

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**

of the

**Seventy-Third Legislature**

of the

**State of Maine.**

1907.

WILLIAM M. AYER, Oakland.

(Signed) H. H. HASTINGS,  
JOHN F. A. MERRILL,  
GEORGE W. STEARNS,  
E. L. PHILLOON,  
L. B. DEASY,  
WALTER B. CLARK,  
JOSEPH W. SIMPSON.

and the same was accepted.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President I do not know how the matter will be arranged but I would like to request of the secretary of the Senate that there be placed upon the desk of each member a printed order of business.

On motion of Mr. Proctor of Cumberland, the Senate adjourned to meet on Monday, Jan. 14, 1907, at 4.30 P. M.

## HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 11, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Mosher of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following order came down from the Senate referred in that branch to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs:

Ordered, That the State treasurer be directed to pay the amounts of money due the members of the Legislature for mileage at the end of the present session, to the representatives of the railroads of the State, said sum to be apportioned by them, and to be paid in consideration of the transportation for members already provided.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of Monson the order was indefinitely postponed.

Bill, An Act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Co., came down from the Senate referred in that branch to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

On motion of Mr. Dyer of Buckfield the bill was tabled for printing.

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

### Judiciary.

By Mr. Tolman of Portland—Petition of mayor of Portland and members of Portland city government and others relating to support of insane persons.

By Mr. Oram of Bristol—Bill, An Act to authorize a bridge in the town of Edgecomb.

By Mr. Lord of Parsonsfield—Bill, An Act to incorporate the Limerick Water & Electric Co.

By Mr. Duncan of Rockland—Bill, An Act requiring employers of alien labor to assist in the assessment and collection of poll taxes from their alien laborers.

By Mr. Montgomery of Camden—Bill, An Act to amend Sections 13 and 14 of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes relating to sales of estates of non-resident owners.

By Mr. Smith of Lisbon—Bill, An Act to extend the provisions of Chap-

ter 241 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 entitled, "An Act to supply the town of Lisbon with pure water."

By Mr. Mullen of Bangor—Bill, An Act amending an act authorizing the Bedwell Water Power Co. to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Stearns of Norway—Petition of the municipal officers and citizens of Norway to amend the laws relating to the support of persons committed to insane hospitals.

By Mr. Pinkham of Lincoln—Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Mat-tanawcook Manufacturing Co.

By Mr. Preston of Cherryfield—Bill, An Act entitled "An Act to abolish the office of State binder and to authorize contracts for State binding on the basis of competitive bids.

By Mr. Grinnell of Bath—Bill, An Act to authorize the city of Bath to raise money for the construction of sewers by the issue of bonds.

By Mr. Martin of Bangor—Resolve relating to re-printing the Maine reports and to the purchase of the same by the State.

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Walton of Dexter—Petition of Mrs. Frances A. Bradbury of Dexter and 21 others in favor of an institution for the blind.

By Mr. Murphy of Portland—Petition of citizens of Portland for an appropriation for Temporary Home for Women and Children.

By Mr. Edwards of Lewiston—Petition by Henry H. Hanson and 40 others for same.

By Mr. Johnson of Waterville—Petition of Martin T. Bartlett and 16 others for same.

By Mr. Horigan of Biddeford—Petition for same by Rev. Herbert F. Moulton and 19 others of Biddeford.

By Mr. Strickland of Bangor—Petition for same by Isaiah K. Stetson and 32 others of Bangor; petition of A. W. Benson and 46 others of Bangor for same.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Resolve in favor of William H. Holmes; resolve in favor of Harry P. Hawes; re-

solve in favor of George Fisher.

By Mr. Johnson of Waterville—Resolve in favor of Harold E. Weeks.

By Mr. Gates of Westbrook—Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By Mr. Duncan of Rockland—Resolve in favor of Knox county General Hospital.

By Mr. Stearns of Norway—Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the secretary of State be directed to furnish clerks of committees with postage stamps necessary for the transaction of their business not exceeding \$10 to any one committee.

#### Education.

By Mr. Murphy of Portland—Bill, An Act to amend Section 63 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to payment by towns having no High school, of tuition of scholars of such towns attending such school in other towns.

#### Agriculture.

By Mr. Skillin of Falmouth—Bill, An Act to amend Spec. 10, Sec. 6, Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes relating to exemption from taxation of lands set apart for forest cultivation.

#### Military Affairs.

By Mr. Flaherty of Portland—Resolve in favor of Louis D. Greenwood.

By Mr. McKenney of Bridgton—Resolve for appropriation for monument at Valley Forge, with statement of facts.

#### Interior Waters.

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner—Bill, An Act to incorporate the Enchanted Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

By Mr. Sprague of Drew—Bill, An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at the mouth of Molunkus stream.

#### State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Harris of St. George—Bill, An Act to authorize the Governor and Council to sell Little Island in Mosquito harbor in the town of St. George.

By Mr. Smith of Patten—Resolve in favor of repairing the road between Patten and Grand Lake.

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Colcord of Searsport—Bill, An Act granting to Arthur S. McAvey the right to establish and maintain a ferry in the harbor of Stockton Springs.

By Mr. Milliken of Island Falls—Resolve providing for the repair of bridges in Macwahoc plantation.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Emmerson of Stow—Petition of Mark N. Charles and 31 others of Stow for an act to prevent the throwing of sawdust and other waste material into Cold river and its tributaries in Stow.

