

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**

of the

**Seventy-Third Legislature**

of the

**State of Maine.**

**1907.**

**HOUSE.**

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Herrick of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Murphy of Portland—Petition of John J. Frye and 25 others of Portland for the creation of the Portland Water District.

By Mr. Morneau of Lewiston—Bill, An Act to authorize the city of Lewiston to issue its bonds.

By Mr. Safford of Kittery—Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Kittery Water & Light Company.

By Mr. Stover of Brunswick—Bill, An Act to reimburse Ray P. Eaton, register of deeds of the county of Cumberland.

By Mr. Gleason of Mexico—Bill, An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the organization of the Dixfield Light and Water Company.

By Mr. Danforth of Skowhegan—Bill, An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes relating to courts of probates.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Higgins of Ellsworth—Petition of the mayor and aldermen and 100 citizens of Ellsworth asking that the Revised Statutes be so amended as to render the State alone chargeable with the support of insane paupers at the insane hospitals.

By Mr. Perry of Fort Fairfield—Petition of Arthur P. Libby and 27 others relative to the State assuming the support of the insane.

By Mr. Allen of Richmond—Petition of municipal officers, overseers of the poor and citizens of Richmond for same.

By Mr. Martin of Bangor—Petition of Hon. William B. Pierce of Bangor and 110 others asking that the State support insane criminals.

By Mr. Dunton of Belfast—Petition of Charles E. Knowlton and 185 others

for the incorporation of the Citizens' Electric Company.

By Mr. Martin of Bangor—Bill, An Act relating to domestic animals; also Bill, An Act relating to domestic animals.

By Mr. Haskell of Deer Isle—Bill, An Act relating to fees of jurors.

By Mr. Jordan of Portland—Bill, An Act to abolish Fast Day and create Patriots' Day.

By Mr. Dunton of Belfast—Bill, An Act to incorporate the Citizens' Electric Company.

By Mr. Martin of Bangor—Bill, An Act to change the name of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society to Maine Congregational Ministerial Relief Association.

By Mr. Martin of Rumford—Bill, An Act to provide an additional term of supreme Judicial Court for the county of Oxford.

By Mr. Martin of Bangor—Bill, An Act to amend Section 60 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes relating to dangerous dogs.

By Mr. Dyer of Buckfield—Bill, An Act creating a lien on horses, oxen, mules and other animals, in certain cases. (Tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Stearns of Norway.)

By Mr. Perry of Fort Fairfield—Bill, An Act to make valid the incorporation and corporate acts of Fort Fairfield Grange; also Bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 166 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887 to set apart the farm of W. Holman Fisher from the Village Corporation of Fort Fairfield.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Young of Hiram—Petition of S. W. Fife of Fryeburg and 38 others for aid of Temporary Home for Aged Women and Children in Portland.

By Mr. Hill of Machias—Petition of Fannie C. Gates and 37 others for same.

By Mr. Harriman of Bucksport—Petition of New Century Grange No. 356 of Dedham in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind; also petition of William E. Cook and 8 others of Dedham for same.

By Mr. Strickland of Bangor—Resolve in favor of Bangor Children's Home.

By Mr. Murphy of Portland—Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf.

By Mr. Martin of Bangor—Resolve in favor of the Deaconess' Home Association of Bangor.

By Mr. Jordan of Portland—Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

#### **Railroads and Expresses.**

By Mr. Charles of Mechanic Falls—Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Auburn, Mechanic Falls and Norway Street Railway.

#### **Telegraphs and Telephones.**

By Mr. Folsom of Norridgewock—Bill, An Act additional to Chapter 420 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 entitled "An Act to incorporate the New Portland and Eustis Telegraph and Telephone Company."

#### **Banks and Banking.**

By Mr. Gleason of Mexico—Bill, An Act to incorporate the Dixfield Trust Company; also Bill, An Act to incorporate the Buckfield Trust Company.

By Mr. Colcord of Searsport—Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Searsport Trust Company.

By Mr. Grinnell of Bath—Bill, An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Bath Trust Company."

#### **Interior Waters.**

By Mr. Brackett of Sebago—Bill, An Act to enable the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Company to construct and maintain a wharf at the west shore of Sebago lake in the town of Sebago in the county of Cumberland.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth—Resolve in aid of navigation on Lewey, Long and Big Lakes.

#### **State Lands and State Roads.**

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth—Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian Township, Washington county.

#### **Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Gleason of Mexico—Bill, An Act to provide a way to free toll bridges. (Tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Gleason.)

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth—Resolve

in favor of town of Topsfield in Washington county.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Wight of Newry—Petition of Lon E. Wight and 19 others, residents of Oxford county, praying that a law be enacted closing to all fishing for a term of five years Sunday river so called, a stream in Riley plantation, and in the towns of Newry and Bethel, in said county of Oxford, except that it may be lawful to fish in Sunday river below its junction with Bull branch on Thursday of each week during the open season for trout fishing; also that Bull branch, a stream in said Riley plantation, be closed to all fishing for a term of five years.

Also Petition of S. W. Bennett and 7 others of Magalloway plantation, Oxford county, praying that the law be amended so that fly fishing only be permitted on Rapid river; also that so much of Umbagog lake as is situated in the State of Maine be closed to all fishing except by the usual methods of casting with artificial flies and trolling, and that one party or boat-load of fishermen be permitted to catch and take but 10 pounds of fish in one day from this pond.

By Mr. Colcord of Searsport—Petition of Edwin W. Estabrooks and 49 others, citizens of Waldo county, praying that the open season on fishing for trout, salmon and smelts in Swan lake, in said Waldo county, be extended to October 15th.

