

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

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

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 54 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

Finally Passed.

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

Resolve in favor of Nellie E. Flinders of Liberty.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, the vote whereby House bill No. 60, 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, was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and on further motion by the same senator, Senate Amendment A, inserting after fifteen, the word hundred, in Section 1 of said Act, so that said Section shall read as amended, "From and after January 1, 1895, the register of probate for the county of Penobscot shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, etc., was adopted; and the bill, as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, House document 65, An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of the road, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the vote whereby said bill was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and on his further motion the bill was recommitted to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Friday, February 20, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 19, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to incorporate the town of Castle Hill, in the county of Aroostook.

An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to the width of the location of railroads.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the Kineo Trust Company.

Resolve for the purpose of operating fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the year of 1903 and 1904.

An Act to authorize the county of Piscataquis to negotiate a loan for temporary purposes.

Resolve in favor of Allagash road.

An Act to repeal Sections 34, 45, 36, 37 and 38 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes relating to inquests in cases of suspected incendiarism.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to the width of railroad locations.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the Kineo Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the town of Castle Hill.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Sanford Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford: Bill, An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1903.

Also: Resolves providing for a temporary loan for the year 1903.

Also: Resolves providing for a temporary loan for the year 1904.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: Petition of the local union No. 787 of Skowhegan, representing the officers of said union and 59 others of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, to enact a law regulating the liability of employers, with bill accompanying.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland: Bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the fees of trial justices.

Federal Relations.

By Mr. Buxton of Abbot: Petition of James F. Stearns and 20 others of Foxcroft, for the national ownership of the anthracite coal mines and permanent coal and wood yards.

By Mr. Putnam of Houlton: Petition of E. M. Richards and 120 others of Bridgewater, for same.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Briggs of Auburn: Petition of George L. Lysette and 28 others of Auburn, for free telephone lines and telephone connections.

By Mr. Ross of Bangor: Petition of A. M. Cowan and 22 others of Bangor, for same.

By Mr. Poor of Belfast: Petition of H. I. Lowell and 35 others of Belfast, for same.

By Mr. Thompson of China: Petition of Martin Webber and 56 others of China, for same.

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: Petition of William Allen and 57 others of Denmark, for same.

By Mr. Oakes of Milford: Petition of Boyden Bearce and 52 others of Eddington, for same.

By Mr. Shackford of Harrington: Petition of E. S. Stewart and 44 others of Harrington, for same.

By Mr. Parrott of Oxford: Petition of E. E. Whiting and 23 others of Hebron, for same.

By Mr. Hill of Brownfield: Petition of E. E. Kimball and 34 others of Hiram, for same.

By Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell: Petition of James T. Collins and 18 others of Manchester, for same.

By Mr. Libby of Mechanic Falls: Petition of F. P. Atwood and 27 others for same.

By Mr. Merriam of Morrill: Petition of F. A. Gray and 23 others of Morrill, for same.

By Mr. Shackford of Poland: Petition of Charles L. Pulsifer and 65 others of Poland, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Madison: Petition of Leon S. Merrill and 38 others of Solon, for same.

By Mr. Sturgis of Standish: Petition of G. B. Poindexter and 18 others of Standish, for same.

By Mr. Lamb of Randolph: Petition of Ernest C. Taylor and 21 others of Vassalboro, for same.

By Mr. Cole of East Livermore: Petition of W. A. Alexander and 28 others of Wales, for same.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Ross of Bangor: Remonstrance of F. H. Leadbetter and 99 others of Bangor, against the passage of House Document No. 1, entitled "An Act to incorporate the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company."

By Mr. Parker of Bangor: Remonstrance of Thomas White and 8 others of Bangor, against same.

Also: Remonstrance of C. H. Maling and 160 others of Bangor, against same.

By Mr. Oakes of Milford: Remonstrance of F. F. Merrill and 26 others of Eddington, against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Leroy S. Sanborn and 35 others of Argyle, against same.

