

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**

of the

**Seventy-Third Legislature**

of the

**State of Maine.**

**1907.**

**HOUSE.**

Tuesday, March 12, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

**Senate Bills on First Reading.**

An Act to extend the charter of the Cumberland Trust Co.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Trust and Banking Co.

Resolve in aid of erecting a building at Van Buren College for college purposes.

An Act to incorporate the Mount Abram Telephone and Telegraph Co.

An Act additional to and amendatory to Chapter 336 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Central Safe Deposit Co.," and to change the name of said company.

Mr. Oram of Bristol, presented bill, "An Act to establish the Lincoln county municipal court," and moved its reference to the committee on judiciary.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Gleason of Mexico, presented resolve in favor of W. S. Knowlton, to pay the expenses of investigation of the office of State superintendent of schools, and moved its reference to the committee on education.

The motion was agreed to.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Johnson from the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill, "An Act to provide for nomination of candidates by political parties."

Mr. Smith, from same committee, reported same on bill. "An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, relating to motions for a new trial in criminal cases."

Mr. Montgomery from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to interest on loans on personal property."

Mr. Waldron from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to pro-

vide for the choosing of candidates for public office by direct nominating elections."

Mr. Milliken from the committee on education, reported same on bill, "An Act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to State aid to academies."

The reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Davies from the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill, "An Act to incorporate the Waldoboro Water Company."

Mr. Waldron from same committee, reported same on bill, "An Act to create a board of harbor commissioners for the city of South Portland."

Mr. Smith from same committee, reported same on bill in a new draft, "An Act to authorize clergymen to solemnize marriages."

The reports were accepted and the bills ordered printed under the joint rules.

**First Reading or Printed Bills and Resolves.**

An Act to incorporate the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company.

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

An Act to amend Section 79 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to the time within which academies shall receive State aid under Section 76 of said Chapter.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to public schools.

An Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Westbrook Gas Company and to give said company additional power.

An Act to incorporate the Thomas Brackett Reed Memorial Association.

An Act to incorporate Cornish, Light & Power Company.

An Act to encourage the compiling and teaching of local history and local geography in the public schools.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 381 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taking of eels in the Damariscotta river.

Resolve in favor of Louis D. Greenwood.

Resolve in favor of Priv. Hugh

Monahan of Company L, 1st Infantry, Portland, Maine.

Resolve to provide water supply at State Camp Grounds.

Resolve in favor of the town of Frenchville, in the county of Aroostook, to assist in building a road in said town.

Resolve in favor of William J. Maxwell.

**Passed to Be Engrossed.**

An Act to regulate ice fishing in Boyd lake in the county of Piscataquis.

An Act in relation to the Springvale Library Association.

An Act to amend Section 63 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to tuition in High schools.

An Act to regulate ice fishing in Lake Annabessacook, in the county of Kennebec.

An Act additional to Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of South Portland."

An Act to amend and extend the charter rights, powers and purposes of the Sebec Power Company as authorized by Chapter 209 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1905.

An Act to amend the charter of the Ossipee Valley Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 64 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, as amended by Chapter 472 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, and by Chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and by Chapter 205 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, relating to the Wilson Stream Dam Company.

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 29 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company."

An Act amending Chapter 164 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to location and assessment of damages for property taken for public uses.

An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Brownville and Williamsburg Water Co.

An Act to authorize the issue of bonds on the serial payment plan.

An Act amendatory of Sections 67 and 68 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes relating to the reporter of decisions.

An Act to amend Chapter 315 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Madumkeunk Dam and Improvement Co.

An Act to prevent the unlawful diversion of water.

An Act authorizing the Bodwell Water Power Co. to generate, transmit and sell electricity.

An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 27, Revised Statutes, relating to paupers, their settlement and support.

An Act to provide for information to the Board of State Assessors relating to transfers of wild lands.

An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide water of Jerico Bay, in Deer Isle, Hancock county.

