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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

HOUSE.

Saturday, March 18, 1905.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

(The following were passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.)

An Act to extend the close time on caribou, and amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to inland fisheries and game.

An Act to change the name of the Dover Gas Light Company.

An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 108 of the Revised Statutes relating to the service of venires.

An Act to amend the Charter of the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Company.

An Act relating to Milo Electric Light and Power Company ratifying and confirming its proceedings.

An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes relating to disclosure commissioners.

Resolve in favor of M. H. Hodgdon, clerk, stenographer and messenger to the commissioner on inland fisheries and game.

An Act to amend Sections 14 and 15 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State printing, came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment A.

The amendment was adopted and the bill received its two readings, and on motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath, the rules were suspended, the bill received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act relating to trustee process, having been passed to be engrossed in the House, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Waterville, the House voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Johnson of Waterville, Reed of Portland and Higgins of Limerick.

An Act to amend Section 95 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relat-

ing to notice of injury to casualty insurance companies, came from the Senate with Senate amendment A.

On motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls, 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.

An Act regulating the taking of clams in the town of North Haven, came from the Senate with Senate amendment A.

The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment A was adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An Act to establish a law uniform with other states relative to insurance policies, came from the Senate, that branch insisting on its former action in indefinitely postponing the bill.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick, the House voted to insist and ask for a committee of conference.

The Chair appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Briggs of Auburn, Higgins of Limerick and Reed of Portland.

An Act relating to the alewife fisheries at Damariscotta Mills, which was amended in the House by House amendment A and passed to be engrossed, came from the Senate, that branch having concurred in the passage to be engrossed, and having recalled the bill from the engrossing office and reconsidered its vote whereby it was passed to be engrossed and refusing to engross the bill, and it now comes from the Senate non-concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Nash of Damariscotta, by unanimous consent House amendment A was withdrawn, and on further motion by Mr. Nash the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath: Resolve in favor of Sereno T. Kimball, secretary of the joint select committee on State printing; resolve in favor of Samuel A. Hill.

By Mr. Stearns of Millinocket: Re-

solve in favor of Eugene Thomas, secretary of the committee on education.

By Mr. Baldwin of Boothbay Harbor: Resolve in favor of secretary of committee on shore fisheries.

By Mr. Hastings of Bethel: An Act to amend an act approved March 15, entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes relating to the assessment of taxes on lands in places not incorporated. (On motion of Mr. Hastings laid on the table pending reference.)

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on shore fisheries, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill, An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to enforcement of penalty for illegal seining.

Mr. Thompson from the committee on leave of absence, on order of the Legislature relating to the further attendance of George W. Walker, member from Lovell, during the remainder of this session, reported that the order ought to pass. (The order was given a passage.)

Mr. Thompson from same committee, on order of the Legislature relating to further attendance of Edwin O. Vitum, member from Concord, during the remainder of this session, reported that the order ought to pass.

(The order was given a passage.)

Mr. Tupper from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the clerk and stenographer to the committee on interior waters.

Mr. Swett from same committee, on resolve in favor of towns for reimbursement for money spent on State roads in 1903, reported that same be referred to the committee on claims.

The SPEAKER: The committee on claims having filed their final report and there being at the present time no committee on claims, what is the pleasure of the House in regard to this report?

Mr. HIGGINS of Limerick: I move that the report be placed on file.

The motion was agreed to.

Subsequently Mr. Higgins stated that he had learned that the committee on claims had not filed their final report and he therefore moved to recon-

sider the report whereby the report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs was placed on file.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by Mr. Higgins the resolve was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Small from the Sagadahoc County delegation, reported ought to pass on bill, "An Act for the protection of claims in parts of the county of Sagadahoc."

Messrs. Miller and Webster from the committee on county estimates, reported "ought to pass" on resolve, to lay a tax on counties.

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

First Reading of Printed Bills.

(The following were passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.)

An Act to amend chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating to register of deeds.

An Act to create the Portland Bridge District.

An Act to amend chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes relating to registering, numbering and regulating the speed of automobiles and motor vehicles and for licensing the operator thereof.

An Act to incorporate the Waterville Gas and Electric Company.

An Act to incorporate the Old Town Water District.

An Act to secure proper and uniform records in municipal courts and provide for supplies.

An Act to amend section 112 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to political caucuses.

An Act to exempt soldiers and sailors of the Civil War from poll tax.

An Act to provide for the representation of the State of Maine at the Lewis and Clark and Jamestown Expositions, without State appropriation.