By Mr. Clark of Prospect: Remonstrance of N. L. Pendleton and 55 others of Islesboro, against same.

By Mr. Tapley of Brooksville: Remonstrance of N. G. Stevens and 44 others of Castine, against same.

By Mr. Knowlton of Camden: Remonstrance of M. C. Whitmore & Co. and 70 others of Camden, against same.

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: Remonstrance of Thomas Neddo and 111 others of Sherman, against same.

By Mr. Nickerson of Orrington: Remonstrance of F. U. Whiting and 113 others of Hampden, against same.

Also: Remonstrance of Otis R. Hewey and 81 others of Veazie, against same.

By Mr. Ross of Bangor: Resolution of the Bangor Boom Co. against same.

By Mr. Smith of Madison: Bill, An Act to amend charter of the Dead River Log Driving Company.

Also: Bill, An Act to amend charter of Moose River Log Driving Company.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Smith of Madison: Petition for an act authorizing winter fishing through the ice on Big Carry Pond.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland: Petition of W. B. Brown and 51 others asking for the repeal of law prohibiting fishing in Higgins Stream and its tributaries in Harmony and Wellington.

Also: Petition of W. B. Worthing and 51 others asking for the repeal of law forbidding fishing in Goodwin Brook in Hartland, Harmony and St. Albans.

By Mr. Furbish of Rangeley: Petition of Fred Morton and 44 others regarding fishing Sweet's Pond in Franklin county.

By Mr. Cordwell of Westbrook: Remonstrance of Otis S. Trafton and 71 others against the proposed amendment to Section 14 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, increasing the fee for taxidermists' license.

Also: Remonstrance of H. K. Griggs and 29 others against same.

Towns.

By Mr. Downing of Soronto: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 149 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to divide the town of Sullivan and incorporate the town of Soronto."

Public Charities and State Beneficiaries.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Portland: Petition of Board of Health of New Portland, praying for the enactment of the bill providing for State Laboratory of Hygiene.

By Mr. Buxton of Abbot: Petition of local Board of Health of Guilford, for same.

By Mr. Cordwell of Westbrook: Petition of H. K. Griggs, E. A. Durrell and Thomas P. Smith for same.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford: Petition of the Board of Health of Rumford, for same.

Library.

By Mr. Campbell of Cherryfield: Resolve in favor of the Maine State library.

Mines and Mining.

By Mr. McFaul of Machias: Petition of Thomas P. Canfield and 150 others of Bangor, recommending that a mining bureau be established.

By Mr. Barker of Bangor: Bill, An Act to create the Maine Mining Bureau.

Placed on File.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford: Remonstrance of B. F. Turner and 44 others of Buckfield, against resubmission.

By Mr. Page of Skowhegan: Remonstrance of Frank C. Hatch and 27 others against same.

Also: Remonstrance of J. C. Tracey and 11 others against same.

Salaries.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Bill, An Act to fix the salary of the Governor.

Sagadahoc County Delegation.

By Mr. Shaw of Bath: Bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 516 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled "An Act additional relating to the appointment of a recorder for Bath municipal court."

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Buxton, Ordered, That S. A. Hill of Buxton, be allowed the occupancy of seat No. 60 until called for by Mr. Savage of Bingham.

Report of Committees.

Mr. Low from the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries, on resolve in favor of the president and trustees of Bates College, reported that the same be referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Kimball from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, on bill, An Act to regulate connections between steam railroads, reported ought not to pass.

