

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-Second Legislature**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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1905.

**HOUSE.**

Monday, Feb. 20, 1905.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKinnon of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

**Senate Bills on First Reading.**

An act to preserve the purity of the source of water supply for the villages of Livermore Falls and Chisholm, and to protect the public health.

An act to amend Chapter 82 of the private and special laws of 1903 entitled, "An act to incorporate the Gardiner Water District."

Resolve in favor of Madawaska Training School.

Resolve in favor of the town of Pitts-  
ton.

Resolve in favor of Deaconness Home Association at Bangor.

An act repealing Chapter 443 of the Public Laws of 1901 relating to the annual town meeting of Boothbay Harbor, came from the Senate with Senate amendment B. The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment B was adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

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

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Kinsman of Augusta: Petition of Central Labor Union of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, in favor of the initiative and referendum; petition of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers of Rumford Falls for same; petition of the Union Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of Augusta for same; petition of Brick-layers and Masons' Union of Augusta for same.

By Mr. Martin of Rumford: Petition of George Ford and 20 others of Rumford Falls for same; petition of Firemen's Union and 30 others of Rumford Falls for same.

By Mr. Foss of Scarboro: Remonstrance of H. T. Knight and 56 others

against the incorporation of Prout's Neck village corporation; of Lewis E. Gehagan and 32 others against same; of A. Pillsbury and 42 others against same.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Dudley of Castle Hill: Petition of E. M. Hines and 31 others of Washburn in favor of the establishment of the Caribou municipal court.

By Mr. Hathaway of Wales: Petition of E. S. Dixon and 13 others for the enactment of bill presented by the grange legislative committee.

Also petition of E. S. Dixon and 12 others against repeal of what was formerly Chapter 6, Section 28, of the statutes of Maine, now Section 25, Chapter 9. (Tabled on motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath).

By Mr. Price of Weston: Petition of Simeon Irish and 11 others of Haynesville for legislation providing for an amendment to the constitution for change in the taxation of wild lands; petition of G. W. Parent and 23 others of Haynesville for same.

By Mr. Thompson of Roque Bluffs: Petition of F. M. Knight and 30 others for same.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot: Petition of H. O. Johnson and others of Sullivan for same.

By Mr. Price of Weston: Petition of E. J. Earle and 9 others for same.

By Mr. Hathaway of Wales: Petition of E. S. Dixon and 13 others for the adoption of the report of the committee on the abolition of the fee system. (Referred to the committee on salaries on motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath).

**Education.**

By Mr. Irving of Presque Isle: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of Maine relating to education.

**Railroads and Expresses.**

By Mr. Wilder of Pembroke: Petition of W. B. Leighton and 11 others for 2-cent mileage on the Washington County railroad; of F. J. Sprague and 30 others of Charlotte for same.

**Banks and Banking.**

By Mr. Burkett of Union: Petition of G. W. Walker and 45 others of Warren

for a branch trust company in Warren.

#### **Agriculture.**

By Mr. Hathaway of Wales; Petition of W. E. Hinckley and 8 others against any change in the Grout law, so-called.

By Mr. Purinton of Bowdoin: Bill, An Act pertaining to the duties of the cattle commissioners; also bill, An Act in addition to Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes relating to contagious diseases among cattle.

#### **Shore Fisheries.**

By Mr. Copp of Cornish: Petition of J. M. Lord and 25 others in favor of an annual close time for the protection of all fish in Sokokis lake in the town of Limerick and Long pond and West pond in the town of Parsonfield.

By Mr. Holmes of Caribou: Petition of A. J. Taylor and 2 others of Aroostook county for a law prohibiting the placing of sawmill refuse in Madawaska stream in said county.

By Mr. Byron of Phillips: Petition of A. J. Decker and 35 others of Weld protesting against any repeal of law protecting deer and moose in organized towns and plantations.

By Mr. Kinsman of Cornville: Remonstrance of A. M. Andrews and 43 others against the passage of any law protecting fish in Big Rattlesnake pond, Panther pond and tributaries and Tenney river in Cumberland county; remonstrance of W. H. Coffin and others against same.

