

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

So the motion prevailed, and the bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Knowlton of Penobscot, the Senate adjourned to meet on Friday, January 27th, 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

HOUSE.

Thursday, January 26, 1906.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Tanberg of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An act to amend chapter 227 of the private and special laws of 1880 entitled an act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water, as amended by chapter 497 of the private and special laws of 1889 and as amended by chapter 148 of the private and special laws of 1903.

Resolve in favor of the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1905 and 1906.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Thurlough of Fort Fairfield: Petition of A. D. Sawyer and 37 other citizens of Fort Fairfield in favor of the passage of an act to prevent throwing refuse and garbage into Aroostook river within the limits of Fort Fairfield village corporation.

By Mr. Tracy of Winter Harbor: Petition W. L. Martin and 53 others in favor of petition of Curtis E. Moon for charter for ferry between Hancock and Sullivan.

By Mr. Thurlough of Fort Fairfield: Bill, an act to prevent throwing refuse and garbage into Aroostook river within the limits of Fort Fairfield village corporation.

By Mr. Staples of Eliot: Bill, an act to incorporate the Kittery Water and Electric Light Company.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Tupper of Bangor: Petition of C. R. Rand and 25 others to prohibit playing baseball and football near dwellings.

By Mr. Howes of Palmyra: Bill, an act granting additional powers to the Sebasticook Power Company.

By Mr. O'Brien of Lewiston: Bill, an act to repeal section 51 of chapter 40 of

the Revised Statutes of 1903 relating to forfeiture of wages.

By Mr. Sawyer of Smithfield: Bill, an act authorizing the Crosby mercantile company and the Crosby lumber company to consolidate.

By Mr. Therriault of Grand Isle: Bill, an act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the Van Buren Sewerage Company."

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Bunker of Anson: Petition of Mrs. M. B. Metcalf and 40 others to establish a home for the feeble-minded.

By Mr. Pendleton of Islesboro: Petition of Geo. H. Witham of Islesboro and 55 others in favor of Waldo County Hospital.

By Mr. Stevens of Portland: Resolve in favor of Maine Home for Friendless Boys, accompanied by statement of facts.

By Mr. Knapp of South Portland: An order directing the State treasurer to pay William J. Smith, first assistant messenger of the House, the sum of twenty-five dollars for services rendered before the commencement of this session.

Education.

By Mr. Webster of Chesterville: Bill, an act to amend section 97 of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to schooling of children in unorganized townships.

By Mr. Sargent of Castine: Resolve in favor of Castine Normal School.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Tracy of Winter Harbor: Petition of James W. Bunker and others for an act to incorporate the Trust and Banking Company at Winter Harbor.

Also bill, an act to incorporate the Winter Harbor Banking and Trust Company.

By Mr. Stevens of Portland: Bill, an act to incorporate the Deering Banking and Trust Company.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Page of Hampden: Bill, an act to establish a bounty on crows.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Therriault of Grand Isle: Petition of Vital R. Thibodeau and 9

others, all of Grand Isle, in favor of the charter asked by James Crawford and his associates.

By Mr. Blanchard of Blanchard: 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, and chapter 48 of the private and special laws of 1903.

Also bill, an act to authorize the erection of dams, side dams, piers and booms in Higgins stream and Grant brook in the plantation of Brighton and town of Wellington, and in Buzzell brook in the towns of Wellington and Harmony, and to make improvements in said streams.

State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath: Petition of Emily R. White and 24 other ladies of Bath for legislation to preserve the beauty of our fields and forests and to encourage the planting and preservation of shade trees.

Also petition of Emma D. Sewall and 47 other ladies of Bath for same.

By Mr. Russell of Readfield: Petition of Elmira Royal and 23 other ladies of Readfield for same.

By Mr. Thurlough of Fort Fairfield: Petition of members of Philomathian Club of Fort Fairfield for same.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian Township, Washington county.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Shaw of Clinton: Petition of Manley Morrison and 102 others in favor of a bridge at Pishon's Ferry, so called.

