to regulate the use of hat pins and other decorative utility.

Mr. DUTTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, that we may not drift too far from the consideration of the real question before us, I ask that the bill be read.

(The bill was read by the secretary.)

Mr. DUTTON: Mr. President, I now yield to the senator from Knox, Senator Patten.

Mr. PACKARD of Knox: Mr. President, I offer Senate Amendments A, E and C to House Document 210, and move that they be tabled for printing and specially assigned for one week from next Thursday.

The amendments were read by the secretary, and tabled for printing.

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Penobscot, the vote whereby the Senate accepted the report of the committee on legal affairs, "ought not to pass," on an act licensing stationary firemen, was reconsidered, and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate the report of the committee on railroads and expresses, "legislation inexpedient," on an Act for the abolishment of grade crossings, tabled on motion by Senator Burleigh. The pending question is the recommitment of the bill to the committee in concurrence.

Mr. BURLEIGH: Mr. President, I yield to the senator from Sagadahoc.

Mr. MAXWELL of Sagadahoc: Mr.

President, this bill came from the railroad committee at the very first of the session. The hearing was advertised and at the meeting, as I remember it, two gentlemen appeared, one in explanation of this bill and another in favor of some bill along the line of grade crossings.

It was thought at that time by the committee that the bill was not in proper shape to be acted upon, and I think it was tabled for something like seven weeks. At our last meeting, two weeks ago, this bill was submitted in a new draft, and the new draft was advertised and a hearing ordered. At our last meeting no one appeared in favor of this matter, not even anyone to explain the bill. Since that time I have learned that the gentleman who drafted this new bill was away at the time attending court in another section of the State and was unable to be present.

I had thought, when this matter came up, and I asked Senator Burleigh to table it, I thought of asking the Senate to non-concur with the House, and move that the report of the committee be accepted, but after consultation with some interested in this bill, or in a new draft to be submitted, I am willing that the bill be recommitted to the committee. I therefore move that the bill be recommitted to the committee on railroads and expresses in concurrence with the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT: The chair now lays before the Senate the next assignment, Senate Document No. 453, An Act to create a Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. STEARNS of Oxford: I move the Senate now proceed to consider Document No. 453 in committee of the whole.

The PRESIDENT: Before putting the question the Chair thinks it is proper to suggest the main differences in procedure between the committee of the whole and the regular session of the Senate, this being the first instance of this procedure in this session. The committee of the whole on precisely the same footing as any of the regular committees of the Senate, of the Legislature. It may consider