

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

SENATE.

Tuesday, January 19, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President at 10.30 A. M. according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. John Gibson of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented and on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committee:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of the Hayes Young Women's Home of Lewiston for assistance in carrying on its work.

By Mr. BOYNTON of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of the Joint Special Committee on Salaries and Fees of the Seventy-sixth Legislature.

Judiciary.

By Mr. BURLEIGH of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter Six of the Revised Statutes, relating to the regulation and conduct of elections. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Legal Affairs.

Mr. HASTINGS of Androscoggin presented bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 221 of the Public Laws of the year 1913, entitled, "An Act to Provide for Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties by Primary Elections," and amendments thereto.

Workmen's Compensation Acts.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: Bill, An Act relative to compensation to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment and to the prevention of such injuries.

By Mr. COLE of York: Bill, An Act relative to compensation to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment and to the prevention of such injuries.

On motion by Mr. BURGIN of Piscataquis, it was

Ordered: The House concurring that a Joint Select Committee to be designated committee on the revision of the Statutes, be appointed, consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair wishes to state in this connection that at the last session of the Legislature, 1913, John A. Morrill, Esquire, of Lewiston and Auburn, was appointed a commissioner of this Legislature to revise the Statutes of Maine. He has made a report to this Legislature, which will be submitted in due time, of his revision, which is contained in the book you have before you. Following the procedure of the Legislature of 1903, which made the last revision of the Statutes, the Chair has examined the procedure there and finds that the order of procedure is this: A joint select committee on revision is appointed early in the session which consists of ten lawyers, three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House, and they are a committee on revision of the statutes, and to that committee as soon as appointed is referred this report of this commissioner. It is the duty of the committee as soon as appointed to organize, and prepare the necessary bills and acts for carrying into effect the recommendations of the commissioner. That would be between fifty and one hundred bills which have to be drawn by the committee to carry out the provisions of the statutes. Those bills will be presented to this Legislature, go through the several Houses in due form and be enacted into law.

That committee also sits in vacation after the Legislature adjourns, under an order later passed, and incorporates into that revision the public laws of this Legislature. Then the Legislature is called into special session, probably sometime next September, after the ninety days provided by the referendum are passed, and ac-

cepts the revision of the statutes.

I think the Senate understands the procedure, and why this committee is asked for at this time.

The Chair appoints on that committee on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Piscataquis, Senator Durgin, the Senator from Knox, Senator Butler, and the Senator from York, Senator Cole.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. EMERY of York, it was

Ordered: That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to communicate with ex-President Carl E. Milliken relative to having his picture furnished the Senate, to be hung with the pictures of former presidents of the Senate in the room of the President of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

My Boynton from the Committee on Reference of Bills, to which was referred bill, An Act relative to compensation to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment and to the prevention of such injuries; also, bill, An Act relative to compensation to employees for personal injuries received in the course of their employment, and to the prevention of such injuries, reported that the same be referred to a joint special committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. BOYNTON of Lincoln, it was

Ordered: That the House concurring, a joint special committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House be appointed, to whom shall be referred all workmen's compensation acts and bills already presented or that may be presented during the present session of the Legislature.

The Chair appointed on such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Boynton of Lincoln, Burleigh of Aroostook and Cole of York.

The PRESIDENT: The two workmen's compensation bills already presented will, unless there is objection, accompany this order and report of the committee to the House, in concurrence, and will be referred to the special committee when appointed.

The Chair wishes to call the attention of the Senators to the fact that after the session closes this morning there will be an opportunity between now and tomorrow's session for the organization and completion of your committees. All bills before you in any committee should be at once advertised so that there may be early hearings.

You should complete the organization of your committees and proceed with the work of the Legislature. We hope that every Senator will feel, as we have been delayed a good deal and now it is the 19th day of January, that we should get to work as soon as possible.

On motion by Mr. Colby of Somerset,
Adjourned.