By Mr. Knowlton of Monson—Petition of L. M. Gordon and 9 others, residents of Piscataquis county, praying that Big Lyford pond, in the county of Piscataquis, be closed to bait fishing for a period of five years.

By Mr. Labree of Cambridge—Petition of W. H. Watson and 74 others, of St. Albans, praying that a law be enacted to prohibit the taking of trout and salmon in Big and Little Indian ponds and tributaries, in the county of Somerset, for two years, and to prohibit ice fishing for other fish in these ponds except on Wednesday of each week for a period of four years; also that one family be prohibited from

catching or taking more than 15 pounds of pickerel on that day.

By Mr. Donigan of Bingham—Petition of W. R. Jordan and 9 others of Bingham and vicinity praying that a law be enacted making it unlawful for a person to catch with bait and hook more than 25 trout in one day in East Carry pond, in Somerset county, also that it be unlawful for a person to catch and kill with a fly more than 25 trout in one day, and that it shall be unlawful for any one person to catch and carry away more than 15 pounds of trout in one day from said pond.

By Mr. Clark of Hollis—Petition of C. F. Clark and 39 others for protection from fishing in Bartlett and Cook's brook in the towns of Hollis, Dayton and Lyman in York county.

By Mr. Donigan of Bingham—Petition in favor of having the outlet of Pleasant pond, Somerset county, screened.

By Mr. Joy of Eden—Petition of H. R. Pettengill and 31 others praying for amendment to Chapter 81 of the Public Laws of 1905; also Petition of A. L. Hunton and 71 others for same.

By Mr. Decker of Weld—Resolve in favor of the enlargement and completion of the feeding station at the Rangeley lakes.

#### Towns.

By Mr. Smith of Patten—Bill, An Act to incorporate the town of East Millinocket.

By Mr. Libby of Amity—Bill, An Act to set off part of the town of Bancroft and annex the same to the town of Weston.

#### Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Putnam of Danforth—Petition of Noel T. Lola and 30 others praying for legislative action to determine and adjust their claims as provided in Article 5 of the Act of Separation; also petition of Noel T. Lola and 8 others praying for additional appropriations for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the years 1907 and 1908; also Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians; also Resolve making appropriations for the

Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians; also Report of agent of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the year 1906.

#### Claims.

By Mr. Donigan of Bingham—Resolve in favor of Juno F. Curtis, of Bingham.

#### Pensions.

By Mr. Safford of Kittery—Resolve in favor of George R. Adams.

By Mr. Noyes of Augusta—Bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 92 of the Laws of 1905 entitled "An Act to provide for the better enforcement of the laws against the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors." (Tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Noyes.)

By Mr. Newbert of Augusta—Resolve for an amendment to the constitution by abrogating and annulling Amendment 5 adopted on the 8th day of September 1884 relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors. (Tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Newbert.)

#### Taxation.

By Mr. Martin of Rumford—Bill, An Acts to amend Section 65 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taxation of trust and banking companies.

#### Orders.

On motion of Mr. Stearns of Norway, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the committee on legal affairs investigate the matter of municipal court jurisdiction with a view to making the same uniform throughout the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

A message was received from the Senate through its secretary proposing a joint convention of the two branches of the Legislature at 12 o'clock, meridian, on this 16th day of January in the hall of the House, for the purpose of reading the journal of each branch of the Legislature relating to the vote for a senator in Congress, and for such other proceedings in relation to the matter of the election of such senator in Congress as are required by the constitution and statutes of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Waterville, that gentleman was charged with

and conveyed a message to the Senate informing that branch of the concurrence on the part of the House with the proposition for a joint convention for the purposes indicated in the message.

Mr. Johnson subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

#### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on banks and banking reported in a new draft Bill, An Act to incorporate the Mars Hill Trust Company, and that it ought to pass. (Report accepted and bill tabled for printing under joint rules.)

Mr. Allen from the committee on labor, to which was referred Bill, An Act relating to the employment of children in manufacturing and mechanical establishments, reported that the same be printed and recommitted. (Report accepted.)

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Peacock of Lubec Resolve proposing an amendment to article four of the constitution of the State of Maine, establishing a people's veto through the optional referendum, and a direct initiative by petition and at general 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. Mullen of Bangor the House took a recess until 11.55 o'clock.

After recess the House was called to order by the Speaker.

#### In Convention.

At 12 o'clock the Senate and House met in convention in Representatives' Hall. The journals of both branches relating to the vote for United States Senator having been read, Senator Sewall of Sagadahoc presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, that Hon. William P. Frye of Lewiston be and hereby is declared duly elected senator in Congress for the term of six years, beginning on the fourth of March, A. D. 1907; and further ordered that the secretary of the convention forthwith inform the Govern-

nor of the election and declaration thereof by the Legislature of Hon. William P. Frye of Lewiston as senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the fourth of March A. D. 1907.

The order received a passage.

The PRESIDENT: And I declare William P. Frye of Lewiston elected to the Senate of the United States from the State of Maine for the term of six years beginning March 4th, 1907, and the secretary of the convention will convey the information to the Governor.

The secretary subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

The Senate then retired.

#### In House.

Mr. LOVEJOY of Milo: Mr. Speaker, I desire to be excused from further service on the committee on manufactures.

The motion being put, it was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed on the committee on manufactures in place of Mr. Lovejoy, Mr. Dondero of Chelsea.

Mr. NOYES of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, with your permission I would like to withdraw from serving further on the committee on claims.

The motion being put, it was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed on the committee on claims Mr. Dondero of Chelsea in place of Mr. Noyes.

On motion of Mr. Higgins of Ellsworth,

Adjourned.