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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

SENATE.

Monday, March 10, 1913.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Robert S. Pinkham of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

From the House: Senate Document 99, An Act to amend Sections 5 and 6 of Chapter 15 of the Public Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 34 of the Public Laws of 1909, and Chapters 84 and 176 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the protection of trees and shrubs from dangerous insects and diseases.

In the Senate this bill was read twice and passed to be engrossed. In the House the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed. Subsequently in the House the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered and the bill recommitted to the committee on agriculture.

The Senate reconsidered the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and the bill was then recommitted to the committee on agriculture in concurrence.

From the House: An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 133 of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1909, as amended by Chapter 272 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, and to repeal Chapter 420 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and Chapter 23 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907 in regard to the use of automobiles on the Island of Mount Desert.

In the House the report of the judiciary committee, "ought to pass in a new draft" under the title of "An Act permitting the use of automobiles in the town of Eden," was accepted in concurrence. Pending third reading House Amendment A was adopted.

In the Senate on motion by Mr. Stearns of Oxford, the bill and amendment were tabled pending acceptance of the amendment in concurrence, and next Wednesday assigned for its consideration.

House Bills in the First Reading.

An Act to extend the powers of the Limerick Water & Electric Company.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 313 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company," as amended by Chapter 272 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and by Chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911. (On motion by Mr. Burcigh of Arcostook, tabled pending acceptance of the report of the committee in concurrence.)

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 47 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to the assessment of taxes for street sprinkling.

An Act to regulate the use of hat pins and other decorative utility. (This bill was read in full by the secretary of the Senate.)

Mr. DUTTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, having now heard this very strange document read, I move it lie on the table pending commitment to the committee on bills in second reading, and move that it be assigned for consideration, one week from tomorrow.

Mr. PACKARD of Knox: Mr. President, could the senator not make it Friday of this week?

Mr. DUTTON: I do not think, Mr. President, that I could get into communication with all my constituents, who may be affected by this bill by that time.

(The bill was assigned for consideration, one week from tomorrow.)

An Act relating to the Jerguson Manufacturing Company.

Resolve in favor of the Washington State Normal school at Machias, for equipment, repairs and permanent improvement.

An Act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of Maine by retiring teachers of long service with pensions.

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

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Dutton of Kennebec: "An Act to further amend Section 20 of Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 134 of the Public

Laws of 1911, relating to the distribution of personal estates."

Education.

By Mr. Colby of Somerset: "Petition of E. A. Piper and 16 others against the passage of Senate Bill No. 386, relating to the disposition of the school fund."

By Mr. Stearns of Oxford: "Remonstrance of F. W. Bisbee and 55 others of Sumner in the county of Oxford, against granting State aid to parochial schools."

By Mr. Murphy of Cumberland: "Petition of Alexander T. Laughlin and 53 others in favor of Teachers' Pension Bill." (On motion by Mr. Murphy, placed on file.)

Senate Bills in First Reading.

An Act to ratify and confirm the organization of the Augusta Poultry Experiment Station and to grant additional powers to said corporation.

An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the election of truant officers.

An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the management of schools and the election of the superintendent of schools by the superintending school committee.

Resolve in favor of the Bureau of Horticulture.

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An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam and other structures in the river St. Francis.

Resolve for retracing and defining the lines around the reserved or schools lands of plantations and townships.

Resolve providing for an epidemic or emergency fund.

An Act relating to the Fort Kent Electric Company.

An Act to create a Public Utilities Commission and prescribe its powers and duties and to provide for the regulation and control of public utilities.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Stearns from the committee on Judiciary, on bill, An Act in relation to practice in the Supreme Judicial

Court, reported same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Hersey from the same committee, on bill, An Act to restore the jurisdiction of Trial Justices in criminal offences, committed in the town of Kittery, within the jurisdiction of the Yorkshire Municipal Court, reported same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Dutton from the same committee, on bill, An Act to incorporate the Winthrop Village Water Company, reported same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Dutton from the same committee, on bill, An Act to supply the town of Winthrop with pure water, reported same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Dutton from the same committee, on bill, An Act to incorporate the Sanford Investment Company, reported same be referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Boynton from the Committee on Military Affairs, on Resolve in favor of Robert M. Dustin of Old Town, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

Mr. Burleigh from the Committee on Ways and Bridges, on bill an Act to provide for a Board of Road Commissioners in Towns in which there is not already a Board of Public Works, reported same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Burleigh from the same Committee, on Resolve in favor of William H. Powell and Frederick W. Knowlton, reported same "ought not to pass."

Mr. Burleigh from the same Committee, on Resolve in favor of T. M. Chapman's Sons Company, reported same "ought not to pass."

The reports were accepted.

Mr. Dutton from the same Committee, on bill an Act to incorporate the Winthrop Water District, reported same "ought to pass." (This being a printed bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Richardson from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial, Resolve in favor of appropriating funds for filing cases in Senate office, reported same "ought to pass."

