

# 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, Feb. 6th 1903.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Farnsworth of Steuben.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Report of the committee on pensions, reporting ought not to pass on Resolve in favor of Mathias Cullnam, came from the Senate amended by striking out the word "not" so that the report reads 'ought to pass.'

The House concurred with the Senate in the adoption of the amendment, and the report as amended was accepted.

Mr. Weeks of Fairfield asked unanimous consent to introduce an order out of order:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet Tuesday next, February 10, at 10-30 o'clock A. M.

The order received a passage.

Mr. Libby of Mechanic Falls announced the attendance of Stephen J. Kelly, Jacob R. Little and George B. Haskell, Representatives-elect from the city of Lewiston, and was charged with the duty of conducting them before the Governor and Council to take the necessary oaths of office.

Mr. Libby subsequently reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him.

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

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Bill, An Act relating to commitments by trial justices and judges of police and municipal courts.

By Mr. Buzzell of Oldtown: Bill, An Act to amend the Oldtown city charter.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Bill, An Act relating to claims against the estates of deceased persons.

By Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren: Bill, An Act to authorize the Van Buren Water Company to increase its capital stock and bonds.

**Education.**

By Mr. Irving of Caribou: Petition of Mrs. Amber Robinson and 37 others,

ladies of Blaine, for a Normal school at Presque Isle.

Also: Petition of Mrs. S. A. Jenkins and 40 other ladies of Presque Isle for same.

Also: Petition of M. T. Beem and 24 others of Blaine for same.

**Banks and Banking.**

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: Bill, An Act to amend section 129 of chapter 47 of the revised statutes relating to officers and corporators of savings banks.

**Military Affairs.**

By Mr. Maybury of Saco: Resolve in favor of John Deering of Saco.

**Interior Waters.**

By Mr. McFaul of Machias: Bill, An Act to amend an act entitled an Act to incorporate the Machias log driving Company approved April 8th 1854.

By Mr. Page of Drew Plantation: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Libby Meadow Brook Dam Company.

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren: Petition of inhabitants of Van Buren and adjoining towns for an appropriation to aid in building steel bridge across Violette brook.

By Mr. Twambly of Kennebunkport: Petition of Hon. Edward C. Moody and 109 others of York asking for the passage of bill providing for county and state ownership of large bridges.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Coburn of Greene: Petition of J. D. Perry and nine others asking that Androscoggin pond be opened to ice fishing.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Petition of J. T. Merrill and 26 others of Grand Lake Stream relating to taking of white perch from waters within Washington County.

**Claims.**

By Mr. McKusick of Parkman: Resolve in favor of the town of Parkman.

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Resolve in favor of John Cassidy of Bangor.

**Pensions.**

By Mr. Davis of Waterville: Resolve in favor of Adrastus Branch, granting a pension of eight dollars per month.

**Temperance.**

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford: Petition of Moses A. Drew and 27 others of Alfred in favor of resubmission.

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: Petition of E. F. Fairbrother and 124 others of Skowhegan for same.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias: Petition of H. M. Goodwin and 31 others of East Machias for same.

By Mr. Hall of Fort Fairfield: Petition of A. O. Sawyer and 29 others of Fort Fairfield for same.

By Mr. Curtis of Portland: Petition of F. C. Norrell and 29 others of Portland and Augusta for same.

By Mr. Parrott of Oxford Div. 23 S. of T., against same; of Rechab Div. S. of T. 21 names, against same; of Soldiers Div. No. 5, S. of T. against same; of Pembroke Div. 52 S. of T. against same; of Portland Div. No. 95, S. of T. against same;

By Mr. Reynolds of Winslow: Protest of D. Y. Sullivan and 49 others of Clinton against same.

By Mr. Thomas of Topsham: Protest of Sagadahoc County Pomona Grange against same.

By Mr. Howes of Washburn: Remonstrance against same.

By Mr. Knapp of South Portland: Remonstrance of A. E. Thurrell and 62 others of South Portland against same.

By Mr. Tripp of Lyman: Remonstrance of James H. Littlefield and 12 others against same.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland: Remonstrance of F. E. Hamm and 29 others

Also: Remonstrance of C. H. Johnnnett and 21 others of Hartland against same.

Also: Remonstrance of S. V. Prescott and 26 others of St. Albans against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Mrs. C. H. Johnnnett and 41 others against same.

By Mr. Tripp of Lyman: Remonstrance of V. C. Jordan and 59 others against same.

By Mr. Drew of Portland: Remonstrance of Alfred V. Ware and 76 others of Portland against same.

By Mr. Norton of Gardiner: Remonstrance of William Cashmore and 94 others against same.

