

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Androscoggin, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Androscoggin Log Driving Company was taken from the table, and on the further motion of the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 18, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. A. W. Bradeen of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The petitions in favor of establishing a fish hatchery at Sebago lake, which in the House were referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, came from the Senate placed on file. On motion of Mr. Foss of Hancock the House receded and concurred with the Senate in its action.

Three petitions for close time on rabbits, which in the House were referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, came from the Senate referred to the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries.

Mr. STOVER of Brunswick: Mr. Speaker, In the performance of my duty as a member of this House I had the honor to present these petitions. They were received into this House with a titter of laughter which was at least obnoxious to the petitioners, but they were referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, and went to the Senate for concurrent action. That dignified body refused to concur, and jokingly sent the petitions to the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries. Now, Sir, these petitioners are honorable men and they are worthy of proper treatment in this House; and I move that the House insist on its action and that a committee of conference be appointed.

The motion was agreed to, and the chair appointed Messrs. Stover of Brunswick, Drew of Portland and Eaton of Calais.

Bill, An Act to increase and fix the salary of the assistant librarian, which was passed to be enacted in the House, came from the Senate referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs. On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta, the votes were reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, and it was then referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs under the joint rules.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Vickery Realty Company.

Resolve for State pension.

Resolve providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the Adjutant General's office.

Resolve in favor of King's Daughters' Union of Bangor.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Dudley of Augusta: Bill, An Act to amend Sections 5 and 6 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of 1883 relating to pauper settlements.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Bill, An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 115 of the Public Laws of 1885 and Section 3 and 4 of Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes in relation to dogs.

Also: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Penobscot River Power Company.

By Mr. Kelley of Lewiston: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 194 of the Public Laws of 1901 relating to bowling alleys.

Federal Relations.

By Mr. Kimball of Rockland: Petition of L. W. Benner and 39 others for national ownership of anthracite coal mines.

Education.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Petition of Ernest E. Porter and 20 others as members of Castle Hill Grange No. 260 in favor of normal school at Presque Isle.

By Mr. Hill of Winterport: Resolve in favor of the town of Jackson with statement of facts accompanying.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Knapp of South Portland: Petition of 37 motormen and conductors of Portland Railway Company praying this Honorable body to enact a law requiring all corporations operating electric cars in Maine to vestibule all cars in Maine run by them between the first day of November and the first day of April in each year for

the better protection of motormen and conductors in their employ.

Also: Petition of 20 motormen and conductors of the Sanford and Cape Porpoise R. R. for same.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias: Petition of E. J. White and 16 others for free telephone lines and telephone connections.

Also: Petition of T. M. Knight and 23 others of Jonesboro for same.

By Mr. McKusick of Parkman: Petition of E. W. Livermore and 18 others of Dover for same.

By Mr. Bailey of Bradford: Petition of Melvin R. Bean and 59 others of Hudson for same.

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Petition of M. J. Dow and 21 others of Plymouth for same.

By Mr. Jones of Corinna: Petition of R. H. Libbey and 75 others of Newport for same.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Petition of J. M. Edgerly and 10 others for same.

By Mr. Shackford of Poland: Petition of C. W. Benson and 66 others of Durham for same.

By Mr. Page of Drew Plantation: Petition of F. M. Tolman and 41 others of Springfield for same.

Also: Petition of Pitt M. Page and 73 others of Kingman for same.

By Mr. Reynolds of Winslow: Petition of L. A. Burns and 50 others of Clinton for same.

By Mr. Brewster of Dexter: Petition of J. P. French and 27 others of Garland for same.

Also: Petition of J. H. Lane and 35 others of Dexter for same.

By Mr. Nickerson of Orrington: Petition of L. B. Blake and 16 others of Orrington for same.

By Mr. Smith of Madison: Petition of Amon Baker and 35 others of Madison for same.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland: Petition of William G. Bailey and 29 others of Harmony for same.

By Mr. Nelson of New Gloucester: Petition of Charles P. Chandler and 11 others of New Gloucester for same.

By Mr. Merriam of Morrill: Petition of A. E. Shuman and 45 others for Palermo for same.

By Mr. Ruggles of Carmel: Petition of E. A. Clark and 12 others of Levant for same.

By Mr. Foss of Hancock: Petition of Charles Youtman and 18 others of Bluehill for same.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Petition of C. L. Taylor and 18 others of Albion for same.

