

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McCombe of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to authorize the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company to purchase the Schoodic Stream Railroad.

An Act to ratify the mortgage and lease of the Schoodic Stream Railroad.

An Act to ratify the mortgage and lease of the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad.

An Act to extend the charter of the Merchants' Trust Company, and to change the name of some of the corporators.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Power Company.

Resolve in favor of H. H. Hastings, chairman of the committee on senatorial elections, in payment of witnesses', magistrates' and officers' fees and disbursement made by him in the election of senators in Kennebec county, for the Seventh senatorial district.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Millinocket Trust Company. (Senate amendment A was adopted, and the bill as amended was read twice and assigned for tomorrow morning.)

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Johnson of Waterville—Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Messalonskee Company.

By Mr. Stover of Brunswick—Bill, An Act to amend chapter 158 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 incorporating the Brunswick and Topsham Water District.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Harthorn of Milford—Petition of B. C. White and 15 others in favor of increase in pay of jurors.

By Mr. Skidmore of Liberty—Bill, An Act to incorporate the Lincolnville Water Company.

By Mr. Colcord of Searsport—Bill,

An Act to incorporate the Searsport Electric Company.

By Mr. Theriault of Fort Kent—Bill, An Act to incorporate the Northern Maine General Hospital of Eagle Lake.

By Mr. Hadlock of Cranberry Isles—Remonstrance of A. G. Smith and 87 other citizens and taxpayers of the town of Swan's Island against authorizing the town to assist in laying a telephone cable.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Hall of Dover—Petition of F. E. Guernsey of Dover and 41 others for resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

By Mr. Davies of Yarmouth—Petition of Charles A. Chase of Yarmouth and 117 others for same.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Reynolds of Winslow—Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Clinton Trust Company.

Education.

By Mr. Giddings of Gorham—Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School of Gorham, with statement of facts.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Milliken of Island Falls—Petition of Dana Michaud and 13 others of Stockholm for the passage of the act providing for a transferable two-cent mileage on the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad; petition of J. L. Flewelly and 42 others of Stockholm for same; petition of A. V. Pratt and 20 others of Macwahoc for same.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Hubbard of Perry—Remonstrance of F. P. Washburn and 73 others of Perry against the use of torch and seine for taking herring on the coast of eastern Maine.

Insane Hospitals.

By Mr. Kelley of Farmingdale—Petition of C. S. Goodwin and 36 others in favor of supporting insane paupers by the State.

Labor.

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner—Petition of Twentieth Century Club of Gardiner

in favor of bill relating to the employment of minors in manufacturing or mechanical establishments in the State.

Temperance.

By Mr. Milliken of Island Falls—Petition of A. V. Pratt and 18 others of Macwahoc for the passage of the act providing for the proper labeling of medicines containing alcohol and narcotic drugs.

Penobscot County Delegation.

By Mr. Barker of Exeter—Bill, An Act authorizing the county courts of Penobscot county to pay for attorney's services employed to enforce the liquor laws in said county.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to amend the Charter of the Augusta Water District.

An Act to change the name of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

An Act in relation to the employment of Custodians of Elevators.

An Act to extend the Charter of the Mattanawcook Manufacturing Company.

An Act to incorporate the Shore Acres Water Company.

Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of King's Daughters' Union of Bangor.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital located at Bar Harbor, Maine.

Resolves in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Lottie A. Robinson.

Resolve in favor of John D. Bubier.

Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. PIKE of Eastport: Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to introduce an order out of order.

The SPEAKER: Will the gentleman read his order?

Mr. PIKE (reading): Ordered, That

the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court are hereby respectfully requested to give this House, according to the provisions of the Constitution of this State in this behalf, their opinion on the following question: "Is the present law whereby railroads in this State are taxed upon a percentage of their gross receipts constitutional?"

Mr. WEEKS of Fairfield: Mr. Speaker, I object to the consideration of the order at the present time. I think it should go over until tomorrow morning.

Mr. PIKE: Mr. Speaker, I don't know what objection the gentleman from Fairfield can have to the introduction of the order at this time. As to this method of the taxation of railroads, I believe there is grave doubts of its constitutionality, and it seems to me that it is one of the important questions before the people of this State today—

The SPEAKER: I think the gentleman from Eastport is out of order. The matter is not debatable at this time. There has to be unanimous consent of the House to introduce an order out of order, and the chair understands that the gentleman from Fairfield objects.

Mr. WEEKS: I will say, as far as the gentleman from Eastport is concerned, that I am willing the order should be taken up in a very short time. I assure the gentleman that there shall be no material delay.

On motion of Mr. Davies of Yarmouth Adjourned.