

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Mr. Staples of Cumberland, Bill, An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 318 of the Private and Special Laws of 1801, entitled An Act to incorporate the Bridgton Water Company, was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 3d, 1903, at 10.30 A. M.

HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 30.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Canham of Lowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, An Act to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employes in their service, came from the Senate referred to the committee on legal affairs. On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland it was tabled for printing pending its reference in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 372 of the Public Laws of 1885 relating to the compensation of the county commissioners for Oxford county.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford, the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill, An Act to authorize the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to issue bonds and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Mewer of Old Orchard, this bill was laid on the table and Thursday of next week assigned for its consideration.

Bill, An Act authorizing the city treasurer to purchase unmatured State of Maine bonds.

This bill came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. PETTENGILL of Rumford: This is a bill that is presented by the Committee on Appropriations. We have found that during the past year if the treasurer had had authority, when consent was given by the governor and council, he could have applied, from the surplus money in the treasury, at least \$100,000 toward the reduction of our State debt. It seemed to us as a committee that this was a measure of just common, good business prudence to have this authority, and this bill comes from the Committee on Appropriations and is recommended by them. I move that the rules be suspended and that the bill receive its three readings at the present time and be passed to be engrossed.

The motion was agreed to, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford: Bill, An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

By Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Sewerage Company.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Low of Portland: Bill, An Act in relation to the election of school committee in the city of Portland.

By Mr. Buzzell of Old Town: Bill, An Act to authorize the Penobscot Chemical Fibre Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

By Mr. Nickerson of Orrington: Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp-meeting Association.

Education.

By Mr. Boyd of Linneus: Petition of George E. Nickerson and 22 others as members of Amity Grange No. 384 in favor of normal school in Aroostook county, same to be located at Presque Isle.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Petition of Merle R. Smith and 41 others as members of Maysville Center Grange No. 153 for same.

By Mr. Mills of Stonington: Bill, An Act relating to the free high school in the town of Stonington, county of Hancock.

By Mr. Randall of Freeport: Bill, An Act relating to the apportionment of the State school fund and mill tax.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Knowlton of Camden: Bill, An Act relating to the Camden Trotting Park Association.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Boyd of Linneus: Bill, An Act to authorize and empower Joseph C. Patchell to erect and maintain piers and booms in Mattawamkeag river.

Also: Bill, An Act to authorize and empower Samuel W. Hanscom to build

and maintain piers and booms in Mattawamkeag river.

By Mr. Ross of Bangor: Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Basakahegan Dam Company.

By Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren: Bill, An Act to incorporate the St. John River Dam Company.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Albert of Madawaska: Petition of Maxim P. Gagnon and 40 others in favor of town of Frenchville for aid in building bridge and blasting ledge.

Also: Resolve to aid the town of Frenchville in building a bridge across Gagnon stream.

By Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren: Bill, An Act to incorporate the St. John River Toll Bridge Company.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Cordwell of Westbrook: Petition of Charles F. Jordan and 540 others asking for appropriation to establish fish hatchery at Sebago lake.

By Mr. Oakes of Auburn: Petition of officers of Lake Auburn Fish Protective Association for screening outlet of Lake Auburn.

Also: Petition of Lem W. Baker and 192 others for same.

Also: Petition of Charles I. Brown and 62 others for same.

Also: Petition of James Elms and 82 others for same.

Also: Petition of A. R. Pike and 137 others for same.

Also: Petition of James Tracy and 99 others for same.

Also: Petition of T. F. Cohoon and 66 others for same.

By Mr. Tapley of Brooksville: Remonstrance of H. H. Dunbar and others against screening Alamoosook lake in the town of Orland.

Also: Remonstrance of Wm. G. Heath and others against same.

By Mr. Oakes of Auburn: Resolve providing for screening Lake Auburn.

Temperance.

By Mr. Perkins of Wilton: Remonstrance of Rev. Arthur T. Craig and 79 others of Wilton against resubmission of the prohibitory law.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias: Remonstrance of Rev. G. H. Wharf and 162 others of Machias against same.

