

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-First Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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1903.

**HOUSE.**

Thursday, Jan. 15.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of resubmission of fifth amendment of the amended constitution of Maine in relation to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

This resolve came from the Senate referred to the committee on temperance in non-concurrence.

Mr. Allan moved that the House recess and concur with the Senate in its reference.

Mr. DAVIS of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, I hope the House will not do that. I would like to say in opposition to that motion that after deliberation and considering the weight of the subject to be discussed and dealt with it seemed the proper thing to refer that resolve to the judiciary committee for the reason that it was a constitutional question; and while it is no reflection upon the temperance committee at all, it would seem eminently proper and right that the judiciary committee be allowed to take that matter up and to discuss it, and then bring it before the House in one or two reports; and therefore at the proper time I would like to move that the House insist in its action. I would like to do this to get the sense of the House, not with the expectation perhaps that it will land there but with the expectation that we go on record in this matter. It is too important to leave in any other way.

Mr. SWETT of Portland: Mr. Speaker, At a proper time and when the matter is properly before the House I desire to offer some facts and figures bearing upon this question. I don't believe in the prohibitory law. I believe that it has been a detriment to the advancement of the State of Maine, morally and materially. Prohibition was first tried in the Garden of Eden. As far as I am able to understand, it proved a failure there and has proved a failure ever since. I do not propose to go into a discussion of the question at this time. My object in rising is merely to secure such a reference of

this matter as may properly bring it before the House in due course of time that gentlemen may have an opportunity to present their views upon it.

The question being on the motion to recess and concur with the Senate in referring the resolve to the committee on temperance, a division was had and the motion was agreed to by a vote of 47 to 20.

The following petitions bills, etc., were presented and referred:

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Petition of Albert W. Paine, Esq., of Bangor, for An Act to provide for voting by proxy at public elections.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford: Bill, An Act to legalize the doings of the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway.

Also: Bill, An Act to legalize the doings of the Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Allan of Portland: Bill, An Act to regulate the placing of permanent moorings in harbors.

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Bill, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 15 of Revised Statutes relating to burying grounds.

By Mr. Josselyn of Portland: Bill, An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes relating to the weight of a bushel of beans.

By Mr. Hill of Brownfield: Resolutions adopted by Cumberland and Oxford Pomona Grange in favor of municipal suffrage for women.

**Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.**

By Mr. Eaton of Calais: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Forest Telegraph and Telephone Company.

**Banks and Banking.**

By Mr. Josselyn of Portland: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Central Trust Company.

**Interior Waters.**

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

Also: Petition of Leon F. Higgins and 40 others to renew and extend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Resolve in favor of the town of Crystal.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Spear of Warren: Petition of F. C. Leach and 58 others for close time on deer in Knox county.

**Shore Fisheries.**

By Mr. Tapley of Brooksville: Petition of Fred L. Cole and others of Brooksville for an amendment to Section one Chapter 25 Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to the taking of eels in Bagaduce river, bay and tributaries.

**Towns.**

By Mr. Knowlton of Camden: Bill, An Act to incorporate the city of Camden.  
**Public Charities and State Beneficiaries.**

By Mr. Eaton of Calais—Petition of George M. Hanson and 15 others praying for aid for the temporary home for women and children in Portland.

By Mr. Maybury of Saco—Petition of Mrs. C. F. Greene and others for same.

By Mr. Allan of Portland—Resolve in favor of the temporary home for women and children at Portland: Petition of F. V. Chase and 600 others for the establishment of a school for the blind; An act establishing the Maine Industrial school and home for the blind.

By Mr. Cameron of Bangor—Petition of William Engel and 22 others for the sum of \$2000 for the year 1903 and a like sum for the year 1904 to be appropriated for the temporary home for women and children in Portland.

By Mr. Littlefield of Rockland—Petition of officers of Women's Christian Union for Maine Home and School for feebleminded.

**Public Buildings and Grounds.**

By Mr. Clarke of Waldoboro—Petition of A. C. Gamage and 30 others of Bristol for an appropriation to excavate and improve the State reservation at Fort William Henry, Pemaquid; Petition of J. E. Partridge and 15 others of Bristol for same; Petition of W. G. Loud and 47 others of Bristol for same; Petition of George A. Huston and 6 others of Bristol for same; Petition of F. A. Fossett and 39 others of

Bristol for same; Petition of Walter L. Kelsey and 27 others of Bristol for same; Petition of H. C. Partridge and 37 others of Bristol for same; Petition of Charles P. Tibbetts and 18 others of Bristol for same; Petition of M. H. Marson and 18 others of Bristol for same; Petition of J. E. Nichols and 5 others of Bristol for same; Petition of J. W. Haggett and 32 others of Nobleboro, Jefferson and Newcastle—all for same.

**Orders.**

On motion of Mr. Campbell of Cherryfield,

Ordered, The Senate concurring that one hundred bound copies of the Legislative Record of the seventy-first Legislature be furnished the State Library and two hundred and fifty bound copies of said record be furnished the members of this Legislature, members of State Government and Heads of Departments.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the secretary of State deliver copies of the report of the commissioner to revise the statutes, as follows: 25 copies to the State librarian for the use of the State; 2 copies to the Governor; 1 copy to each member of the Executive Council, 1 copy to each State department; 1 copy to each justice of the supreme judicial court; 1 copy to each judge of the superior courts; 1 copy to each judge of probate; 1 copy to each clerk of courts for the bar library in his county; 1 copy to ex-chief justice John A. Peters; 2 copies to the newspaper room in the State House for the use of the newspaper correspondents.

On motion of Mr. Watson of Chelsea, Adjourned.