

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

**SENATE.**

Wednesday, January 27, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. J. Langdon Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The report of the State Auditor and State Treasurer on adjustment of accounts in the State Treasurer's office, in accordance with the order of the 76th Legislature, was received, accepted, and sent down for concurrence.

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Allen of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of John F. Lock, an officer of the 76th Legislature, for services at organization of the 77th Legislature.

By Mr. Murphy of Cumberland: Resolve in behalf of the Children's Hospital of Portland.

**Education.**

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: Resolve in favor of Trustees of Freedom Academy.

**Interior Waters.**

By Mr. Clark of York: Bill, An Act relating to the Clark Power Company.

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Cole of York: Bill, An Act permitting the use of automobiles in the town of Mount Desert.

By Mr. Clark of York: Bill, An Act to authorize the Clark Power Company to increase its capital stock.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: Bill, An Act to amend Section 71 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 24 of the Public Laws of 1913, in regard to release or discharge of attachments.

By Mr. Emery of York: Bill, An Act

to extend the powers of the Limerick Water and Electric Company.

By the same Senator: Bill, An Act to amend the charter and extend the powers of the Hiram Water, Light and Power Company.

**Reference of Bills.**

By Mr. Flaherty of Cumberland: Bill, An Act regulating hours of employment and relating to conductors and motormen. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Weld of Penobscot: Bill, An Act to lessen frauds in the name of charities. (Ordered printed and referred.)

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Bill, An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water.

By the same Senator: Bill, An Act to authorize the town of Southport to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

**Railroads and Expresses.**

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

By Mr. Murphy of Cumberland: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Portland Traffic District. (Ordered printed and referred.)

**Salaries and Fees.**

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: Bill, An Act to amend Paragraph 27 of Section 1 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes relating to the compensation of the subordinate officers of the Maine State Prison.

**Taxation.**

By Mr. Dunton of Penobscot: Bill, An Act to regulate the amount and the abatement of poll taxes. (Ordered printed and referred.)

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Chatto of Hancock: Resolve in favor of rebuilding Cape Rosier Bridge over Goose Falls in the town of Brooksville.

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: Resolve in favor of construction of Lord Bridge, over Marsh Stream in the town of Frankfort.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve for aid in rebuilding a bridge between the island town of Southport and the town of Boothbay Harbor. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Thurston of Oxford: Resolve in favor of the Dunn's Notch Road in Andover North Surplus and Grafton, both in the county of Oxford.

On motion by Mr. Ames of Washington, it was

Ordered, the House concurring that 675 copies of the Legislative Record for the session of 1915 be printed and bound, one copy each for the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the remainder to be deposited in the State Library for exchange and library use; and further ordered that a suitable index for such legislative record be printed and bound with each volume to be prepared under the direction of the State Librarian; also further ordered that 350 copies of the legislative record be printed in pamphlet form for distribution from day to day to the members of the Legislature and the departments.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the committee on labor for a hearing on the Fifty-four Hour Bill, so-called, on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4, 1915, at 2 P. M.

On motion by Mr. Colby of Somerset, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the binder punch all legislative documents to conform with the binders in use by the Legislature.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Swift of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, that there be printed 1000 extra copies of Senate Documents, numbers 3 and 5, of Workmen's Compensation Acts.

### Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Flaherty of Cumberland, the House order tabled by him yesterday relating to the time limit for private and special legislation, with Amendment A, offered by Mr. Clark of York, was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. Clark of York, Senate Amendment A was adopted.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Senate Amendment B which was offered by Mr. Clark of York.

Mr. Allen of Kennebec: Mr. President, is this question debatable?

The PRESIDENT: It certainly is.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. President, I think before we adopt an amendment or pass an order like that we better look into one of our State papers that are doing the advertising for our public hearings. I have one before me and find only eight different committees are now advertising in our State paper public hearings for this session. The idea, with those conditions, of asking to limit our reception of bills to even the 15th of February, I believe is very unjust to the people of this State. If we have been sitting around here all this month and have not done anything, it is no sign we should close this thing up without giving the people a chance to put bills in here. When you see the very few hearings advertised in the paper you will realize that we have just begun this session. I claim, in justice to our people that the time for the reception of these private and special bills should be extended to at least February 24th.

We only come here once in two years, and I believe we have a duty to perform. I believe that we should place the date not sooner than February 24th, in order to do our duty.

I hope the amendment will not prevail.

Mr. FLAHERTY: Mr. President, in regard to offering this amendment, I wish to state for the benefit of the Senate that two years ago the last date was Jan. 31, and this amendment gives us almost fifteen days longer

than two years ago. I think that is ample time for anybody that wants to get bills in here. We have a committee on reference of bills that will help to expedite matters very much.

I hope the amendment will prevail.

Mr. COLE; Mr. President, I move that Amendment B and the order lie on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. GARCELON of Androscoggin: Mr. President, I rise to ask for unanimous consent for suspension of the rules that I may present the follow-

ing resolve, out of order, which I found in Senator Hastings' desk and should have included with the resolves offered yesterday: Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston, with statement of facts.

The rules were suspended, the resolve was received and referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Murphy of Cumberland,

Adjourned.