By Mr. Knowlton of Camden: Petition of Alden Robbins and 39 others of Appleton for same.

Also: Petition of John Luce and 35 others of Appleton for same.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Portland: Petition of H. P. Norton and 36 others of Lexington for same.

By Mr. Cook of Casco: Petition of J. H. Edwards and 20 others of Otisfield for same.

By Mr. Tripp of Lyman: Petition of John A. Coffin and 15 others of Alfred for same.

By Mr. Knapp of South Portland: Bill, An Act to provide for the better protection of motormen and conductors on electric cars.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 378 of the Public Laws of 1885 regulating the erection of posts and lines for purposes of electricity.

Also: Bill, An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to telegraph and telephone companies.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of China these last two bills were laid on the table for printing, pending their reference to the committee.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Mills of Stonington: Remonstrance of William L. Byard and 42 others, citizens of Sargentville, against the passage of House Document No. 1 entitled "An Act to incorporate the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company."

By Mr. Sweeney of Fort Kent: Bill, An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 386 and 387 of the Private and Special Laws of 1846, and of Chapter 325 and 596 of the Private and Special Laws of 1852, as authorize the diversion of the waters of the Telos Lake, Chamberlain Lake and Heron Lake from the Allagash river system into the East Branch of the Penobscot.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth: Petition of L. F. Giles and 29 others of Ellsworth in favor of law to place bounty on wildcats.

By Mr. Downing of Sorento: Petition of L. C. Bragdon and 30 others of Franklin for same.

By Mr. Foss of Hancock: Petition of F. B. Snow and others for same.

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: Petition of H. L. Bartlett and others of Norway relating to opening certain streams in Stoneham.

By Mr. Buxton of Abbot: Petition of W. E. Gilman and 91 others of Guilford allowing persons to fish through the ice in large Greenwood pond in Elliottsville and Willimantic.

By Mr. Nelson of New Gloucester: Remonstrance of Mathew C. Morrill and 117 others of Gray and vicinity against opening Little Sebago Lake in the towns of Gray and Windham to ice fishing.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Bill, An Act providing for a bounty on lynx or wildcats.

By Mr. Jones of Corinna: Resolve for an appropriation for \$500 for a fish screen at the outlet of Lake Sebasticook in Newport, Maine.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Mills of Stonington: Remonstrance of H. A. Delano and 174 others against any change in the fishery law in waters about Vinalhaven.

Claims.

By Mr. Gardner of Dennysville: Resolve in favor of George D. Gaddis of East Machias.

Public Charities and State Beneficiaries.

By Mr. Drew of Portland: Petition of Dr. C. W. Pray and 67 others of Portland praying for aid to establish a home and school for the feeble minded.

By Mr. Thornton of Ashland: Petition of the local board of health of Ashland in favor of a State laboratory to be established at Augusta.

By Mr. Davis of Waterville: Petition of Waterville board of health for same.

By Mr. Downing of Sorento: Petition of the local board of health of Sullivan for same.

By Mr. Smith of Madison: Petition of W. G. Sawyer, D. L. Churchill, and J. F. Chadburn, for same.

By Mr. Hill of Brownfield: Petition of the board of health of Brownfield for same.

By Mr. Morrison of Eden: Statement of facts concerning the Bar Harbor medical and surgical hospital.

Placed on File.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Remonstrance of D. G. Mudgett of Albion and 38 others against reduction of savings bank tax.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the time for the reception of bills and petitions for private and special legislation be and hereby is extended to and including Tuesday, February 24th, 1903.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Bangor,

Ordered, That the committee on interior waters be allowed the use of Representatives' Hall on Tuesday, February 24, 1903, at 2 P. M., for the hearing on the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company.

Mr. Hinckley of Lisbon introduced bill, An Act to supply the town of Lisbon with pure water, and on motion by the same gentleman it was laid on the table for printing pending its reference to a committee.

Mr. Eaton of Calais introduced bill, An Act authorizing Washington county to sell its stock in the Washington Co. R. R. Co., and authorizing the sale and lease of said railroad.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Lubec the bill was laid on the table for printing pending its reference to a committee.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Libby from the committee on the judiciary reported in a new draft bill, An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company." (Printed under joint rules).

Mr. Manson from the committee on legal affairs, on Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company, reported ought to pass. (Printed under joint rules).