By Mr. Nash of Damariscotta; Petition of selectmen of Newcastle and Nobleboro to re-enact Chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to the alewife fishery at Damariscotta Mills: also Bill, An Act to re-enact and amend Chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to the alewife fishery at Damariscotta Mills.

#### **Taxation.**

By Mr. Page of Appleton: Petition of V. O. Walker and 40 others of Appleton for the repeal of what was formerly Chapter 6, Section 28 of the Statutes of Maine, now Section 25, Chapter 9 of the new revision of the Statutes, relating to taxing mining, smelting and manufacturing corporations.

By Mr. Sawyer of Milbridge: Petition of J. P. Wakefield and 21 others of Steuben for same; petition of H. N. Eliot and 27 others of Steuben for enactment of the bill to increase the school tax by one mill.

By Mr. Berry of Carthage: Petition of E. N. Dean and 22 others of Wilton in regard to taxation of wild lands.

By Mr. Howes of Palmyra: Petition of C. R. McCrillis and 23 others of Palmyra for the equalization of taxation.

#### **Salaries.**

By Mr. Sawyer of Milbridge: Petition of H. N. Eliot and others of Steuben relating to the abolition of the fee system.

A communication was received from the State treasurer, in response to the order of the House, in regard to appropriations made to the University of Maine, which was tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick.

#### **Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Oakes from the committee on ways and bridges, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the city of Gardiner and town of Randolph.

Mr. Hill from the committee on towns, on petition of Margaret J. Butler and others praying to have that part of their real estate which is now in the town of Winthrop and known as Craig's Point, set off from said town and annexed to the town of Readfield, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Ayer from the committee on federal relations, on petition of Charles L. Fox and many others praying for the national ownership of the anthracite coal mines and for permanent municipal coal and wood yards, reported legislation inexpedient.

Mr. Hill from the committee on towns, on Bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 58 of the Private and Special Laws of 1821 entitled, "An Act to set off Johnathan Moody with his family and estate from the town of Whitefield and annex them to the town of Perry, reported same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Hill from same committee reported same on bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 228 of the Private and Special Laws of 1824.

Mr. Hill from same committee reported ought to pass on bill, An Act to incorporate the town of Westfield in the county of Aroostook.

Mr. Hill from the same committee reported ought to pass on bill, An Act to set off plantation number 7 and annex it to the town of Gouldsboro.

Mr. Johnson from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs reported ought to pass on resolve to provide for the expense of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Mr. Johnson from same committee reported in a new draft resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls and that it ought to pass.

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

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

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

An Act to extend the time in which the Van Buren Sewerage Company is authorized to commence business.

An Act to authorize the European and North American Railway and the Maine Central Railroad Company, its lessee, to change the location of its railroad bridge across the Kenduskeag stream in Bangor.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport Street Railway Company.

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

An Act to continue in force the charter of the Van Buren Trust Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Merchants' Trust Company, and to change the name of some of the incorporators.

(Tabled pending second reading on motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick).

An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to close time for smelts.

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

An Act in relation to lands reserved for public uses in the plantation of Kingsbury.

(Tabled pending first reading on motion of Mr. Powers of Houlton).

An Act to authorize the county commissioners of Aroostook county to create a sinking fund for the purpose of paying the bonded debt of said county.

An Act to amend chapter 86 of the Pri-

vate and Special Laws of 1902, entitled "An Act to authorize the Orono Pulp and Paper Company to generate, use and sell electricity."

An Act to amend chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the selection of service of jurors.

An Act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, defining fraternal beneficiary associations doing business in 1889.

An Act relating to the Pine Grove Cemetery of Falmouth, Maine.

An Act to authorize James Crawford and his associates to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Saint John river in the town of Grand Isle.

An Act to regulate fishing in Shadow pond, so called, in Squaw Mountain township, Piscataquis county.

An Act to incorporate the Stockton Springs Water Company.

An Act to provide for the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Wallgrass plantation and Eagle Lake plantation, in Aroostook county.

