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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

SENATE

Friday, February 12, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Fred V. Stanley of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

On motion by Mr. Herrick of Franklin (under suspension of the rules) it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be to meet Tuesday forenoon, Feb. 16 at 10 o'clock.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently the Chair informed the Senate that the order had been passed by the House in concurrence.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to abolish the Western Somerset Municipal court.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on judiciary. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, pending reference.)

House Bills in First Reading.

House 90. Resolve in favor of the People's Ferry Company for maintenance.

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. Emery of York: Resolve in favor of the asassistant folder and page of the 76th legislature for attendance at the organization of the 77th legislature.

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By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Petition of Leonard T. McLain and 40 others in favor of Woman's Suffrage.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Herrick of Franklin: An Act to amend chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in portions of Rangeley Stream, Kennebago Stream and Little Kennebago Stream in the county of Franklin and in the county of Oxford.

My Mr. Allen of Kennebec: Resolve providing for the screening of Parker pond in Kennebec and Franklin counties.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Cole of York: An Act to restore the jurisdiction of trial justices in criminal offenses in the towns of Kittery and York. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Flaherty of Cumberland: An Act to amend Chapter 129 of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled An Act to create a public utilities commission, prescribe its powers and duties and provide for the regulation and control of public utilities. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Herrick of Franklin: An Act to amend, revive and extend the charter of the Stratton Water Company.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: An Act to build and repair a dyke in the town of Milbridge.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Dunton of Penobscot: An Act relating to the amortization of bonds of life insurance companies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: Petition of Mrs. Alfred Ames and 32 others in favor of a resolve for Knox Memorial building.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of an appropriation to complete the historical record of Maine men serving in the United States Navy during the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, 1861-1865.

By the same Senator:

An Act to amend the Military Law.

State Lands and Forest Preservation.

By Mr. Clark of York: An Act for the preservation, perpetuation and increase of the forests of the State of Maine. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell and convey whatever interest the State has in and to Potato Island, situated in Harrington, Washington county.

State School for Boys' and Industrial School for Girls.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: Reso-

lutions of Pine Cone Club of Clinton; of Arcana Club of Clinton, and Petition of Arthur A. Shaw, M. D., and 13 others for a Reformatory for Women.

Public Health

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve providing for an epidemic or emergency fund. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Weld of Penobscot: An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 26 of the Public Laws of 1907 and Chapter 40 of the Public Laws of 1913 relating to the State laboratory of hygiene.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Resolve appropriating money for rebuilding the bridge across the Sheepscot river between the towns of Alna and New-castle.

Bills in First Reading.

Senate 79. An Act to enable the town of Rangeley to make a fill-in and maintain a dam at the outlet of Haley pond for a park and sanitary purposes.

Senate 80. An Act to repeal Chapter 4 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to the taking of smelts in the waters of Egypt Bay, Franklin Bay, Taunton Bay and River and their tributaries in the towns of Hancock, Franklin and Sullivan in the county of Hancock.

Senate 81. An Act to incorporate the Englishmen's River Dyke.

Senate 82. Resolve in favor of L. Prescott Currier.

Senate 83. Resolve in favor of El-lison Gilbert.

Senate 84. Resolve in favor of Thomas Clark.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Butler from the Knox County Delegation, to which was referred resolve regarding book of plans for Knox County, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Bartlett from the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred An Act to incorporate the Mopang Dam and Improvement Company, reported same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and the bill and resolve were tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Report "A" of the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred Senate Document 34, An Act to repeal Chapter 221 of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act to provide for the nomination of candidates of political parties by primary elections," that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)

HILL,
GARCELON,
BARTLETT,
CLIFFORD,
GREENLEAF.

Report "B" of the same committee on the same bill, that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

WALKER,
LEWIS,
HANSON,
THOMBS,
PERKINS.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, tabled pending acceptance of either report, and Thursday of next week assigned for their consideration.

Majority report of the committee on legal affairs on resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine, providing for the election on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, biennially, of governors, senators, representatives and other officers now required to be elected on the second Monday of September, biennially, that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)

GREENLEAF,
GARCELON,
LEWIS,
HILL,
PERKINS,
CLIFFORD.

Minority report on the same committee on the same resolve, that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

WALKER,
BARTLETT,
HANSON,
THOMBS.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Som-

erset, tabled pending acceptance of either report and Wednesday of next week assigned for their consideration.

Mr. Herrick from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, to which was referred An Act relative to the use of cinematographs using only cellulose acetate films, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Peacock from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, to which was referred resolve in favor of Claude Willis Townsend, Jr., assistant folder for the Senate of the 76th Legislature, for attendance at the organization of the 77th Legislature, reported same ought not to pass.

The same senator from the same committee, to which was referred resolve in favor of John F. Locke, officer of the 76th Legislature, for services at the organization of the 77th Legislature, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. ALLEN of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that the reports be tabled pending acceptance.

Mr. BOYNTON of Lincoln: Mr. President, perhaps a little explanation might allow this routine business to go on. I will say that these bills, all of them, from the House and the Senate, for employees of the last Legislature assisting in the organization of this Legislature, have all been indefinitely postponed by order of the committee, and a new bill covering the entire lot in one bill has been drawn. The report should have stated that these matters were covered by another bill.

Mr. ALLEN: Mr. President, with that explanation, I withdraw my motion.

The reports of the committee were then accepted.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair lays before the Senate a resolve in favor of the town of Cushing. Yesterday through an error as to the standing of the bill, which came from the House recommitted to the committee, in the Senate the report of the committee was accepted, when we should have acted either in concurrence with the House or on our own initiative.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Knox

the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby the report of the committee on this resolve was accepted. And on further motion by the same senator the resolve was recommitted to the committee in concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

House 54. An Act to extend charter of Monson Water Company.

Senate 63. Resolve appropriating money to complete the re-planking of the bridge at Wiscasset.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin, An Act to extend the charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator the bill was tabled for printing.

On motion by Mr. Butler of Knox, the following bills were taken from the table:

An Act to amend Chapter 61 of Laws of 1891, relating to Limerock R. R. Co.

An Act to amend Charters of Thomaston St. Railway Co., Rockland St. Railway Co., and Camden and Rockport Street Railroad Company.

An Act to extend the Charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

On further motions by the same Senator these bills were referred to the committee on judiciary in non-concurrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Murphy of Cumberland, Senate 62, Resolve in favor of the town of Canton to purchase its toll bridge was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator the second reading of the resolve was assigned for next Tuesday morning.

On motion by Mr. Murphy of Cumberland, under the suspension of the rules, that Senator presented the following bills, which were ordered printed and referred to the Portland Delegation:

An Act creating a single board form

of representative government for the city of Portland.

An Act to provide for the establishment of a board of recreation for the city of Portland.

On motion by Mr. Dunton of Penobscot an adjournment was taken until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.