

# 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.**

Friday, Jan. 23.

Prayer by Rev. Father Doherty of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Bill, An Act relative to actions for libel.

By Mr. Drew of Portland: Bill, An Act in relation to the trustees of Westbrook seminary.

Also: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 48, Section 2, of the Revised Statutes, relating to corporations.

By Mr. Swett of Portland: Bill, An Act to set apart an annual "Old Home Week."

By Mr. Littlefield of Rockland: Bill, An Act in relation to the police court of the city of Rockland.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Allen of Portland: Bill, An Act relating to the filing of affidavits of appointment of executors and administrators.

Also: Bill, An Act relating to the limitations of actions against executors and administrators.

By Mr. Nash of Kennebunk: Bill, An Act to authorize the town of Kennebunk to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

**Federal Relations.**

By Mr. Thomas of Harpswell: Petition for the State Legislature of Maine to the Congress of the United States of America for the national ownership of the anthracite mines.

**Education.**

By Mr. Dilling of Easton: Petition of F. E. Smith and 44 others as members of Easton Grange No. 159, in favor of normal school in Aroostook county, same to be located at Presque Isle.

**Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.**

By Mr. Thomas of Harpswell: Bill, An Act to enable cities and towns of Maine to establish permanent fuel yards.

**Banks and Banking.**

By Mr. Knapp of South Portland: Bill, An Act to extend the Charter of the South Portland Trust and Banking Company.

**Interior Waters.**

By Mr. Ross of Bangor: Resolve providing for the compensation of steamboat inspectors for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902.

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Howes of Washburn: Petition of James M. Story and 99 others of Washburn asking that an appropriation be made in favor of said town in part payment of the indebtedness incurred by said town in building a steel bridge across the Aroostook river in said town.

Also: Petition of A. H. Tornquist and 29 others of New Sweden for same.

Also: Petition of John F. Wilder and 39 others of Woodland for same.

Also petition of W. T. Barton and 5 others of Perham for same.

By Mr. Thornton of Ashland: Petition of J. H. Porter and 83 others of Mapleton for same.

Also: Petition of A. F. Locke and 11 others of Wade Plantation for same.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Portland: Bill, An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes relating to the law of the road.

Mr. Thornton of Ashland moved a suspension of the rules to introduce Bill, An Act to maintain large bridges by the county and State.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was tabled for printing pending its reference to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Knowlton of Camden: Petition of F. J. Wiley and 36 others, citizens of Camden, praying for the enactment of a hunters' license law.

By Mr. Putnam of Houlton: Bill, An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of the State of Maine of the year 1899 relating to taxidermists' license.

**Public Charities and State Beneficiaries.**

By Mr. Manson of Pittsfield: Petition of William Dobson and 54 others

of Pittsfield for aid for Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

By Mr. Nash of Kennebunk: Petition of William Titcomb and 24 others of Kennebunk for same.

By Mr. Dudley of Augusta: Petition of Orville D. Baker of Augusta praying for establishment of a home and school for the feeble minded.

By Mr. Drew of Portland: Petition of the officers of women's auxiliary to Y. M. C. A., for same.

Also: Petition of Miss Nellie L. Kerwin and 9 others for same.

By Mr. Maybury of Saco: Petition of Horace H. Burbank and 23 others of Saco, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Petition of F. L. White and 98 others of Presque Isle, for same.

By Mr. Tremblay of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of the Society of the Sisters of Charity for the use of the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, Maine.

Also: Resolve in favor of the hospital of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine.

#### Temperance.

By Mr. McGregor of Enfield: Remonstrance of Mrs. M. J. Barker and 24 others of Burlington against resubmission.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Tremont: Remonstrance of Henry Tracy and 32 others of Tremont against same.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Remonstrance of J. C. Blakney and 48 others, citizens of Fairfield, against same.

By Mr. Bailey of Bradford: Remonstrance of the Congregational Society of Kenduskeag, against same.

