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STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Thursday, April 2, 1931.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. W. S. Eaton of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The Hon. John E. Nelson was escorted to a seat at the right of the President, amid the applause of the Senate, the members rising.

From the House:

Bill "An Act to provide Provisions for medical and surgical treatment of persons whose resources are insufficient to pay for same" (H. P. 931, L. D. 408)

(In the Senate, "ought not to pass" report read and accepted, April 1.)

In the House, that body having insisted on its former action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed; and asked for a committee of conference. The Speaker appointed as House Conferencees: Messrs. Wright of Bath, Bennett of Presque Isle and Melcher of Rumford.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Crosby of Penobscot, that body voted to insist and join in the committee of conference.

Subsequently, the President appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Crosby, the Senator from Waldo, Senator Small and the Senator from Penobscot, Senator Weatherbee.

From the House:

The Majority of the Committee on Public Health on bill "An Act to authorize Sherman S. Greenleaf to practice veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry" (H. P. 652) reported that the same ought to pass.

(Signed) GREENLEAF
STORY
WRIGHT
DAY
HATHAWAY
WORTHEN
WEBSTER

The Minority of the same Com-

mittee on the same subject matter reported that it ought not to pass.

(Signed) SMALL
ANDREWS
BENNETT

In the House, the majority report "ought to pass" accepted; the bill having had its several readings and passed to be engrossed.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Wheeler of Oxford, the reports were laid upon the table pending acceptance of either report.

The following resolve was received and on recommendation by the committee on reference of bills was referred to the following committee:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Mr. Murchie of Washington presented "Resolve in favor of C. A. Sawyer, for services as first folder in executive department." (S. P. 634)

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

"Resolve dividing the State into Senatorial Districts" (S. P. 630, L. D. 1054)

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, on this resolve would it expedite matters if we were to suspend the rules and give this bill its second reading and pass it to be engrossed at this time?

The PRESIDENT: The Chair will state that ordinarily it is good practice on a Senate paper to have its second reading assigned for the next day in order that it may be gone over carefully with the engrossing department. In this particular instance the resolve seems to be in very good shape and the Chair would think that it might be advisable to take the action which the Senator suggests.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby this resolve was tomorrow assigned for second reading; and on further motion by the same Senator the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

"Resolve proposing an amend-

ment to the constitution to provide for the number of Senators" (S. P. 629, L. D. 1055)

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I now offer Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption and in explanation of the amendment I will say that it is made at the request of the Senator from Cumberland, Senator Spear, who thinks it improper that a limitation by law should be placed on Cumberland County. The matter has been taken up with the Senate members of the Committee on Reapportionment and with some, but not all, of the House members and all those to whom it has been suggested consider this entirely satisfactory. I offer Senate Amendment "A" and move its adoption:

"Senate Amendment 'A' to Legislative Document 1055. Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide for the number of Senators. Amend Legislative Document 1055 by striking out the words, 'and each county having a population of more than one hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants shall have four Senators,' and substituting in place thereof the following: 'each county having a population of more than one hundred and twenty thousand and less than two hundred and forty thousand inhabitants shall have four Senators, and each county having a population of more than two hundred and forty thousand inhabitants shall have five Senators'."

Senate Amendment "A" was adopted.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, the rules were suspended and the resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment "A".

"Resolve in favor of several academies, institutions and seminaries" (S. P. 633, L. D. 1056).

Under suspension of the rules, the resolve was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

Committee Reports

Mr. Small from the Committee on Education on "Resolve in favor of Maine Central Institute" (S. P. 655) reported that the same ought

not to pass, as the subject matter is covered by other legislation.

Mrs. Carter from the same Committee reported same on "Resolve in favor of Washington Academy" (S. P. 183)

Mr. Weymouth from the Committee on Pensions on bill "An act relating to Blind persons entitled to aid." (S. P. 367, L. D. 388) reported that the same be referred to the next legislature.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Code submitted its final report.

The Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game submitted its final report.

The Committee on Salaries and Fees submitted its final report.

The Committee on State Prison submitted its final report.

The Committee on Public Health submitted its final report.

The Committee on Maine Publicity submitted its final report.

Which reports were severally read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill "An act to establish a general highway fund" (S. P. 488 L. D. 649); reported that the same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee reported same on bill "An act relating to a road in the town of Newport." (S. P. 244)

Which reports were read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Committee on Education submitted its final report.

Which report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act relative to the salary of the State Librarian. (H. P. 1278, L. D. 831)

An Act relative to the salary of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game. (H. P. 1279, L. D. 832)

An Act relative to ice fishing for pickerel. (H. P. 1299, L. D. 997)

An Act to abolish the Common Council of the City of Biddeford. (H. P. 1394, L. D. 968)

An Act relating to the hunting of