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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cashmore of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, An Act to confer additional powers upon the Lincoln County Street Railway, came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment A, by striking out in the sixth line the word "Damariscotta."

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Fairfield the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment A was adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to legalize the acts of St. Francis Plantation in the county of Aroostook.

An Act to correct an error in Chapter 79 of the Public Laws of 1899, and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes.

The Speaker: The chair appoints on the committee on ways and bridges, Little of Lewiston in place of Morey.

The legal affairs committee, as now made up, is as follows: McFaul of Machias, Barker of Bangor, Campbell of Cherryfield, Oakes of Auburn, Manson of Pittsfield, Newcomb of Eastport and Kelley of Lewiston.

The chair appoints Little of Lewiston on the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries in the place of Garcelon.

The chair appoints Haskell of Lewiston on the committee on State prison in the place of Garcelon.

The chair appoints Haskell of Lewiston on the committee on libraries in the place of Garcelon.

The chair appoints on the committee on temperance Kelley of Lewiston in the place of Allan of Portland.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Littlefield of Rockland: Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the city of Rockland.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Bill, An Act additional to and amendatory

of Section 62 of Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes relating to exemption of personal property from attachment and sale on execution.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Petition of A. P. Richardson and 50 others for a law to regulate the liability of employers.

By Mr. Putnam of Houlton: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Mills of Stonington: Bill, An Act establishing the jurisdiction and term of office of women appointed to solemnize marriages, administer oaths and take acknowledgments of deeds.

By Mr. Howe of Canton: Bill, An Act to amend the Chapter of the Private and Special Laws of 1887 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Bill, An Act to amend Section six of Chapter three of the Public Laws of 1899 entitled "An Act to amend Section six of Chapter 156 of the Public Laws of 1895 entitled 'An Act to amend Section six of Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes relating to intelligence offices.'"

Education.

By Mr. Dilling of Easton: Petition of E. H. Sanborn and 11 others of Blaine in favor of normal school in Aroostook county, same to be located at Presque Isle.

Also: Petition of E. B. Morton and 55 others of Bridgewater for same.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Petition of Etta S. Blake and 93 others, all teachers in the common schools in Aroostook county, for same.

Also: Petition of Frank L. White and 91 others of Presque Isle for same.

By Mr. Rice of Farmington: Resolve in favor of the Farmington State normal school.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Putnam of Houlton: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Houlton & Woodstock electric railway company.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath: Bill, An Act releasing the city of Bath from the obligations of maintaining Bull Rock bridge.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Waterhouse of Westbrook: Petition of R. H. Knight and 15 others asking for the establishment of a fish hatchery at Sebago lake.

Also: Petition of Walter Feyatt and 29 others for same.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Shackford of Harrington: Petition of Oliver M. Wall and 93 others that the law relating to clams, to wit, Section 37 of Chapter 284 of the Public Laws of 1901, remain as it is.

By Mr. Thomas of Topsham: Bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 463 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 relating to the taking of shell fish.

Taxation.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Bill, An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893 relating to school funds derived from savings bank tax.

Public Charities and State Beneficiaries.

By Mr. Dudley of Augusta: Petition for a home for the feeble minded, signed by Dr. B. T. Sanborn and others of Augusta.

Salaries.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Bill, An Act relating to the salary of the county attorney of Somerset county.

Kennebec County Delegation.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 193 of the Public Laws of 1901 relating to the duties of the sheriff of Kennebec county.

Sagadahoc County Delegation.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath: Bill, An Act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild the Merrymeeting bay bridge, to issue bonds therefore, and to make it Arrowsic bridge free.

Placed on File.

By Mr. Taylor of Wiscasset: Remonstrance of Orrin McFadden and 31 others of Dresden against reduction of tax on savings banks.

By Mr. Nelson of New Gloucester: Petition of G. B. Nelson and 14 others in favor of resubmission.

Also: Petition of Lemuel S. Day and 14 others of New Gloucester for same.

By Mr. Hill of Winterport: Remonstrance of Rev. J. A. Bean and members of the M. E. Church of Kennebunk against resubmission.

Also: Resolve of the Kennebunkport Christian civic league against same.

Also: Remonstrance of George A. Mills and 8 others against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Rev. A. G. Hill and 45 others of Atkinson against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Rev. J. T. Closson of Lebanon and 49 others against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Charles H. Carter of Portland and 42 others against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Maine State Sunday-school association against same.

Also: Remonstrance of N. L. Mansur and 30 others, citizens of Monroe, against same.

Mr. DREW of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended that I may introduce a resolve and a bill at the present time.