Also petition of H. H. Richardson and 30 others for same.

Also petition of M. D. Holt and 17 others for same.

Also petition of S. A. Nye and 12 others for same.

Also petition of G. W. Hinckley and 104 others for same.

Also petition of T. B. Barrett and 60 others for same.

Also, Resolve in favor of building a highway bridge across the Kennebec river at Pishon's Ferry, so called.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve in favor of repairing the bridge across

the St. Croix river near Squirrel Point in Baileyville.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Stevens of Portland: Petition of James P. Baxter and 69 others of Portland and Raymond for the erection and maintenance of a feeding station in connection with the Raymond fish hatchery.

By Mr. Usher of Baldwin: Petition of H. M. Richardson of Baldwin and 26 others for the protection of fish in Breakneck Brook in Baldwin, also to prohibit the placing of sawdust and driftwood in said brook.

By Mr. Bunker of Anson: Petition of W. B. Clark and 55 others of New Portland, Lexington and Embden, in the county of Somerset, respectfully requesting that Hancock Pond, situated in the town of Embden and the plantation of Lexington, be closed to ice fishing.

By Mr. Morrison of Eden: Petition of M. C. Allen and 55 others in favor of an open season for killing deer on Mt. Desert Island.

Towns.

By Mr. Tracy of Winter Harbor: Bill an act to set off a part of plantation number 7 and annex it to the town of Gouldsboro.

By Mr. Mullen of Bangor: Bill, an act to repeal an act incorporating the town of Mattamiscontis.

Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth: Resolve making an appropriation for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Temperance.

By Mr. Buzzell of Old Town: Remonstrance of Edwin C. Brown and 29 others of Veazie, against resubmission.

By Mr. Hall of Dover: Remonstrance of W. A. Meservey and 25 others of Atkinson, against same; of Willis E. Parsons and 53 others of Dover and Foxcroft, against same; of S. O. Harrington and 20 others of Parkman, against same.

By Mr. Hastings of Bethel: Remonstrance of O. R. Yates, M. D., and 51 others of West Paris; of Carl C. Blake and 54 others of Brownfield; of J. W. Purington and 53 others of Bethel; all against same.

By Mr. Morton of Jackson: Remon-

strance of Rev. J. W. Hatch and 20 others of Belfast; of E. S. Philbrook and 30 others of Belfast; of Mark L. Dodge and 22 others of Troy; all against same.

By Mr. Goodwin of Sanford: Remonstrance of Samuel Buffum and 40 others of North Berwick against same.

By Mr. Smith of Madison: Remonstrance of E. J. Washburn and 117 others of Madison and Anson against same.

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Remonstrance of Rufus Duran and 60 others of Charleston; of Laforest Robinson and 11 others of LaGrange; against same.

By Mr. Goodwin of Sanford: Remonstrance of J. T. Closson and 88 others of Lebanon against same.

By Mr. Buzzell of Old Town: Remonstrance of James M. McNaughton and 29 others of Old Town against same.

By Mr. Furinton of Bowdoin: Remonstrance of S. A. Prince and 87 others against same.

By Mr. Page of Hampden: Remonstrance of J. L. Haskins and 25 others of Hampden; of S. R. Belyea and 33 others of Kenduskeag; of Eugene Hathaway and 12 others of Passadumkeag; all against same.

By Mr. Verrill of Westbrook: Remonstrance of Geo. E. Morrill and 95 others of Westbrook; of A. E. Merrill and 22 others of Windham; against same.

By Mr. Thurlough of Fort Fairfield: Remonstrance of Charles W. Johnston and 49 others of Fort Fairfield; of Rev. A. C. Goddard and 37 others of Fort Fairfield; against same.

By Mr. Bean of New Sharon: Remonstrance of Geo. C. Purrington and 45 others of Farmington; of Rev. A. E. Saunders and 45 others of Kingfield; of Geo. E. Snow and 25 others of Mercer; all against same.