Mr. Nickerson from the committee on agriculture, on petition that the law enacted in the year 1899, Chapter 30, Section 12, be amended, reported leave to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. Foss of Hancock, the petition was recommitted to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Howes from the committee on ways and bridges, to which was referred from the last Legislature petitions for an appropriation of \$10,000 to complete a bridge across the Aroostook river in the town of Washburn, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Furbish from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition in favor of an award to George R. Easter of Byron, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Drew from the committee on the judiciary reported in a new draft, bill, An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Lake Sebago, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Barker from the committee on legal affairs on petition reported bill, An Act to legalize the acts and doings of the town of Williamsburg, Maine, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported in a new draft bill, An Act to amend Chapter 204 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 entitled "An Act to establish a municipal court in the town of Westbrook," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Sewall from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on resolve in favor of the city of Rockland, reported ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee, on resolve in favor of the town of Sanford, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Sutherland from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses reported in a new draft bill, An Act to consolidate the Shore Line Railway, the Sanny, the Mousam River Railroad and the Ford and Cape Porpoise Railway Company-Sanford Power Company, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Burrill from same committee, on bill, An Act to repeal the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 544 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 relating to the Bangor Street Railway, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Daniels from same committee, on bill, An Act in relation to the Hancock County Railway Company, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Daniels from same committee, on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Maybury of Saco, from the committee on banks and banking reported in a new draft, bill, An Act to incorporate the Fort Kent Trust Company, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Maybury from same committee reported in a new draft bill, An Act to in-

corporate the South West Harbor Trust Company, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Maybury from same committee reported in a new draft bill, an Act extending the charter and changing the name of the Van Buren Trust and Banking Company, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Maybury from same committee, on bill, An Act to amend Section 129 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes relating to officers and corporators of savings banks, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Tripp from the committee on agriculture, on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 215 of the Resolves of the State of Maine of 1897 relating to tuition of students in agriculture at University of Maine, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Smith of Madison, from the committee on interior waters reported in a new draft bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Baskehegan Dam Company, and that it ought to pass.

On motion of Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln, this bill was recommitted to the committee on interior waters.

Mr. Putnam of Danforth from same committee reported in a new draft bill, An Act to authorize the erection of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at Jenkins' Cove, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Shaw from same committee, on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 as amended by Chapter 383 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Log Driving Company," reported ought to pass.

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

Mr. Buzzell from the committee on Indian affairs, on resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Buzzell from same committee, on resolve making appropriations for the Renoscot tribe of Indians, reported ought to pass.

Mr. Spear from same committee, on resolve of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians for the completion of a new church at Pleasant Point in the town of Perry, reported ought to pass.

These resolves were referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs under joint rules.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act authorizing the city of Rockland to accept donations of money and property to establish and maintain a free public library in Rockland, and to accept conveyances of land for a site therefor.

An Act to incorporate the Knox County General Hospital.

An Act to amend Chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 entitled "An Act to establish the Western Hancock Municipal Court."

An Act to amend the charter of the Northport Wesleyan Camp Meeting Association.

An Act to incorporate Union Water Power Company.

An Act to incorporate the Union Gas Company.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to extend the charter of the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to amend an act incorporating the trustees of Coburn Classical Institute.

Resolve in favor of Mary C. Rankin of Liberty.

Resolve in relation to extra pay for Maine volunteers in the war with Spain.

An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes relating to the supreme judicial court.

An Act to incorporate the Mapleton and Presque Isle Railroad Company.

An Act amendatory to Chapter 507 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 entitled "An Act to establish the Dover Municipal Court as amended by Chapter 196 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899."

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Water District. (Tabled on motion of Mr. Bodwell of Hallowell.)

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 54 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of Nellie E. Flanders of Liberty.

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

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of China, House documents No. 129 and 133 were taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman were referred to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses.

On motion of Mr. White of Dyer Brook, report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs in relation to resolve in favor of Island Falls was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the report was recommitted to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion of Mr. Peaslee of Upton, bill, An Act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Company was taken from the table.

The bill was then passed to be enacted.

On motion of Mr. Hinckley of Lisbon, House document No. 135 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. Pike of Lubec, House document No. 134 was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the Washington county delegation.

Bill, An Act to incorporate the Central Trust Company, came from the Senate amended by Senate amendments A and B. On motion of Mr. Josselyn of Portland,

the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate Amendments A and B were adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Hartland, Adjourned.