An Act to enable the town of Danforth to purchase stock or franchises of the Danforth Water Co. or any part thereof.

An Act to incorporate the Wells Electric Light and Power Co.

An Act to repeal Chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to fire wardens in the town of Bucksport.

An Act to amend Chapter 202 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relative to charter of the Fort Kent Telephone Co.

An Act to change the name of The Deaconess Home Association of Bangor, Me.

An Act to make valid the acts of the Lewiston, Greene and Monmouth Telephone Co.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Rockland, and to make legal and valid permits for wharves in tide waters.

An Act to incorporate the Vassalboro Electric Light and Power Co.

An Act to establish the Milo municipal court. (Tabled pending third reading on motion of Mr. Hall of Dover.)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 143 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 89 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, en-

titled 'An Act to authorize the Penobscot Chemical Fiber Co., to make, generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.'"

An Act to incorporate the Wells Telephone Co.

An Act to provide a salary for the judge of the municipal court of Dexter.

An Act creating the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco Bay on Orr's Island in the town of Harpswell, Me.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the ownership of down timber and bark.

An Act to incorporate the Princeton and Grand Lake Stream Steamboat Co.

An Act creating the office of probator officer for the city of Westbrook.

An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to election of road commissioner.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Dexter Trust Co. for two years.

An Act to amend Section 81 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to State aid for academies.

An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sanitary conditions of factories, workshops, mines and quarries.

An Act to incorporate the Kingman Developing Co.

An Act in relation to employment agencies.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bluehill and Bucksport Electric Railroad Co.

An Act to authorize Somerset Street Railway Co. to issue additional stock.

An Act to amend and extend the Milbridge and Cherryfield Street Railway charter.

An Act to authorize the Sebasticook and Moosehead Railroad Co. to extend its lines to Elliottsville plantation to Albion.

An Act to amend Section 76 and Section 80 of Chapter 15 of the Re-

vised Statutes relating to State aid to academies.

An Act to incorporate the Northern Railway of Maine.

An Act relating to coroner's inquests in case of fatal accidents on railroads.

An Act to authorize the Atlantic Shore Line Railway to discontinue operation of its ferry across the Piscataqua river in certain instances.

Resolve in favor of building a bridge in the town of Forest City.

Resolve in favor of the town of Howland for the purpose of repairing bridge across the Piscataquis river.

Resolve in favor of the town of Trescott.

Resolve in favor of E. J. Crosby, secretary of the committee on agriculture.

Resolve in favor of inhabitants of Whitneyville.

Resolve in favor of Elmira H. Dunbar of Cherryfield.

Resolve providing for assistance in rebuilding the East Branch bridge in the town of Oakfield.

Resolve in favor of the town of Howland for the purpose of repairing bridge across Seboic river.

Resolve in favor of the towns of Howland and Enfield for the purpose of repairing bridge across the Penobscot river.

Resolve in favor of the Norcross Transportation Company to aid in the erection of buoys as guides to navigation in North Twin lake and adjacent thoroughfares.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin F. Brown.

Resolve in favor of Daniel R. Palmer of Buckfield.

Resolve to provide for repairs of road leading from Roach river to the Grant farm.

Resolve in favor of the town of Bingham.

Resolve to rebuild the State bridge across the Depot stream in Township No. 13, Range 15 in the county of Aroostook. (Tabled printing passage to be engrossed for printing statement of facts, on motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls.)

Resolve in favor of the town of Mariaville. (Tabled pending passage to be engrossed for printing statement

of facts, on motion of Mr. Sprague of Drew Plantation.)

Resolve in favor of the town of Concord.

Resolve in favor of Dana L. Theriault to reimburse him for expenses incurred in contested election in Fort Kent Class.

Resolve in aid of navigation on Schoodic Grand lake.

Resolve in favor of the city of Gardiner and town of Randolph.