By Mr. Mewer of Old Orchard: Remonstrance of Rev. F. A. Leitch and 51 others of Old Orchard against same.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Remonstrance of Thomas J. Ingram and 41 others of China against same.

By Mr. Dilling of Easton: Remonstrance of C. C. Campbell and 39 others of Bridgewater against same.

#### Waldo County Delegation.

By Mr. Merriam of Morrill: Bill, An Act to regulate the killing of deer in Waldo county.

#### York County Delegation.

By Mr. Nash of Kennebunk: Bill, An Act establishing the salary of the

county treasurer of the county of York.

#### Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Brownfield, Ordered, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of providing by law such regulations as to the speed of automobiles or horseless carriages as will give to travelers upon the highways protection against accident.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Brownfield, Ordered, That the committee on Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing additional legislation for the prevention of prize fights.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Bangor, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the committee on taxation be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the tax upon express companies.

On motion of Mr. Sargent of Brewer, Ordered, That the State printer be and is hereby authorized and instructed to cause to be printed and bound in cloth 1800 additional copies of the forest commissioner's report for 1902.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield of Rockland, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, January 27, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Buzzell from the Committee on Governor's Message, to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to the consideration of the Governor's message and reference of the subjects contained therein to the proper committees, reported that that portion of the message relating to sea and shore fisheries be referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Mr. Allen from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, on petition of J. W. Brackett and 15 others regarding fishing in Lufkin Pond in Belfast, Maine, reported that the same be referred to the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries and Game as the subject matter of the petition properly comes under their jurisdiction.

Mr. Cordwell from same committee, to which was referred petition of F. C.

Leach and 58 others praying for a close time on deer in Knox county, reported that the same be referred to the Knox county delegation in this Legislature.

Mr. Allen from the Committee on the Judiciary, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes as amended, relating to limitation of actions against executors and administrators, reported ought not to pass.

Mr. Smith from same committee, on Bill, An Act to amend Sections 1 and 4 of Chapter 339 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, being an act to incorporate the Winthrop Cold Spring Water Company, reported ought to pass. (Printed under joint rule).

Mr. Potter from same committee, on Bill, An Act to authorize the Old Orchard Electric Light Company to issue bonds and for other purposes, reported ought to pass. (Printed under joint rule).

Mr. Drew from same committee reported in a new draft Bill, An Act to amend Section 28 of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes relating to conveyances, and that it ought to pass. (Printed under joint rule).

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

Bill, An Act to regulate the sale or exchange of mortgaged personal property.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Rockland: This bill may be productive of good and it may be productive of harm in its effect upon the practice in the courts. There has not been sufficient time for its consideration or the consideration of the effect it would produce, and I know that the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Barker) who reported it, does not care to have it adopted unless the members of this House are satisfied that it would be beneficial in its effect. I therefore move that it lie on the table until a sufficient time has elapsed to give the members of the House a chance to consider its effect, and I trust the gentleman from Bangor has no objection, as I assure him that I will call it up at any time he desires when he says that sufficient time has elapsed for that purpose.

Mr. BARKER of Bangor: I have no objection, and I should like to offer an amendment to the bill at the present

time: Amendment A, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on January first, 1905.

The amendment was adopted, and the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### Orders of the Day.

Mr. DAVIS of Waterville: Mr. Speaker, if in order I would like to move to reconsider the vote fixing the date of adjournment to Tuesday afternoon: and if it is in order I will then give my reasons for fixing an earlier date.

The SPEAKER: The Chair rules that the gentleman is not in order. It has gone through both branches and been returned.

Mr. WEEKS of Fairfield: Has the Senate adjourned?

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that the Senate has adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Orono the vote was reconsidered whereby Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company, was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, Bill, An Act relating to street railroad locations, Bill, An Act to enlarge the powers of street railroads in taking lands, and Bill, Act to enlarge the powers of the railroad commissioners over the street railroads, were taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman they were referred to the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

On motion of Mr. Spear of Warren, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Power Company, Union, Knox county, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Bussey of Dixmont,

Adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon