

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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solve in favor of Cora M. Perkins, providing a State pension.

H. P. No. 537, H. D. No. 298. Resolve providing for a State pension for Mary J. French of Carmel.

H. P. No. 538, H. D. No. 299. Resolve providing for a State pension for Emily Noddin of Kenduskeag.

#### Passed to be Engrossed

(S. P. No. 122) (S. D. No. 48) An act to amend Chapter 62 of the Public Laws of 1923 relating to the production and sale of certified seed.

(S. P. No. 178) (S. D. No. 139) An act relating to taking of alewives in Eastern Penobscot River in the town of Orland.

(H. P. No. 136) (H. D. No. 168) An act relative to passes on common carriers for Public Utilities Commission.

(S. P. No. 63) (S. D. No. 127) Resolve in favor of Mrs Daniel Jewett.

(S. P. No. 124) (S. D. No. 128) Resolve to reimburse the city of Bath for support of William A. Griffin, a former resident of Malaga Island.

(S. P. No. 23) (S. D. No. 129) Resolve in favor of the town of Athens for reimbursement for sheep killed by dogs.

(S. P. No. 99) (S. D. No. 130) Resolve to reimburse the town of Smyrna for support of John Pomeroy, a Civil War veteran.

(H. P. No. 674) (H. D. No. 179) Resolve for the purchase of 125 copies of the History of the town of Dresden.

#### Orders of the Day

The SPEAKER: Under orders of the day the Chair lays before the House the motion of the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, to table pending assignment for third reading an act relating to excise tax on railroads, H. P. 65, H. D. 23.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my motion to table, and move that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading at this time.

I will state, Mr Speaker and members of the House, that I have figures made up showing what it would cost the State of Maine if these different railroads had an excise tax, and it is a very large sum. It is a sum that has got to be raised by taxation somewhere

and nobody knows at the present time where. There seems to be quite a feeling that it should have its third reading but I would like to have it so that I could give the figures to this House showing just what it will cost the State of Maine if this thing goes through. You know this tax is only collected by the State and sent back for whatever it is worth at the time, both as to the common stock and preferred. I move that the rules be suspended and the bill be given its third reading at this time.

The motion prevailed and the bill received its third reading.

Mr. THURSTON of Appleton: Mr. Speaker, I move that the bill lie on the table until Tuesday next.

Calls of "No".

Mr. PIPER of Jackman: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make an inquiry.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. PIPER: How long has this been on the table.

The SPEAKER: The bill was tabled in the House February 17.

Mr. LAIT of Old Town: Mr. Speaker. I ask for a division.

The SPEAKER: The question is on the motion of the gentleman from Appleton, Mr. Thurston, that this matter lie upon the table, and a division is requested. As many as are in favor of the motion to table will rise and stand until counted and the monitors will return the count.

A division of the House being had,

Eleven voting in the affirmative and 99 in the negative, the motion to table failed of passage.

The SPEAKER: The question before the House is now upon the passage to be engrossed as amended.

Thereupon the bill as amended, having had its three several readings was passed to be engrossed.

The SPEAKER: The Chair lays before the House, tabled and today assigned, an act relating to insurance upon lives of directors, officers, agents and employees of corporations, and prescribing what shall constitute evidence of due authority for all corporate actions with