

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

mileage due the first of the session. But in allowing the order to die here I want to go on record to the effect that this Legislature will find for this question a proper and decent solution which will free us from any suggestion of any obligations to the large corporations that come before us for favors—and even for their lives.

The change may come in various ways. We may, in our wisdom, see fit to contract with the railway companies for the transportation of our members, which will be a vastly more sensible idea than the contracts in the past for the transportation of imaginary soldiers to imaginary battlefields.

When franchises for the railroads were first granted, transportation for all State officials should have been made, and I am not at all eager now to relieve the railroad companies of the burden which they have voluntarily assumed. But I want this transportation to be received at the hands of the State.

I believe the committee on salaries may yet find a way by which the numerous officials of this State can be transported free—practically free—of cost to the State. With an increase of salaries we might pay our own mileage. We ought to have increased our own salaries years and years ago and upon myself and upon every member of the past Legislatures there rests a responsibility for which, for my own part, I feel very much ashamed.

I move the Senate recede and concur with the action of the House the order be indefinitely postponed.

On motion and seconded it was ordered that the committee on salaries and fees be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pay of members of the Legislature, and of placing the members on an equality with other State officials in regard to free passes and mileage.

On motion of Mr. Staples of Knox the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, Jan. 14, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wight of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Newbert of Augusta: Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water District.

By Mr. Waldron of Dexter: Bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes relating to divorces.

Br. Mr. Spear of South Portland: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 entitled "An Act in incorporate the city of South Portland as amended by Chapter 138 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905."

By Mr. Stover of Brunswick: Resolve in favor of Ray P. Eaton, register of deeds of Cumberland county.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Stearns of Norway: Bill, An Act additional to Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes providing for the transmission to registers of probate of the names of qualified corporate surety companies.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Danforth of Skowhegan: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Trust Company.

By Mr. Spear of South Portland: Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the South Portland Trust & Banking Company; also bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Deering Trust Company.

State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Lovejoy of Milo: Resolve providing for the repair of a roadway in Township five and six in the ninth range, north of the Waldo patent in Piscataquis county.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Donigan of Bingham: Petition of Daniel Hancock and others re-

garding open season in Wood pond in Somerset county.

By Mr. Wight of Newry: Petition of J. O. Douglas and 34 others of Upton in the county of Oxford that B. pond in said Upton may be closed to all methods of fishing except the ordinary method of angling with artificial flies.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Pike of Eastport: Bill, An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 91 of the Public Laws of 1905 relating to the smelt fishery in Eastport, Perry and Pembroke waters.

Labor.

By Mr. Thomas of Howland: Bill, An Act to amend Section 50 of Chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Resolve proposing an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maine establishing a people's veto through optional referendum and a direct initiative by petition and at general elections. (Tabled for printing pending reference to a committee on motion of Mr. Weeks.)

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Morneau of Lewiston the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced and moved the passage of the following order:

Order, The Senate concurring, that the committees be instructed to have all notices published in the *Le Messager*, a tri-weekly French paper of Lewiston, Me.

The order received a passage.

Mr. McKENNEY of Bridgton: Mr. Speaker, At the last session of this House, under a misapprehension the committee on the part of the House to consider the Governor's message reported that various subjects therein mentioned be referred to various committees. It was not understood by the members who reported them that those reports had been made in the Senate and sent to the House for concurrence, and that it was not necessary for the House to do so. I therefore move to reconsider the vote whereby those references were made by the House.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. McKENNEY: Mr. Speaker, I now ask unanimous consent to withdraw the reports of that committee on behalf of the committee.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McKenney House bills 4 and 5, Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the regulation and conduct of elections, and Bill, An Act to prevent corrupt practices in elections and to provide for publicity of election expenses, were taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman they were referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Gleason of Mexico Bill, An Act to provide for nomination of candidates by political parties, 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. Weeks of Fairfield Bill, An Act to provide for the choosing of candidates for public office by direct nominating elections, 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. Snow of Brunswick,

Adjourned.