An Act relating to the descriptions of unincorporated townships and public lands, for the purposes of valuation and assessment.

Resolve in favor of the inmates of the Maine Insane hospital at Augusta.

Resolve in favor of S. T. Kimball for services of clerk and messenger to committee on railroads and expresses.

Resolve in favor of Geo. M. Barrows,

chairman of the committee on State School for Boys.

An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of clams. (Tabled pending first reading on motion of Mr. Tracy of Winter Harbor.)

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Carleton pond.

An Act to amend Section 52 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to search.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes in relation to fees of trial justices in the trial of an issue in a criminal case.

An Act to empower the county of Aroostook to purchase and acquire title to lands adapted to agricultural purposes in said county.

An Act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter and laws of the city of Augusta.

Mr. Johnson of Waterville, offered the following amendment: 'In Section 20, line 14, strike out the word "one" and insert the word "nineteen," in Section 23, line 4, strike out "twenty-eight" and insert "twenty-seven," strike out Section 28 and insert the following—Section 28. All existing acts public and private inconsistent with the nine preceding sections are hereby modified so as to conform to their provisions; in Section 21, lines 7 and 11, Section 23, line 4, Section 24, line 2, and in Section 27, lines 9 and 15, strike out the word "act" and insert the word "charter.'

The amendment was adopted and the bill was then read a third time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

Resolve for obtaining information in regard to wild lands. (Tabled on motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick.)

Resolve in favor of the clerk and stenographer and the messenger to the judiciary committee.

Resolve in favor of the clerk and stenographer, and the messenger to the legal affairs committee.

Resolve in favor of C. Bradstreet, clerk to the banking committee.

Resolve in favor of Charles Knowlton.

Resolve in favor of William B. Webb.

Resolve in favor of George E. Morrison.

Resolve in relation to extra pay of volunteers in war with Spain.

Resolve in favor of George G. Weeks.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Water District.

An Act to amend the charter of the Wilton Water Company.

An Act to apportion the expenses of bridges between towns.

An Act granting additional powers to the Eastern Manufacturing Company.

An Act to provide blanks, books and stationery for the municipal court in Newport.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act in relation to political caucuses in the city of Bangor."

An Act to provide for the better enforcement of the laws against the manufac-

ture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

An Act to create a bridge commission to investigate the bridges connecting the State of Maine and the state of New Hampshire.

An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 23 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled "An Act to establish a municipal court in the town of Newport."

An Act to repeal Chapter 623 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and Chapter 142 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, amendatory of said Chapter 623, authorizing the town of Athens, in the county of Somerset, to expend a portion of its school money in Somerset Academy.

An Act to provide for certain expenses of law terms of the supreme judicial court.

An Act to prevent the fraudulent issue and use of transfer tickets upon public conveyances.

An Act to extend the charter of the Maine and New Hampshire Railroad.

An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mortgages of real estate.

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

An Act to establish the Lubec and Machias Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Union Cemetery Improvement Company.

An Act to authorize the Fort Halifax Power Company to furnish electricity for power purposes.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, relative to corrupting water used for domestic and other purposes.

An Act to amend the charter of the Northeast Harbor Water Company.

An Act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Portland to Lizzie A. Johnson.

An Act authorizing cities and towns to raise money for the extermination of insect pests.

An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 123, of the Revised Statutes relating to malicious mischief.

An Act to incorporate the Hampden Water Company.

An Act to incorporate the Peaks Island Railroad Company.

An Act to incorporate the Bangor Water District.

An Act to assist in building a free bridge across Sheepscot river between the towns of Wiscasset and Edgecomb, having been passed to be enacted by the House, came from the Senate with Senate amendment A adopted.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Whitefield, the votes were reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment A was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick, the House took a recess of 10 minutes.

After Recess.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Limerick,

An Act for the better protection of lobsters and to prevent their transportation out of the State between the first day of June and the first day of October in each year, was taken from the table. (Read three times and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules on motion of Mr. Higgins.)

On motion of Mr. Higgins, bill relating to salary of public officers, was taken from the table. (Read a third time and passed to be engrossed.)

On motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath, resolve in favor of Harry B. Conway, was taken from the table. (Read a second time and passed to be engrossed.)

On motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath, bill authorizing the codification of the sea and shore fishery laws, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Sewall, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Sewall offered an amendment to the title by striking out the word "codification" and inserting the word "compilation" in its place.

Mr. Sewall offered a further amendment by striking out in the second line the words "codify and."

The amendments were adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Baxter of Portland,
Adjourned.