By Mr. Young of Hiram—Petition of Llewellyn A. Wadsworth and 33 others relating to taking fish in Southeast pond, Barker pond, Middle pond, in the towns of Baldwin, Sebago and Hiram in Cumberland and Oxford counties.

**Shore Fisheries.**

By Mr. Baldwin of Boothbay Harbor—Petition of D. M. Davis and 27 others for protection of lobsters at Monhegan.

By Mr. Herrick of Brooklin—Petition of Roland H. Howard and 74 others to amend Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 in relation to fishing in Bagaduce river.

By Mr. Havey of Sullivan—Petition of C. B. Tracy and 52 others for an amendment to the sea and shore fishery laws whereby fishermen may take herring for bait only; petition of Harry E. Hodgkins and 15 others for same; petition of Dennis M. Young and 33 others for same; petition of F. L. Rice for same.

By Mr. Skillin of Falmouth—Petition of S. B. Knight and 59 others in favor of prohibiting the taking of smelts and herring in the Presumpscot river; Bill, An Act to prohibit the taking of smelts and herring in Presumpscot river.

By Mr. Baldwin of Boothbay Harbor—Bill, An Act for the protection of lobsters at Monhegan.

**Towns.**

By Mr. Baldwin of Boothbay Harbor—Bill, An Act to incorporate Bayville village corporation.

**Claims.**

By Mr. Gallagher of Waldoboro—Resolve in favor of Andrew A. Skinner.

**Insane Hospitals.**

By Mr. Fulton of Blaine—Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane hospital; resolve in favor of same; resolve in favor of Maine Insane hospital; resolve in favor of same; resolve in favor of Widow's island; resolve in favor of building for criminal insane.

**Orders.**

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield,

Ordered, That on Tuesday next the House shall proceed to vote for a senator in Congress for a full term from March fourth, 1907, in accordance with the laws of the United States.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Hill from the committee on Governor's message, to which was referred the Governor's message, reported that that part of the Governor's message relative to feeble-minded, Eastern Maine hospital, water facilities, asylum for insane at Augusta, and criminal insane, be referred to the committee on insane hospital.

Mr. Hill from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to school for the blind, colleges and university, be referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Hill from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to taxation be referred to the committee on taxation.

Mr. Hill from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to child labor be referred to the committee on labor.

Mr. McKenney from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to balloting for elective officers and Fast Day be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. McKenney from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to State auditor, initiative and referendum, be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. McKenney from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to financial condition be reported to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Mr. Smith from same committee re-

ported that that part of the message relative to highway commissioner be referred to the committee on State lands and State roads.

Mr. Smith from the same committee reported that that part of the message relative to the Sturgis law and resubmission be referred to the committee on temperance.

Mr. Smith from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to ship building be referred to the committee on commerce.

Mr. Smith from same committee reported that that part of the message relative to department offices be referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. McKenney of Bridgton bill, An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1905, relative to the regulation and conduct of elections, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. NEWBERT of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, I move a suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing a measure at the present time—bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water District; and I desire to move its reference to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. JOHNSON of Waterville: I would like to call the attention of the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Newbert) to the rule of the House which we have adopted and which I am informed by the clerk is a very useful one, and that is that the bills be placed in the box here so that the clerk may expedite the business of the House and have his docket ready for the next day. I am informed that when bills are introduced out of order it interferes very much with the arrangement of the clerk and the expedition of business. The request has been made to the committee on rules by the officers of the House that, unless it is a very important matter, gentlemen refrain from introducing a bill out of order, but comply with the rule and place the bill in the box to be taken

out at the next session; and I understand it to be the opinion of the committee on rules that the rules should be adhered to.

The SPEAKER: Do I understand that the gentleman insists upon the rule?

Mr. JOHNSON: I do, at the present time.

Mr. WALDRON of Dexter: I hope that the gentleman from Waterville (Mr. Johnson) will not insist on his objection this morning. I am in the same situation as the gentleman from Augusta (Mr. Newbert). I have a bill here which I wish to introduce, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes relating to divorces, and I particularly desire it to go in this morning because another bill of the same tenor is already in this morning; and I hope the gentleman will not insist on a strict enforcement of the rule until tomorrow morning when all members have had sufficient notice of this rule, of the strictness of which I confess I was entirely ignorant.

Mr. JOHNSON: I wish to say that I have no personal feeling about the matter and it is not my personal objection but the objection of the committee on rules which I am stating; and for that committee I enter the same objection.

Mr. STOVER of Brunswick: I had a bill which was sent me this morning and I was desired to introduce it this morning if possible. I got all the information I could and I was told that it could not go in today but if I would put it in the box it would go in the next time we meet. Now I don't propose to allow other people to get ahead of me in that respect. (Laughter.)

The SPEAKER: I will say that it is only by unanimous consent that these bills can be received out of order; and objection is made.

Mr. NEWBERT: I don't wish to ask for much from the House in this matter. I received the measure this morning by mail with a request that it go in this morning if possible. If it is of material importance to the committee on rules I will withdraw my motion providing the other fellows do the same. (Laughter.)

Mr. WALDRON: I will withdraw my motion.

On motion of Mr. Weld of Old Town,  
Adjourned until Monday next at 4.30  
o'clock in the afternoon.