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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1911

SENATE.

Monday, February 20, 1911.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. LaReviere.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The order relating to the joint special committee to investigate and report upon the financial condition of the State, came from the House, amended by the House by House Amendments A, B and C, and passed as amended.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President, this order seems to be quite an important matter and there are so many amendments that I hardly know what they consist of and how far-reaching they are. I therefore move that the order and amendments be tabled.

The motion was agreed to.

House Bills in the First Reading.

An Act relating to the board of overseers of the poor of the city of Portland.

An Act to incorporate the Fish River Light and Power Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 243 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the election of assessors in towns.

An Act to amend Chapter 233 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, entitled "An Act for the protection of deer in York county."

An Act to amend the charter of the city of South Portland.

An Act to incorporate the Blue Hill Water Company.

An Act to enlarge the limits of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

An Act to amend An Act to revise, consolidate and amend the charter and laws of the city of Augusta and relating to the tenure of office of the members of the fire department of said city.

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

Federal Relations.

By Mr. Dodge of Somerset—Resolve proposing a memorial to Congress in

favor of the Sulloway pension bill.

Also, Petition of James Thurston and 13 others of Clinton in favor of same.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Chandler, for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, to which was re-committed Bill, An Act to require fire insurance companies that insure farm property to allow gasoline engines to be placed in barns or other buildings for the purpose of threshing grain, as amended by Senate Amendment A, reported that the same "ought not to pass." (Tabled on motion by Mr. Osborn of Somerset.)

Mr. Irving for the committee on taxation, on An Act to provide for the taxation of national bank deposits, reported that same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Staples for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment and fees of masters in chancery, reported that same "ought to pass."

Read and Assigned.

Resolve in favor of the publication of the Documentary History of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the preservation of the archives of Maine.

An Act to amend Chapter 360 of the Special and Private Laws of 1909 to regulate fishing on the Bagaduce river in the towns of Castine, Penobscot and Brooksville in the county of Hancock.

An Act to provide a charter for the city of Gardiner.

An Act to incorporate the New Sharon Water Company.

An Act to amend Sections 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes relating to the registration of physicians and surgeons.

Resolve in favor of John D. McDonald.

An Act to provide for increasing the capital stock of the Somerset Farmers' Co-operative Telephone Company.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President: I move to reconsider the vote whereby the resolve, proposing a memorial to Congress in favor of the Sulloway pension bill, introduced by Senator Dodge was received and sent to the committee on federal relations.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. STAPLES: Mr. President: I now move that the rules be suspended and the resolve take its two several readings at this time and be passed to be engrossed. There is no necessity for sending this resolve to any committee, and with the few days that Congress will be in session, it should go through at once. I think we are all in favor of this resolve.

The motion was agreed to and the resolve was given its two several readings and passed to be engrossed.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Resolve for the introduction of the Hungarian partridge in the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of Louis Mitchell, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of William R. Roix.

Resolve in favor of the New England Fruit Show.

Resolve in favor of E. F. Coburn of Andover, Me.

An Act to authorize the mayor of the city of Portland to appoint commissioners of cemeteries and public grounds.

An Act to extend the charter of the Fire Insurance Company of Portland, Me.

An Act to build and repair a dyke in the town of Milbridge.

An Act to extend the charter of the Northeastern Insurance Company.

An Act to facilitate the identification of criminals.

An Act to repeal An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appoint a deputy sealer of weights and measures.

An Act to extend the time in which the Maine Title Guaranty Company is authorized to commence business.

An Act to prohibit the hunting of ducks and other water fowl in Saco bay, in York and Cumberland counties, by use of steam, naphtha or gasoline boats.

An Act to increase the allowance for watering tubs. (Tabled pending second reading, on motion by Mr. Osborn of Somerset.)

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 173 of the Public Laws of 1905, relative to clerk hire in the office of the

register of deeds in Kennebec county.

Mr. MILLIKEN of Aroostook: Mr. President: I do not wish to table or oppose this bill, but pending second reading, merely to call attention to what I think is happening in this Legislature. We had many requests at the last session for increases of salary of the various county officials. It was found easier to handle these matters by referring them all to one general committee on salaries. That committee gave a great deal of attention to the subject, and took especial pains to find out in each county the opinion of both parties, and we found out that in general the people in the counties had very little sympathy with the applications for increases in salary. All those requests for increases of salary by county officials were denied. I have no objection to this particular bill, but wish to call attention to what is happening here. We are having many of these requests sent to the county delegations and passed there, and we shall find ourselves at the end of the session as having decreed numerous increases in salaries of county officials.