By Mr. Tracy of Winter Harbor: Remonstrance of Rev. Gideon Mayo and 25 others of Winter Harbor; of Arthur H. Freeman and 41 others of Tremont; against same.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln: Remonstrance of Charles D. Applebee and 31 others of Enfield; of H. B. Haskell; against same.

Taxation.

By Mr. Irving of Presque Isle: Bill,

an act to amend chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes relating to taxation in plantations taxed as wild lands.

Aroostook County Delegation.

By Mr. Irving of Presque Isle: Bill, an act to authorize the county commissioners of Aroostook county to create a sinking fund.

Kennebec County Delegation.

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner: Petition of A. C. Clark and 14 others of Randolph for passage of act relating to original plans in Kennebec county.

Bangor Delegation.

By Mr. Tupper of Bangor: An enabling act to authorize the city of Bangor to change its charter when adopted by a majority vote of the legal voters in said city at any election legally called.

(Tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Tupper.)

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot,

Ordered, That the committee on agriculture be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 237 of our Public Laws relating to the use of automobiles and motor vehicles on our public ways so as to better insure the safety of public travel in our rural towns, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Portland,

Ordered, That when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet Friday morning, January 27, 1905, at nine o'clock. A. M.

On motion of Mr. Poor of Belfast the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Waldo Trust Company, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on banks and banking.

On motion of Mr. Webster of Chesterville the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced Resolve in favor of Wilton academy, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Portland the rules were suspended and that gen-

tleman introduced an order requesting the judges of the supreme court to give their opinion as to the constitutionality of an act relating to the rebuilding of Vaughans bridge, and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was laid on the table for printing.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Higgins from the committee on the judiciary reported ought not to pass on 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.

Mr. Merrill from same committee reported ought not to pass on Bill, an act to secure to employees of manufacturing, mechanical and mercantile establishments sufficient opportunity to vote at elections.

Mr. Hale from same committee reported ought to pass on Bill, an act to authorize the Dover Gas Light Company to acquire the property and franchises of the Union Gas and Electric Company.

Same gentleman from same committee reported ought to pass on Bill, an act to authorize the Union Gas and Electric Company to sell its property and franchises to the Dover Gas Light Company.

Mr. Wetherbee from the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on Bill, an act to authorize the Eastern Steamship Company to build and maintain a wharf into tide waters in the town of Bucksport.

Mr. Hagerthy from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reported ought to pass on order of the Legislature relating to express transportation for each member and officer of the Legislature.

This order then received a passage.

Mr. Russell from same committee, on petition from the president of the Norway Home for Aged Women praying for an appropriation for said Home, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. Morey from same committee reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the Young Women's Home, Lewiston.

Mr. Thomas from the committee on education, on petition of F. V. Chase and 600 others for an act establishing the Maine Industrial School and Home for the Blind, reported that the petition and act be referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

The petition and bill were then referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Mr. Littlefield from the committee on library reported ought to pass on resolve appropriating money for the support of traveling libraries.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act to validate and legalize the organization of Muscle Ridge Plantation.

An Act to ratify mortgage of Fort Fairfield Electric Company and issue of bonds secured thereby.

An Act to authorize the Camden and Rockland Water Company to issue bonds for the purpose of retiring certain of its outstanding bonds.

An Act to legalize the doings of the town of Sanford in the county of York and the board of selectmen thereof in the construction of a sewer system and the making of temporary loans therefor.

An Act to amend section 115 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. LITTLEFIELD of Rockland: Mr. Speaker, I wish to propose an amendment to that bill, and inasmuch as it relates to the title I propose it before the bill is read and assigned. I move to amend the title by adding thereto the words, "relating to the organization of plantations."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was then read and assigned.

Passed to be Engrossed.

Resolve providing for clerk hire in State library during the legislative session of 1905.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Portland, Bill, an act for the protection of children, 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. Giddings of Gorham the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced a resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Gorham with statement of facts, and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Hagerthy of Sedgwick,
Adjourned.