By Mr. Mills of Stonington: Remonstrance of J. E. Small and other citi-

zens of Deer Isle and Stonington against same.

**Aroostook County Delegation.**

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Bill, An Act relating to the salary of the sheriff of Aroostook county and fixing the same at \$500 a year.

**Orders.**

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the committee on taxation be and hereby is directed to inquire into the expediency of having county commissioners collect the taxes which, under the provisions of Sections 69 and 70 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, are assessed by county commissioners on lands not exempt and not liable to be assessed in any town, instead of having said taxes collected by the treasurer of State as now provided by law, and report by bill or otherwise.

The following communication was submitted to the House:

Augusta, Feb. 6, 1903.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives: Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as member of the House of Representatives of the 71st Legislature from the city of Portland to take effect at once.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEORGE H. ALLAN.

The resignation was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Swett of Portland,

Ordered, That the clerk be and hereby is instructed to make up the payroll and mileage of George H. Allan of Portland to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Littlefield of Rockland,

Ordered, That Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth be authorized to change his seat from No. 86 to No. 1.

**Report of Committees.**

Mr. Drew from the committee on the judiciary, on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Old Orchard Trust & Banking Company, reported that it be referred to the committee on banks and banking.

Mr. Campbell from the committee on legal affairs, on bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 252 of the Public Laws of 1874 relating to the rights of owners of islands, reported ought not to pass.

Mr. Drew from the committee on the judiciary, on bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Home for Aged Women in Portland, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Morey from the committee on legal affairs, on bill, An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 450 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 incorporating the city of Eastport, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Sargent from the committee on interior waters, reported in a new draft bill, An Act to amend Chapter 64 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 as amended by Chapter 472 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 relating to the Wilson Dam Company, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Shaw from the committee on interior waters, on bill An Act to extend the charter of the Mattanawcook Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Ross from same committee on Resolve providing for the compensation of steamboat inspectors for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902, reported ought to pass. (Referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.)

Mr. Sweeney from same committee, on bill, An Act amendatory of chapter 279 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mattagammon Manufacturing Company," reported ought to pass.

Mr. Smith of Madison, from same committee, on bill, An Act authorizing and empowering the Springer Lumber Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Dodge from the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries, on Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home, reported ought to pass. (Referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.)

Mr. Lamb from the same committee, on Resolve in favor of the King's Daughters' Union of Bangor, reported ought to pass. (Referred to committee on public charities and State beneficiaries.)

Mr. McGregor from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, reported a bill in a new draft under same title and that it ought to pass. (Referred to

committee on appropriations and financial affairs.)

Mr. Low from same committee, on Resolve in favor of Maine Home for Friendless Boys, reported ought to pass. (Referred to committee on appropriations and financial affairs.)

Mr. Twambly from the York county delegation, on bill An Act establishing the salary of the county treasurer of the county of York, reported a bill in new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and bills and resolves ordered printed under joint rules.

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

An Act to extend the powers of the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company.

An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to the transportation of animals.

An Act to establish a street sewer commission for the city of Bath.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to the weight of a bushel of beans.

Resolve providing for a special epidemic or emergency fund.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes relating to the State Reform School.

An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company.

On motion of Mr. Parrott of Oxford, this bill was laid on the table.

An Act to incorporate the city of Camden.

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

An Act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Power Company, Union, Knox county.

An Act to extend the charter of the Cumberland Trust Company.

An Act to legalize the doings of the Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 52 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sal-

ary of the register of probate for the county of Penobscot.

An Act to increase the corporate powers of the Northport Light and Power Company.

An Act to authorize the town of Monson to remove the bodies of deceased persons.

An Act to extend the charter of the Camden Trust Company.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to amend Section 47 of Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes relating to the times of holding terms of supreme judicial court in Knox county.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes relating to notice of foreclosure on a mortgage of personal property.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Portland.

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

An Act to increase and fix the salary of the assistant librarian.

An Act to authorize the town of Boothbay Harbor to construct a bridge across the harbor in said town.

An Act to incorporate the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Maine General Hospital.

#### Passed to be Enacted.

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

An Act to amend Chapter 262 of the Private and Special Laws of 1863 as amended by Chapter 260 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and Chapter 54 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Dover and Foxcroft Village Fire Company.

#### Orders of the Day.

Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth, by unanimous consent, introduced three bills, An Act in relation to the Hancock County Railroad Company, and moved its reference to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses; An Act to extend the charter of the Ells-

worth Street Railway Company, and moved its reference to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses; An Act to extend the charter of the Union River Water Storage Company, and moved its reference to the committee on interior waters.

The motion was agreed to and the bills were so referred.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Bath, House documents, No. 38 and 41 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. Hubbard of Paris, House document, No. 37, 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. Clark of Nobleboro,

Adjourned.