By Mr. Campbell of Cherryfield: Remonstrance of Warren Sawyer and 22 others of Milbridge against same.

By Mr. Hill of Buxton: Remonstrance of Frank M. Bennett and 44 others of Hollis against same.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland: Remonstrance of C. F. Pratt and 21 others against same.

By Mr. Mead of Bridgton: Remonstrance of John S. White and 54 others of Naples against same.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport: Remonstrance of Rev. F. D. Handy and 108 others of Eastport against same.

By Mr. Nash of Kennebunk: Remonstrance of E. L. Caine, representing Earnest Lodge of Good Templars against same.

By Mr. Davis of Waterville: Petition of Charles Coross and 96 others of Lisbon Falls in favor of resubmission.

Also: Petition of Silvio Pakanani and 55 others of Waterville in favor of same.

Also: Petition of Charles F. Johnson and 33 others of Waterville in favor of same.

Also: Petition of E. H. Lunt and others of Lisbon in favor of same.

Also: Petition of G. F. Philbrook and 77 others of Lisbon Falls in favor of same.

Also: Petition of H. C. Fuller and 15 others of Hartland in favor of same.

Also: Petition of M. W. Levensaler and 44 others of Waldoboro in favor of same.

County Estimates.

By Mr. Butler of South Thomaston: County estimates of the commissioners of Knox county for the years 1903 and 1904.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Allan of Portland, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Public Charities and State Beneficiaries visit the Portland School for the Deaf at Portland at such time as may be agreeable to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the Committee on Agriculture be and are hereby authorized and instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing better methods for pre-

venting the spread of contagious diseases among animals, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet at 10.30 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, February 3, 1903.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Oakes from the Committee on Legal Affairs, on Bill, An Act additional to Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes relating to telegraphs, reported ought not to pass.

Mr. Campbell from same committee, on Bill, An Act relating to the Bar Harbor Electric Light Company having the power to extend its lines through the towns of Mt. Desert and Tremont, reported ought to pass. (Printed under joint rules).

Mr. McFaul from same committee, reported in a new draft Bill, An Act recognizing the Sebasticook Power Company and granting it additional powers, and that it ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Manson of Pittsfield the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Morrison from the Committee on Public Charities and State Beneficiaries, reported in a new draft, Resolve providing for a special epidemic or emergency fund, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Low from same committee reported in a new draft, Resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. McGregor from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Dodge from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Low from same committee, on Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Portland, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee on Library, on Resolve in favor of the Maine State Library, reported ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and resolves referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Mr. Low from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the city of Eastport, reported that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Thompson from the Committee on Taxation reported in a new draft Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893 as amended by Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the taxation of savings banks, and that it ought to pass. (Printed under joint rules).

Mr. Burrill from the Hancock County Delegation reported in a new draft Bill, An Act to fix the salary of the Judge of Probate for Hancock county, and that it ought to pass. (Printed under joint rules).

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act in relating to the powers of the Union River Light, Gas and Power Company.

On motion of Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth, the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1883, relating to burying-grounds.

An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1891 as amended by Chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893 relating to providing for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and regulating voting for State and city elections.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 261 of the Public Laws of 1885 and by Chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to migratory fish.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1903.

An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 en-

titled An Act to establish the Bar Harbor municipal court.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Davis of Waterville, introduced three bills, An Act to authorize the Wis-casset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad Company to connect with the Sandy River Railroad and Maine Central Railroad at Farmington, An Act to regulate the connection between steam railroads, An Act to incorporate the Maine Midland Railroad Company, and moved their reference to the committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland, the bills were tabled for printing pending their reference.

On motion of Mr. Drew the rules were suspended and Bill, An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 318 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 entitled An Act to incorporate the Bridgton Water Company, was passed to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Swett of Portland, the vote was reconsidered whereby resolve in favor of an appropriation for the maintenance of the remains of Fort William Henry, was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion of Mr. McKusick of Parkman,

Adjourned.