Mr. Perkins from the committee on

education on Bill, An Act to amend an act incorporating the trustees of Courn Classical Institute, reported ought to pass. (Printed under joint rules).

Mr. Mead from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school at Calais, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Thompson from same committee on Resolve in favor of the University of Maine, reported ought to pass. (Referred to committee on appropriations and financial affairs).

Mr. Thomas from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the town of Sanford, reported ought to pass. (Referred to committee on appropriations and financial affairs).

Mr. Randall from same committee, on Resolve in favor of the city of Rockland, reported ought to pass. (Referred to committee on appropriations and financial affairs).

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act to incorporate the Forest Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act extending sundry existing statutes to street railroads.

An Act to amend Chapter 486 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 relating to the city of Westbrook.

An Act to enlarge the powers of street railroads in taking lands.

An Act to incorporate the Union Trust Company of Saco, Maine.

An Act to incorporate the Camden and Liberty Railway.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 202 of the Public Laws of 1889 entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of the judge and register of probate and county commissioners of Waldo county."

An Act to authorize the Bodwell Water Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

An Act to authorize the Orono Pulp and Paper Company to generate, use and sell electricity.

An Act authorizing and empowering Samuel W. Hanscomb of Reed Plantation, county of Aroostook, to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river.

An Act to authorize the Penobscot Chemical Fiber Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

Resolve in favor of the dairying interests of the State of Maine.

An Act authorizing and empowering Joseph C. Patchell of Reed Plantation, county of Aroostook, to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river.

An Act relating to the taking of lobsters within three miles of the islands of Matinicus and Criehaven during the months of August and September in each year.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

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

An Act to incorporate the Central Trust Company.

An Act providing for the better protection of the big game and forests of the State by requiring non-residents to procure a license to hunt.

On motion of Mr. Kelley of Lewiston this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading.

Bill, An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to ratify the mortgage of the Fish River Railroad, approved February 11, 1903," came from the Senate passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules. On motion of Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth, the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Portland.

An Act to incorporate the Gardiner water district.

An Act for the better protection of railroad signals.

An Act to amend Chapter 271 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 relating to the Lincoln Electric Railway Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 236 of the Public Laws of 1883 relating to the taking of lands or other property by railroads.

An Act to extend the charter of the South Portland Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Sanford Trust Company.

Mr. Allen of Sanford, moved to amend the title of this bill by substituting the word "extend" for the word "amend." The amendment was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An Act to authorize the Augusta, Winthrop & Gardiner Railway to supply electricity in the towns of Winthrop and Manchester.

An Act for the better protection of shell-fish within the town of Georgetown.

An Act to amend Chapter 346 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897 entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook."

An Act to amend Chapter 97, Section 3, of the Revised Statutes relating to bastard children and their maintenance.

An Act to abolish Chapter 282 of the Public Laws of 1848 relating to taking fish in Frenchman's Bay except by the ordinary process of fishing with hook and line.

On motion of Mr. Abbott of Shapleigh, this bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith of Appleton in Knox county.

Resolve in favor of Nellie E. Flanders of Liberty.

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to establish the salary of the county treasurer of the county of York.

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

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

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

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

An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company. (Tabled on motion of Mr. Peaslee of Upton.)

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

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

An Act to increase the corporate powers of the Newport Light and Power 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 amend Section 57 of Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to the weight of a bushel of beans.

An Act authorizing the State land agent to convey to the Fish River Railroad Company rights of way over public lots owned by the State.

An Act relating to the width of the location of the Fish River Railroad.

An Act to authorize the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company to extend yard tracks across a way in Houlton.

An Act to legalize the doings of the Rumford Falls & Rangeley Lake Railroad Company.

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

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

An Act to extend the franchises of the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railroad Company.

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

An Act to incorporate the Swan's Island Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

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

An Act to incorporate the Pepperill Trust Company.

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

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

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

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 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 145 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Winn Water and Power Company."

An Act to ratify certain doings of the Eliot Bridge Company.

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

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

An Act to incorporate the Squirrel Island Village Corporation.

An Act to incorporate the Union Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to incorporate the Pittsfield Trust Company.

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

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

Resolve for a special epidemic or emergency fund.

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

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

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Oakes of Auburn, House Document No. 117 was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Libby of Newfield, Adjourned.