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

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Peter F. Neptune, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve providing for preventing contagious diseases among cattle and horses.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

Resolve to amend chapter 194 of the Resolves of 1893, relating to industrial exhibits.

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment of deputy clerk of courts.

An Act to authorize Skowhegan Hall Association to issue preferred stock.

An Act to authorize the town of Skowhegan to subscribe to the capital stock of Skowhegan Hall Association.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes relating to replevin bond.

An Act to increase the capital stock of Skowhegan Hall Association.

An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Brownville and Williamsburg Water Co.

An Act to prevent throwing refuse and garbage into the Aroostook river within the limits of Fort Fairfield village Corporation.

An Act to incorporate the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine, and to legalize the doings of said parish as heretofore known under the name of the Trinitarian Society of Castine, Maine. (Tabled pending third reading on motion of Mr. Sargent of Castine.)

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 88 of the Revised Statutes, relating to service upon co-partners in trustee process.

An Act authorizing the Crosby Mercantile Co. and the Crosby Lumber Co. to consolidate.

An Act to enable the Clinton Electric Light and Power Co. to issue bonds.

An Act in addition to Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes relating to the sale of land for taxes.

An Act amending Section 76 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes relating to the abatement of taxes.

An Act additional to the amenddaory of Chapter 137 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn and to provide for a Board of Public Works."

An Act to incorporate the Peaks Island Gas Co.

An Act to provide penalties for non-feasance of duty by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and county attorneys.

An Act to amend the charter of the Waldo Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the Deering Banking and Trust Co.

An Act to amend chapter 279 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Matagamon Manufacturing Co."

An Act to incorporate the Winter Harbor Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the Merchants' Trust Co.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal school.

Resolve to provide for deficiencies in appropriations for the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

An Act in relation to original plans of towns in Kennebec county.

Resolve in favor of Bates College.

### Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to permit the Bridgton Street Railway Company to discontinue the operation of its line during certain months of the year.

An Act to change the name of Calf island to Opeechee island.

An Act to amend section 44 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taking of smelts.

An Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Penobscot Gas Company and to give said company additional powers.

An Act to regulate fishing in Baskagegan lake and stream and in Hot brook, a tributary to the stream, and in Schoodic Grand lake, North lake, Brackett lake and their tributaries, and the waters between Schoodic Grand lake and Chepenticook lake, situated in the counties of Washington and Kennebec.

An Act to protect fish in Great brook and its tributaries in Lovell and Stoneham and to repeal the law relating to taking of fish in Cold brook in Lovell and Stoneham, Oxford county.

An Act to amend section 86 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes relating to responsibility of shareholders in trust and banking companies.

An Act to amend paragraph 5, section 1. of chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to ice fishing in Pease pond in Wilton, Franklin county.

An Act to prohibit the hunting of duck on that part of Upper Kezar pond situated in Stowe and Lovell, Oxford county.

An Act to amend chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes in regard to the regulation of the sale of commercial fertilizers.

An Act to authorize the Piscataquis Savings Bank of Dover, Maine, to construct and maintain safety deposit boxes.

An Act to amend chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to sea and shore fisheries.

An Act to amend section 65 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes relating to the collection of taxes.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Rangeley Trust Company.

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

An Act to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry.

An Act to fix the salary of the recorder of the Western Hancock municipal court.

An Act to regulate fishing in West Carry pond in Somerset county.

### Finally Psased.

Resolve in favor of A. H. Small, Portland, Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

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

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor.

Resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the town of Phillips.

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Resolve in favor of the Augusta City Hospital.

**Orders of the Day.**

On motion of Mr. Baldwin of Boothbay Harbor, the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced a petition of J. N. Fossett and 96 others for the re-enactment of the law regulating the alewife fishery in Pemaquid river. (Referred to the committee on shore fisheries.)

On motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls, bill to provide for registration of automobiles and motor cycles, 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. Milliken, bill, an act to provide for the proper labelling of proprietary medicines containing alcohol and narcotic drugs, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Milliken it was referred to the committee on temperance.

On motion of Mr. Giddings of Gorham, Adjourned.