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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1911

SENATE.

Tuesday, February 7, 1911.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Turner of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

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

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln—Remonstrance of Henry E. Baldwin and 70 other citizens of Lincoln county, against the passage of a law permitting the taking of black bass in Damariscotta lake to be shipped out of the State.

Temperance.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln—Remonstrance of H. A. Shorey, Jr., and 103 others of Bridgton against resubmission. (On motion by the same senator, this remonstrance was placed on file.)

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Resolve in favor of M. Kerney.

An Act to regulate fishing in Foley pond.

An Act to regulate fishing in Clarkson's pond.

Resolve, a memorial to the members of Congress to promote the efficiency of the life saving service.

Resolve in favor of Joseph H. Dickson.

Resolve in favor of Chapin Lydston.

An Act to regulate ice fishing in Rogers or Ripley pond, so-called, in the town of Ripley.

Resolve in favor of Patrick Hayes.

An Act to appropriate money for payment of salaries fixed by law for the year 1911.

An Act to further enable the Sebago Lake, Songo River & Bav of Naples Steamboat Company to construct and maintain wharves along its route.

An Act to incorporate the Bingham Water Company.

An Act ratifying and confirming the sale of the railroad and franchises of the Atlantic Shore Line Railway.

An Act to extend the charter of

the Bridgton Street Railway. (Tabled pending second reading, on motion by Mr. Milliken of Aroostook.)

An Act to change the name of Horse Island and Horse Island Harbor.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 163 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, as amended by Chapter 361 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the Young Women's Christian Association of Portland, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Clyde B. Scribner.

Resolve in favor of James A. Chase.

Resolve in favor of Wilmot C. Lipincott.

Resolve in favor of L. Ernest Thornton.

An Act to incorporate the Kittery Water District.

An Act relating to private detectives.

An Act relating to providing a way to free toll bridges.

An Act granting Bradbury Smith right to establish a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock.

An Act to amend the charter of the Sebago Improvement Company.

An Act to incorporate the Moxie Dam Company.

An Act to create the Bingham Water District.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Milliken of Aroostook—Senate Document No. 55, "An Act to extend the charter of the Bridgton Street Railway Company" was taken from the table.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President, I move to amend the bill by striking out Section 2. This is merely a section providing that the bill shall take effect when approved. It is a clerical error, and should not be in the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

On further motion by the same senator the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Milliken of Aroostook, the order relating to the expenditure of public money, tabled February first, was taken from the table.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President, the order is as follows:

Ordered, the Senate concurring. That all acts, resolves and orders presented by, for or in the interests of any State department, public, quasi-public or

private institution or for the benefit of any individual, calling for an appropriation of public money, shall be referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs before final passage, and said committee shall retain all of said acts, resolves and orders presented by, for or in the interests of any State department, public, quasi-public or private institution or for the benefit of any individual until all said acts, resolves and orders relating to or in connection with such department, public, quasi-public or private institution or individual shall have been referred to said committee. Said committee shall consolidate all said acts, resolves and orders relating to a department, public, quasi-public or private institution or individual, and report thereon in one act, resolve or order, showing in one item the entire amount which it recommends the appropriation of, for department, public, quasi-public or private institution or individual, and the purposes for which the various items making up said total amount are to be used, the year in which said amounts are to be expended, and such other information as said committee may consider desirable.

Mr. President: I take it that we are all here with one object in mind, and that is to do the business of the State in the best way and in a businesslike way. I take it we all agree that in business matters coming before us there should be no political question, and the less politics we have about them the better. It is simply a question as to the best way in which the business of the Senate can be done, and it is my judgment, based upon what experience I have had in the Legislature that, although it was undoubtedly intended, by the person who introduced this order in the House, to benefit or improve the conditions under which the business of the Legislature would be transacted, it will in fact have an opposite effect. Under the present arrangement, various committees are entrusted with the investigation of the various departments of the State's business; resolves and other measures carrying appropriations of money are referred to these various

committees and by them reported to the Legislature.

This proposition, involving the carrying of these resolves to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, after each committee has reported upon them, before they come to the Legislature, would in my opinion embarrass that committee and relieve the various committees of responsibility, and divide the responsibility between the committees and the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and result in confusion and the defeat of the object intended.

I know of no better way than for each committee to handle its own matters, and I believe the members of these committees can be trusted to decide each appropriation on its merits, and pass upon it accordingly. And it is our duty to provide what money is necessary and proper for the various interests to which our State is committed, and having found what money is necessary, proceed to raise that money by taxation.

I move that the order be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hill of Penobscot, Senate Document No. 68, "An Act to amend and unify the laws relative to the sale of seeds, feeding stuffs, etc.," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on agriculture, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Chandler of Washington, Senate Document No. 62, "An Act to incorporate the Knox County Power & Transmission Company," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary, in concurrence.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President: This morning a couple of remonstrances came to me, so that I could not present them in order, to be referred to the judiciary committee. I move that the rules be suspended and they be received at this time, because the matter is before the judiciary committee and will be heard this afternoon.

The motion was agreed to and the remonstrance of George A. B. Freeman and 100 others against the pas-

sage in its present form of the medical registration bill.

Also remonstrance of Harry R. Pope and 40 others against the passage of the same bill, were presented and referred to the committee on judiciary. Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 7, 1911.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Nichols of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the town of Sebec, came from the Senate having been referred in that branch to the committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Williamson of Augusta the resolve was tabled for printing pending reference in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Industrial School for Girls for land and new buildings and resolve in favor of Industrial School for Girls for a new water supply, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in its acceptance of the report of the committee referring the resolves to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and referring them to the committee on State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.

The House voted to insist on its reference of the resolves to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs and ask for a committee of conference.

The Speaker appointed as a committee of conference on the part of the House, Messrs. Sleeper of South Berwick, Connors of Bangor and Otis of Rockland.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Doble of Millinocket—Petition of W. H. Newell and 132 others in favor of Columbus day.

Also, Petition of Noel B. Potter and 175 others in favor of Columbus day.

By Mr. Cronin of Lewiston—Petition of John A. Finn and 175 others in favor of Columbus day.

Also, Petition of S. J. Kelley and 175 others in favor of Columbus day.

By Mr. Hastings of Auburn—Petition of Menander Dennett and 133 others in favor of Columbus day.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Clark of Portland—An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to prevent desertion and non-support of families," as amended by Chapters 54 and 178 of the Public Laws of 1909.

Education.

By Mr. Whitney of Gorham—Resolve in favor of Western State Normal School at Gorham.

Also, Petition of G. F. Charles and 52 others relative to appropriation for fish screen for Embden pond.

Also, Resolve for an appropriation to screen Great Embden pond, with statement of facts.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Harmon of Stonington—An Act to regulate the catching of herring. (Tabled for printing pending reference on motion of Mr. Heffron of Eastport.)

By Mr. Deering of Portland—An Act relating to the pay of fish wardens.

Also, remonstrance of Worthen A. Fennell and 104 others, citizens of Harpswell, against any change in the lobster laws.

By Mr. Percy of Bath—Remonstrance of John A. Ham and 49 others of Bath, against passage of Act to amend Chapter 251, Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to protection of alewives, shad and sturgeon.

By Mr. Small of Machiasport—Petition of I. A. Johnson and 18 others for legislation prohibiting the catching of herring except by permanent weirs or traps.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. McCann of Poland—Remonstrance of O. F. A. Merrill and 19 others of Durham against the repeal of Chapter 150 of Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to fishing in the town of Durham.