

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

SENATE.

Thursday, January 12, 1905.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Hamel of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Shaw of Sagadahoc, the business of the last Legislature referred to this Legislature was taken from the files, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

Judiciary.

Bill, an act to extend the provisions of chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, to dipsomaniacs, inebriates and victims of the drug habit.

Bill, an act to amend section 4, of chapter 162 of the public laws of 1895, in relation to State tax sales.

Bill, an act to supply towns and cities with pure water.

Bill, an act to amend section 1, chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the appointment of clerks of the judicial courts.

Bill, a general act relating to negotiable instruments.

Bill, an act to amend section 15, of chapter 132, of the Revised Statutes, relating to appeals from magistrates.

Bill, an act amendatory of and additional to section 62, of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 64, of the public laws of 1887, relating to exemption from personal property from attachment and sale on execution.

Bill, an act to secure to employees of manufacturing, mechanical and mercantile establishments, sufficient opportunity to vote at elections.

Bill, an act to incorporate the city of Rumford.

Joint resolution proposing an amendment of the constitution of the State of Maine, relative to establishing a people's veto, through the optional referendum, and a direct initiative by petition and at elections.

Report of commissioners on uniformity of laws for 1902.

Bill, an act to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make com-

pensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service.

Legal Affairs.

Bill, an act providing for the more efficient control of smallpox and other epidemic diseases.

Bill, an act in relation to the South Paris Village Corporation, and to establish a system of municipal lighting.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Bill, an act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children.

Resolve in aid of the Maine Home and School for Feeble-minded Children, with petitions accompanying.

Resolve in aid of the Maine State Sanatorium Association.

Federal Relations.

Petition of Charles L. Fox and others for the national ownership of the anthracite coal mines and for permanent municipal coal and wood yards.

Education.

Bill, an act establishing the Maine Industrial School and Home for the Blind.

Bill, an act to provide for giving instruction in music in the common schools of the State.

Bill, an act relating to the apportionment of the State school fund and mill tax.

Bill, an act to establish an additional normal school (at Dexter.)

Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school at Machias, to be known as Washington County Normal School.

Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school in the city of Calais.

Railroads and Expresses.

Bill, an act to provide for the better protection of motormen and conductors on electric cars.

Telegraphs and Telephones.

Bill, an act to incorporate the Aroostook Telephone Company.

Banks and Banking.

Order relative to the expediency of continuing and extending the system of branch banking in the State of Maine.

Interior Waters.

Bill, an act to incorporate the Penobscot River Power Company.

Ways and Bridges.

Bill, an act to amend section 10 of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of the road.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

Bill, an act relating to hunting wild animals on cultivated lands.

Counties.

Bill, an act to set off the town of Isle au Haut and all islands within the limits of said town, from the county of Hancock, and annex said town to the county of Knox.

Towns.

Bill, an act to annex Muscle Ridge Plantation in the county of Knox, to the town of South Thomaston.

Petition of Daniel Bryant and 33 others of Brighton Plantation, for annexation of that part of the plantation in which they reside, to the plantation of Mayfield.

Mines and Mining.

Resolve to provide for a geological examination of the State for a possible supply of coal.

Taxation.

Bill, an act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, so that counties may collect county taxes on lands in unorganized places.

Bill, an act relating to taxation of land in unincorporated places.

Portland Delegation.

Bill, an act to abolish the common council and increase the membership of the board of aldermen of the city of Portland.

Washington County Delegation.

Petition of Warren F. Pope and 112 others of East Machias; of C. H. Tarbell and 94 others of Machias; of S. N. Tobey and 69 others of Machiasport, for aid in repairing the East Machias and Machiasport toll bridge.

The following bills, petitions and resolves were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Philoon of Androscoggin, pe-

tion of Women's Reform League of Androscoggin county for the enactment of laws which shall render it impossible for such conditions to exist in our State as are being carried on at Shiloh, Maine.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Shackford of Washington, bill, an act to amend chapter 471 of the private and special laws of 1901, extending the charter of the Columbia Falls Water and Electric Light Company.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

By Mr. Philoon of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, with statement of facts.

Education.

By Mr. Plummer of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of Bates College.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Clark of Hancock: Bill, an act to establish a law uniform with other states relative to insurance policies.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Furbish of Franklin: Resolve in favor of John Chadwick & Co. in payment for part of expenditures in erecting and maintaining buoys as guides to navigation in the narrows near the upper dam Mooslucmeguntick Lake.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Furbish of Franklin: Petition of L. A. Ross and 69 others on favor of making changes on the ten-pound shipment law.

Temperance.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Resolve in favor of resubmission of the fifth amendment of the constitution of Maine relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Mills of Hancock introduced bill, an act to create a State Board of Arbitration, and upon further motion by the same senator, the bill was tabled for printing, pending reference to a committee.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Hancock, ordered, the House concurring, that the committee on banks and banking be directed to inquire into the expediency of restricting and regulating, or prohibiting private banking, or the receiving of deposits by any persons or corporations other than legally organized banks, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Clark of Hancock it was ordered, that the committee on insane asylums investigate the advisability of the states installing lighting plants in its insane institutions and also report the terms of the present contracts for lighting the insane asylum and the report to be made as expeditiously as possible.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Morse of Waldo: Mr. President, your committee appointed by the last Legislature to investigate the advisability of establishing a home for feeble minded, have attended to their duty, and they wish to offer the following as their report: We were delayed, somewhat in completing the report; and now it seems to be somewhat divided. All seem to be in favor of establishing the home; and the question of division of the committee is as to the amount that should be appropriated to establish the same. Two of the committee, Senator Staples and myself, after investigating the matter at considerable length in other states, arrived at the conclusion that forty thousand dollars would be as small a sum as we could reasonably expect to establish an institution of that kind for. Mr. Davis of Waterville, and Mr. Ross of Bangor, who was a member of the last House, differed from us somewhat in relation to the expense, and fixed the sum for twenty thousand dollars. The other member of the committee, Mr. Purinton of Gorham, failed to put in an appearance here at the meeting where we were to talk over this matter and to see what sort of an agreement we could all sign, so I am unable to report his mind on this matter. However, I present the report accompanied by the recommendation or the talk that was given by Dr. Sanborn of the Insane Hospital before the committee, last

year; and I move that the report lie upon the table for printing, pending reference.

The report was accepted, and the motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Washington, it was voted that 800 copies of the foregoing report be printed for the use of the Senate and House.

Mr. Bartlett of Oxford, moved suspension of the rules, and introduced the following: Petition to establish a home for feeble minded citizens of the State, and the same was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Oxford, the Senate adjourned to meet on Friday, January 13th, 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.