

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

SENATE.

Monday, Feb. 20, 1905.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Doherty of Augusta.

Journal of the last session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, bill "An Act regulating the moving of families within the State" was tabled, pending reference in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Morse of Waldo, bill "An Act to close March River in the county of Waldo," with report of committee on Inland Fisheries and Game to which the same had been referred, that the same be referred to the commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game as the subject matter of the Act properly comes under their jurisdiction by the general law, was tabled.

House Bills Read and Assigned.

Resolve in favor of building highway bridge across the Sebasticook river in the town of Benton.

The following communications were received from the Secretary of State:

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of the trustees and principal of the Maine School for the Deaf from Dec. 31, 1902 to Dec. 31, 1905.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Putnam of Aroostook the same was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the 48th annual report of the Bank Examiner.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Aroostook the same was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Heselton of Kennebec: "An Act relating to a winter speedway on the Kennebec river, at Gardiner." Received under suspension of the rules.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Sturgis of Cumberland: Petition of James W. Parker and 4 others, praying for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law in Cumberland county.

By Mr. Simpson of York: Petition of Edward S. Marshall and 21 others, residents of York, for the passage of An Act regulating the use of boats propelled by explosive engines.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Gardner of Penobscot: Petition of J. E. Gove and 12 others of Perry in favor of bill for two cent mileage on Washington County Railroad.

Also: Petition of J. E. White and 37 others of Columbia, in favor of same.

Temperance.

By Mr. Sturgis of Cumberland: Petition of John C. Parlin and 34 others of Brownville asking for the passage of the Sturgis bill.

Read and Assigned.

An Act to extend the charter of the Pushaw Lake Railway.

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled An Act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Co.

Resolve in favor of marking the grave of the late Governor Hunton.

An Act additional to Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes relating to Insane hospitals.

An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes relating to the support of persons committed to Insane hospitals.

An Act to authorize Walter W. Irwin and his associates and assigns to raise the water of Third pond in the town of Bluehill.

An Act to amend Sections 100 and 102 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes relating to State roads.

Resolve in favor of State roads.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Putnam for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on "Resolve providing for an epidemic fund," reported that the same ought to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Heselton for the committee on State lands and State roads, on petition of Emma B. Sewall and others praying for legislation to preserve the beauty of our fields and forests and to encourage the planting and preservation of shade trees, reported bill entitled: An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes. Report accepted.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to authorize the city of Bangor to issue new bonds to retire maturing bonds.

Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian township, Washington county.

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

An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to the close time on beaver.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to repeal Section 26 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes relating to agricultural societies.

An Act to amend Section 80 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes relating to the cash reserve in trust and banking companies.

An Act to protect cod and other ground fish in waters off the coast of Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties.

An Act to divide the town of Tremont and incorporate the town of Southwest Harbor.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1837 as amended by Chapter 487 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to the taxation of certain plantations.

An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Pittsfield Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Gullford Trust Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Auburn, Mechanic Falls and Norway Street Railway.

An Act to extend the time of construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

An Act to amend the charter of the Kennebec Valley Railroad Company.

An Act relating to the Lincoln Electric Railway Company.

An Act relating to the Houlton Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act granting additional powers, rights and privileges to the Bodwell Water Power Company of Old Town, Maine.

Finally Passed.

Resolve for Station pensions.

Resolve in favor of the town of Boothbay.

Resolve in favor of John G. Bubier.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Simpson of York, the rules were suspended, and that senator introduced bill "An Act authorizing the inhabitants of York to give the York Hospital a certain tract of land." On further motion by the same senator, the same was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. SIMPSON of York; Mr. President: At the opening of the Legislature, while in joint convention in the hall of the House of Representatives, upon calling the convention to order, you had the misfortune to break your gavel. The Hon. Horace Mitchell of Kittery was present at that time; and he thought it might be wise for you to have a large stock of the same on hand. It gives me great pleasure, on his behalf, to present you this gavel, and also to acquaint you with the history of the same as appears from the following communication, a part of which I will read:

"Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.,

"Jan. 12, 1905.

"Sir: The material this gavel is made from is a portion of the trestletree, a part of the construction of the main top, located on the top of the mainmast of the Spanish naval ship 'Reina Mercedes,' which was captured in the late Spanish war by our forces at Santiago de Cuba. The mainmast was cut into between decks by a 12-inch projectile from the U. S. battleship 'Massachusetts,' entering the hull on the port side and passing diagonally out on the starboard side."

The communication is addressed to the Hon. Horace Mitchell, by J. B. Fletcher, chief carpenter, U. S. Navy.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair begs to thank the senators from York and the donor of the gavel; and feels assured that if it is as sturdy as are the representatives and senators from York, and as strong as they are in looking after the interests of the State, no matter how strenuous the President may be, it will stand the utmost labor that can be put upon it.

On motion by Mr. Gardner of Penobscot, bill "An Act to repeal chapter 317 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1903 relating to the taking of clams in Scarborough," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator the same was referred to the committee on shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Brown of Kennebec, the Senate adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.