Resolve in aid of repairs on road leading from Northwest Carry on Moosehead lake to the Pittston Farm on the West Branch of the Penobscot river.

Resolve in aid of bridge across Little Madawaska river in Connor plantation in the county of Aroostook.

Mr. Milliken of Island Falls offered a statement of facts to accompany this resolve, and the resolve was then passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy.

Mr. Lord of Parsonsfield offered a statement of facts to accompany this resolve, and the resolve was then passed to be engrossed.

An Act to regulate fishing in Washburn pond and its tributaries.

An Act to incorporate the Stonington Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the organization of corporations.

An Act to extend the charter of the City Trust Company of Bangor, Maine, and to change the name of said company.

Resolve providing for the screening of Medomac pond, or lake, so called, in Washington in the county of Knox. (Tabled for printing statement of facts on motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls.)

Resolve for the purpose of erecting a fish hatchery in Somerset county.

#### Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of ballot clerks.

An Act additional to Chapter 174 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903,

relating to the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company.

An Act to incorporate the Investment Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Stonington Water Company.

An Act to incorporate the Knox Trust Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the United States Trust Company.

An Act to authorize the building of piers each side of the draw in the Rutherford's Island bridge in the town of Bristol.

An Act to set off the real estate of Mary E. Warren from the town of Brownfield and annex it to the town of Denmark.

An Act to confer additional powers on the Duplex Roller Bushing Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the State of Maine.

An Act to empower the Benvenue Granite Company to erect and maintain wharves and docks on the shores of Crotch Island and Green Head in the town of Stonington.

An Act to set off a part of the town of Steuben in the county of Washington and annex it to the town of Milbridge in said county.

On motion of Mr. Gleason of Mexico the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Gleason then offered amendment "A," by inserting after the word "road," in the fifth line the following, "shall be and is hereby set off from the town of Steuben and annexed to the town of Milbridge in Washington county."

The amendment was adopted, and on further motion by Mr. Gleason the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

#### Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the city of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal school.

Resolve in favor of the Aroostook State Normal school.

Resolve in favor of town of Topsfield in Washington county.

Resolve in favor of the town of New-

port. county of Penobscot and State of Maine.

Resolve to amend Section 2 of Article 10 of the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Resolve to provide a commission to inquire into the present system of assessing and collecting taxes and, if possible, to provide for for a better and more complete system of assessment and collection and report to the Governor and Council.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Decker of Weld, bill relating to Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company was taken from the table.

The bill then received its second reading and was assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Weld of Old Town, bill to authorize and empower the city of Old Town to own, maintain and operate a lighting, heating and power plant, was taken from the table.

On further motion by Mr. Weld, the House voted to insist upon its action and ask for a committee of conference.

The Speaker appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Weld of Old Town, Weeks of Fairfield and Hall of Dover.

On motion of Mr. Murphy of Portland, bill relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons, was taken from the table.

The bill then received its third reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Hall of Dover introduced a resolve in favor of the Moosehead fish hatchery and moved its reference to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Herrick from the committee on shore fisheries, reported in a new draft, Bill, An Act to prohibit the taking of lobsters in Hancock county, and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered printed under joint rules.

On motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls, resolve to rebuild State bridge across Depot stream, was taken from the table.

Mr. Milliken offered a statement of facts to accompany the resolve, and the

resolve was then passed to be engrossed.

Mr. HAVEY of Sullivan: Mr. Speaker, the committee appointed by you to draw up resolutions on the death of Charles T. Randall have attended to the duty assigned them and beg leave to submit the following resolutions, and I move their adoption by the House:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound regret of the death of Charles T. Randall, a member of this body from Montville, which occurred at his home on Wednesday, March 6, 1907.

Resolved, That we extend to the family of our late fellow member our tenderest sympathy in their bereavement, and that the clerk be instructed to forward to the family of our late associate a copy of these resolutions.

The resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Havey moved as a further mark of respect that the House adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.