Mr. NOYES of Kennebec: Mr. President: I will say in regard to the bill that in the hearing before the Kennebec county delegation, no one appeared against it. It is simply an increase in clerical hire.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President: I am not interested particularly in this matter. But I want to say on that point that no one was ever known to appear against an application for an increase in salary, and also that an increase in clerk hire is about the same as an increase of salary.

Mr. KELLOGG of Penobscot: Mr. President: I move that the bill lie on the table pending second reading.

The motion was agreed to.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President, there is an old saying that "everything comes to those who wait," and wait patiently, and I think that the waiting we have had has been very much verified by the old saying. I understand that an agreement has been

entered into, which will be carried out, that the several matters which grew out of private legislation, tabled in the Senate and House, that all those matters upon the calendar of the Senate shall be taken from the table and passed in concurrence, and all matters in the House, tabled there that came from the Senate, are to be passed in concurrence. And if any member of the House or Senate has a private bill in his pocket, before this Senate adjourns he has a right to introduce it, and there will be no growing on one side or the other.

I therefore, Mr. President, in view of that agreement, move to take from the table bills tabled by me February sixth, and also those tabled by me February fourteenth, all to be taken from the table and to be passed in concurrence.

The motion was agreed to.

Thereupon, Resolve in aid of bridge in Franklin, Hancock county, was taken from the table.

Also, Resolve relating to selling Lot No. 9 in Castle Hill, was taken from the table.

Also, Resolve constituting the State treasurer the trustee of Isaac Sanford legacy, was taken from the table.

Also, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Rumford General hospital, was taken from the table.

Also, Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Weld Water Company, was taken from the table.

Also, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Lincoln Trust Company, was taken from the table.

Also, Bill, An Act to authorize the city council of the city of Belfast to grant permission to Real Estate Company to construct a wing to its shoe factory on its own land across Pleasant street, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator, the foregoing bills and resolves were referred to the several committees in concurrence.

Mr. MLLIKEN of Aroostook: Mr. President, following the understanding referred to by the senator from Knox, I move to take from the table Resolve in favor of the town of Peru, tabled by me February nine.

The motion was agreed to, and upon

further motion of the same senator, the resolve was referred to the committee on claims, in concurrence.

On motion by the same senator, Resolve in favor of Plantation No. 33, in Hancock county, was taken from the table and upon further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on claims, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, Resolve in favor of R. H. Palmer.

Also, Resolve in favor of M. P. Colbath.

Also, Resolve in favor of the town of Nobleboro, were taken from the table and upon further motion by the same senator were referred to the committee on claims, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, resolve in favor of the erection of a suitable monument in favor of Commodore Samuel Tucker, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affair, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 407 of Special Laws of 1903, relating to fishing in the tributaries of Bryant pond, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, resolve in favor of Chick Hill road, with accompanying petitions; also, petition of E. C. Merrill and 45 others in favor of same, were taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator were referred to the committee on State lands and State roads, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, petition for an appropriation on the Dead River road, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on State lands and State roads, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, Bill, An Act regulating the catching of black bass in Penneseewasse lake, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same sen-

ator, was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, resolve in favor of the Brewer Lake Protective Association, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, petitions of C. E. Cragin, F. W. Beal and J. C. Tirrell, for incorporation of the Sandy River Power and Improvement Company, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, Bill, An Act to provide for the distribution of the school mill fund, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on education and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President: For the purpose of correcting clerical errors in this bill, and in order that the hearing by the committee may not be delayed, I ask permission to offer a new draft of the same bill with an accompanying tabulation of figures, and I move that the new draft and tabulation of figures be laid on the table for printing.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. MILLIKEN: Mr. President: For Senator Irving, who is not here, I desire to ask permission to introduce a private and special bill at this time, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 231 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909.

Unanimous consent was granted, and upon further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. KELLOGG of Penobscot: Mr. President: I move to take from the table resolve in favor of Felix G. Sirois, M. D.

The motion was agreed to, and upon further motion by the same senator,

the resolve was referred to the committee on claims, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, bill, An Act relating to the pay of fish wardens, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on shore fisheries in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on railroads and expresses, in concurrence.

On further motion by the same senator, resolve in favor of Freeman B. Andrews of Oxford, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on pensions in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hill of Penobscot, bill, An Act to create a stallion registration board, tabled for printing, was taken from the table and upon further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on agriculture and sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the rules, Mr. Winslow of Cumberland introduced bill, An Act to incorporate the Brunswick Gas Company, and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs and sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fulton of Sagadahoc,

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 20, 1911.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Steele of Hallowell. Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill ratifying and confirming the sale of the railroad and franchises of the Atlantic Shore Line Railway and the incorporation of the Atlantic Shore Railway, came from the Senate amended by Senate Amendment A.

The vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be enacted.