Mr. Richardson from the same Committee on Resolve in favor of D. C. Skillin, secretary of the Committee of

the State school for Boys and Industrial School for Girls, reported same "ought to pass."

Mr. Walker from the Committee on Education, on bill an Act to amend Section 88 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to school holidays, reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Colby from the Committee on State lands and forest preservation, on bill an Act to amend Chapter 193 of the Laws of 1909, entitled 'An Act creating the Maine Forestry District, and providing for protection against Forest Fires therein' reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it "ought to pass."

Mr. Richardson from the Committee on Taxation, on Resolve for an amendment to the Constitution providing for the classification of property for the purpose of taxation reported same "ought to pass." (This being a printed bill was given its first reading.)

The reports were accepted and the several bills and resolves were tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to incorporate the Ashland Water Co.

An Act to authorize Frank W. Hunt and Company to erect and maintain a bridge across the Mattawamkeag River.

An Act to incorporate the Lincoln Light and Power Company.

An Act permitting the shipment, once in ten days, under special license tag, of 10 pounds of fish caught in Moosehead Lake.

An Act to dis-organize Plantation Number Eight, in the county of Hancock.

An Act to repeal Chapter 503, of the Private and Special Laws of 1823, as amended by Chapter 508 of the Private and Special Laws of 1874 and by Chapter 254 of the Private and Special Laws of 1876, relating to the taking of fish in Narragausus River.

An Act to incorporate the town of Connor.

An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 as

amended by Chapter 156 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

Resolve in favor of a highway bridge in the Plantation of New Canada.

Resolve in favor of a bridge across the Umcolcus Stream in Oxbow Plantation, Aroostook county.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge across Sandy Stream in the Plantation of Lexington.

Resolve in favor of highway in town of Ripley.

Resolve in favor of aid in repairing highways in town of Cutler.

Resolves in favor of aid in building a bridge across Passadumkeag Stream in Grand Falls Plantation.

An Act to incorporate the Madison Water District.

An Act providing a punishment for certain indecent and immoral offenses.

An Act to authorize the City Council of the City of Belfast to grant permission to Matthews Brothers to construct and maintain a suspension bridge over and across Front street in said Belfast.

An Act to amend Chapter 30 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, authorizing the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railway Company to dispose of a part of the property of said company.

An Act relating to the inspection of lime casks.

An Act to incorporate Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association in the town of Webster.

An Act to amend Chapter 613 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act to establish the Western Hancock Municipal Court."

Resolve in aid of navigation on Rangeley Lake, Mooselucmeguntic Lake, and Cupsuptic Lake.

An Act to prohibit the use of automobiles on public roads in the town of Islesboro.

An Act additional to Sections 96, 97 and 98 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes relating to the qualifications of insurance agents and brokers.

An Act to amend Sections 74 and

78 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to Free High Schools.

An Act to amend Sections 2, 9 and 12 of Chapter 195 of the Public Laws of 1911 in relation to the control of contagious diseases among cattle, sheep and swine.

An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 54 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the sale of unclaimed merchandise.

An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 195 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to disposition of cattle, reacting to the tuberculin test.

Resolve providing for an appropriation for control of contagious diseases among domestic animals.

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes relating to giving notice of the time and place of sale of shares of stock in corporations, to pay assessments. (On motion by Mr. Hersey of Aroostook, tabled for printing pending second reading.)

Act to amend the charter of the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company.

An Act to amend the Act which constitutes the police court for the city of Rockland. (Recommitted to the committee on bills in second reading.)

Resolve providing a State pension for James R. Hunton.

Resolve providing a State pension for Abbie M. Dinsmore.

Resolve authorizing the State treasurer to procure a temporary loan for the year 1913.

Resolve authorizing the State treasurer to procure a temporary loan for the year 1914.

Resolve in favor of aid in building a bridge across Moose river near its mouth.

Resolve in favor of the main highway leading from the town of Franklin in Hancock county to the town of Cherryfield in the county of Washington.

An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 79 of the Public Laws

of 1907, and as further amended by Chapter 200 of the Laws of 1909, relating to the election of road commissioners.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Packard of Knox, Senate Document 449, Resolve for the scientific investigation of scallops and scallop fisheries, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by the same senator, Senate Document 451, An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the choice of town officers, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, House Document 416, Report of the committee on legal affairs on An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 313 of the Private and Special Laws of 1864, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Baskahegan Dam Company," as amended by Chapter 272 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 and by Chapter 147 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Cole of York, Senate Document 448, An Act in relation to the assessment and collection of inheritant taxes, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by the same senator, Senate Document 450, An Act to create a State police, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hersey of Aroostook, Senate Document 452, An Act establishing a State Highway Commission and providing for an issue of State highway bonds, was taken from

the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Murphy of Cumberland, House Document 46, An Act relating to the use of automobiles in the town of Mt. Desert, Hancock county, State of Maine, was taken from the table.

House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and the bill was given its first reading, and its second reading was assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Kennebec, Adjourned until tomorrow morning, at half past nine o'clock.