

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

**SENATE.**

Wednesday, March 3, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. John Evans of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

**House Bills in First Reading.**

House 382. Resolve in favor of an appropriation to restore the early records in the office of the clerk of courts for York county.

House 222. Resolve in favor of the town of Bridgton in the county of Cumberland.

House 356. An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1905 and by Chapter 143 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to the determination of highway boundaries which are doubtful, uncertain or lost.

House 357. An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the distribution of personal estate.

House 358. An Act to repeal Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relating to masters, apprentices and servants.

House 360. An Act to amend Chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes by including shooting galleries in the provisions thereof.

House 361. An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 81 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to sealing milk bottles and jars.

House 362. An Act to amend Section 91 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 27 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to guide posts at crossings of ways.

House 363. An Act relating to cancellation of insurance agent's license for over insurance.

House 366. An Act to exempt neat stock thirty months old and under and all sheep and swine from taxation.

House 367. An Act for the better protection of claims within the limits of the town of Harpswell, in the county of Cumberland.

House 368. An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 251 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, entitled "An Act for the better protection of alewives, shad and sturgeon in the various waters of Maine."

House 369. An Act to fix the salaries of the judge and recorder of the Eastport municipal court.

House 370. An Act to regulate the employment of subordinates by legislative committees.

House 372. An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of an agent or attorney by non-resident executors or administrators.

House 373. An Act to repeal certain obsolete sections of Chapter 26 the Revised Statutes, relating to fences of common fields.

House 374. An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, relating to notices of appointment of executors and administrators.

House 375. An Act to extend the time in which Maine Title Insurance Company is authorized to commence business.

House 377. An Act prohibiting the rebating of premiums of fire or liability insurance.

House 379. An Act requiring reports from property owners in case of fire and fixing the liability of owners under certain conditions.

House 380. An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appointment of inspector of buildings.

House 381. An Act to amend Sections one and two of Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, relating to punishment of offences against habitations and other buildings.

House 384. An Act to extend the charter of the Lincoln Sewerage Company.

House 385. An Act to extend the

charter of the Lincoln Light and Power Company. (Tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Thombs of Lincoln.)

House 386. An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Congregational Church Society of Stonington, Maine.

House 387. An Act to amend Chapter 522 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 340 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the establishment of the Sanford municipal court and to its jurisdiction.

House 388. An Act additional to Chapter 201 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1911, relating to the Guilford Water District.

House 389. An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Barrows Falls Light and Power Company.

House 390. An Act to amend Section 71 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 124 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the jurisdiction of the superior court of Cumberland county in divorce cases.

House 391. An Act to amend Section 55 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fixing the time within which exceptions and motions for new trials may be filed in civil and criminal cases.

House 392. An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 87 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to employment agencies.

House 393. An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to banks, institutions for savings, trust companies and loan and building associations.

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

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Peacock of Washington: Remonstrance of Emery Hall and 64 others, against the enactment of a

law against snaring foxes in the towns of Lubec, Trescott, Whitins, and Cutler.

#### **Judiciary.**

By Mr. Cole of York: An Act to amend Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes, relating to registration of voters. (Ordered printed and referred.)

#### **Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An Act for the prevention of the improper use of society badges. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to amend Section 39 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes relating to the illegal transportation of intoxicating liquors. (Ordered printed and referred.)

#### **Military Affairs.**

By Mr. Butler of Knox: Petitions of William E. Vinal and one hundred and forty-three others, of Koussinoc Chapter, D. A. R., of Lois W. Patten and sixty-nine others, of Mrs. Lena Andrews and thirteen others, of Laura B. Palmer and twenty-three others in favor of Knox Memorial.

#### **Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: An Act to provide for the permanent improvement of land within the limit of any highway or townway adjoining any land not known as wild land. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Allen of Kennebec: An Act authorizing municipal officers of towns to obtain road material. (Ordered printed and referred.)

#### **Bills in First Reading.**

Senate 237. An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings of judges of probate in vacation.

#### **Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Conant from the Committee on Agriculture to which was referred An Act to amend Section two of Chapter fifty-one of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred forty, relating to Franklin County Agricultural Society, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the Committee on Ways and Bridges to which was re-

ferred An Act to provide for the care and maintenance of Mount Desert Bridge in the town of Trenton, in the County of Hancock, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee to which was referred Resolve appropriating money to assist the town of South Thomaston in the rebuilding of Spruce Head Bridge in said town, reported the same in a new draft under title of Resolve in favor of aid in rebuilding Spruce Head Bridge in the town of South Thomaston, and that it ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee to which was referred An Act to amend Section eleven of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter seventy-nine of the Laws of nineteen hundred and five, and as further amended by Chapter one hundred and forty-three of the Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, relating to boundaries of ways (Senate No. 39) reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same Committee to which was referred Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair bridge in the town of Addison reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Colby from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game to which was referred An Act to amend Chapter thirty-two of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter two hundred and six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, relating to fishing in Great Long, East, North, Ellis, McGraw and Snow Ponds in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, reported the same be placed on file.