Mr. WEEKS of Fairfield: Mr. Speaker, I desire to object to the introduction of any petitions, bills or resolves under suspension of the rules unless a good reason can be assigned for their immediate consideration. The introduction of bills under the rules at the proper time will not delay the action to be taken by the committees, if they are allowed to go there in their regular order by being placed in the box. That course will assist the clerk and the officers of the House in the orderly conduct of the business; and unless there is some grave reason why this bill should be presented at the present time under a suspension of the rules, I shall have to object in behalf of the business of the House and in behalf of the orderly conduct of business.

Mr. DREW of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I can only say that the reason for my offering the bill and resolve out of order, was this: There have been several hundred, I may say thousands, of petitions in favor of establishing a home and school for the feeble minded. The committee do not wish to order notice on those petitions, and have been waiting for an act and resolve to come before them on which to order notice. I am informed that unless this

bill and resolve are introduced at this time, they cannot in the due course of time get round to the committee so that notice may be ordered this week at their usual meeting; and the friends of the measure are very anxious that the public notices shall be ordered. I am exceedingly sorry to ask the House to suspend the rules, but I hope they will this time.

Mr. WEEKS: Mr. Speaker, It is very unusual, indeed I may say it is a thing I never heard of in my experience, a committee refusing to order notice and hearing upon petition properly presented to a Legislature; and while I don't know the reasons, at the same time if that is the fact—and the gentleman from Portland states that it is and I have no reason to doubt it—if that is the fact I withdraw my objection, but I wish to notify members of the House that in the future I shall object to the introduction of bills, petitions and resolves out of order unless the very best reasons are assigned for it. I withdraw the objection to the bill and resolve presented by the gentleman from Portland.

The motion to suspend the rules was agreed to and Resolve in favor of the Maine home and school for feeble minded children, and bill, An Act to provide for the care and education of feeble minded children, were referred to the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Maybury from the committee on military affairs on Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, reported ought to pass. (Referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs under joint rules).

Mr. SMITH of Hartland: Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules be suspended to introduce an order at this time.

Mr. WEEKS: Much as I dislike to do this, I object to the introduction of this order at the present time. I don't know what it is, but after the gentleman from Hartland has explained what the order is, I may withdraw my objection.

The SPEAKER: I will read the order: "Ordered, That J. F. Frederick, first folder, be excused from further at-

tendance at this session of the Legislature, and that his pay be made up to the end of the session, and that L. J. Brann be appointed first folder to the vacancy thus created."

Mr. WEEKS. Mr. Speaker, it strikes me that this is a matter that can be laid over until tomorrow morning and taken up in the regular order of business; and I object to a suspension of the rules.

Mr. SMITH: I will not insist on the order prevailing at this time. I withdraw my motion to suspend the rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act to amend Chapter 25 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to taking eels in Bagaduce river, bay and tributaries.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of the road.

An Act to amend Section 84 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to country roads and bridges in unincorporated townships.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Waterville & Oakland Street Railway.

An Act to amend the charter of the Rockland, Thomaston & Camden Street Railway.

An Act to incorporate the Swans Island Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Lewiston, Brunswick & Bath Street Railway.

An Act to legalize the doings of the Portland & Rumford Falls Railway.

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

An Act to incorporate the Pittsfield Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Portland & Brunswick Street Railway.

An Act to authorize the Norway & Paris Street Railway to purchase or lease the property and franchises of the Oxford Light Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway.

An Act to extend the franchises held

by the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railroad Company.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Home for Aged Men in Portland.

An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 450 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, incorporating the city of Eastport.

An Act establishing the salary of the county treasurer of the county of York.

An Act authorizing and empowering the Springer Lumber Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Matawamkeag river.

An Act amendatory of Chapter 279 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mattagammon Manufacturing Company."

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 Stream Dam Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mattanawcook Manufacturing Company.

Passed to be Engrossed.

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.

On motion of Mr. Briggs of Auburn, this bill was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

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

On motion of Mr. Spear of Warren,

this bill was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

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

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.

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

Passed to be Enacted.

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

An Act to ratify the mortgages of the Fish River Railroad.

An Act to ratify the lease of the Fish River Railroad and to authorize the sale of said railroad to the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co.

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.

An Act relating to the Bar Harbor Electric Light Co.

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

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

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

An Act to fix the salary of the judge of probate for Hancock county.

An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1901 as amended by Chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to providing for the printing ballots at the public expense and regulating voting for State and city elections.

An Act to authorize the Kennebec Light & Heat Co. to issue bonds.

An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to burying grounds.

An Act to enlarge the powers of the Berwick, Eliot & York Street Railway.

An Act to ratify and confirm the consolidated mortgage made by the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co.

An Act to incorporate the Auburn & Turner Railroad Co.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland, bill relating to the public health was taken from the table and, on further motion by the same gentleman, it was recommitted to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Oakes of Auburn, House document No. 57, report of the committee on women's suffrage, was taken from the table.

On further motion by Mr. Oakes the vote was reconsidered whereby this report was assigned for Wednesday, and on further motion by the same gentleman Thursday of this week was assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard of Falmouth,

Adjourned.