The same Senator from the same Committee to which was referred An Act to amend Section two of Chapter two hundred six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, relating to the taking of black bass in Sebago Lake, reported same be placed on file.

Mr. Conant from the Committee on Ways and Bridges to which was referred Resolve in favor of repairing the highway from Stratton Village in the town of Eustis, to Bigelow Plantation, all in the county of Franklin, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Colby from the same Committee to which was referred resolve in favor of rebuilding Cape Rosier Bridge over Goose Falls in the town of Brooksville, reported same ought not to pass.

The same Senator from same Committee to which was referred resolve appropriating money for rebuilding the bridge across the Sheepscot river, between the towns of Alna and Newcastle, reported same ought not to pass.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

### Passed to Be Engrossed.

Senate 214. Resolve to provide for the construction and equipment of a central school building at the Maine Industrial Schools for Girls at Hallowell. (On motion by Mr. Weld of Penobscot, tabled for a statement of facts, pending its passage to be engrossed.)

Senate 215. An Act to establish a State Reformatory for Women. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Allen of Kennebec, for the purpose of preparing an amendment, pending its passage to be engrossed.)

House 301. Resolve memorializing Congress relative to retirement and pensioning Civil Service Employees.

House 275. An Act to amend the Special Law of the year 1905, entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Probation Officer for the County of Cumberland."

House 308. An Act to fix the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Sanford.

House 330. An Act to amend Sections 8, 46, and 54 of Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Compensation of Committees in Highway Proceedings.

House 332. An Act to Increase the Salary of the Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court.

House 333. An Act to Authorize the Kennebec Lumber Company to Maintain Piers and Booms in the Kennebec River above the Augusta Dam.

House 334. Resolve in aid of navigation on Moosehead Lake.

House 335. An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 285 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911 relative to the Water Rights of the Dover and Foxcroft Water District.

House 336. An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Sawtelle Brook Dam

and Improvement Company," being Chapter 69 of the Private and Special Laws for the year 1911.

House 337. Resolve in the interest of the Seed and Crop Improvement in Maine.

Senate 202. An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the protection of fish, game and birds on the southerly point of Swan Island, in the town of Perkins, in the county of Sagadahoc.

Senate 203. An Act to amend Section 48 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to hunting on Kineo Point, in the county of Piscataquis.

Senate 204. Resolve for the purpose of operating the fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish, game and birds; for printing the report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game.

Senate 206. An Act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Joseph's Academy and College for Women.

Senate 207. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1911, declaring a close time on scallops.

Senate 208. An Act to amend Section 110 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the course of study of the State Normal Schools.

Senate 209. An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1911 relating to industrial courses in evening schools.

Senate 210. An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 58 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the State certification of teachers of public schools.

Senate 212. An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 29 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the number of weeks that schools shall be maintained annually.

Senate 213. An Act to amend Section 97 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 45

of the Public Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 87 of the Public Laws of 1909, as amended by Chapter 29 of the Public Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the appropriation of the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

House 338. Resolve assenting to the provisions of An Act of the Congress of the United States, approved May 8, 1914, entitled "An Act to provide for cooperative agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several states receiving the benefits of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1862, and of Acts supplementary thereon, and the United States Department of Agriculture."

House 339. An Act to provide for the semi-monthly payment for cream and milk.

House 341. Resolve making an appropriation for cooperative agricultural work between the College of Agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Senate 201. Resolve providing for the installation of equipment and the purchase of specimens for and maintenance of the Maine State museum.

House 343. Resolve for further improvement in the methods of marketing the farm products and purchasing supplies for the farm.

Senate 199. An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing through the ice in Martin pond, sometimes called Long pond, in The Forks Plantation, in Somerset county.

Senate 200. An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in certain waters in Township No. 6, Range 2, N. B. K. P., of Forsyth Township, and in Township No. 6, Range 1, N. B. K. P. or Holeb Township, in the county of Somerset.

Senate 218. Resolve in favor of Gorham P. Grant of Winterport for refund of money paid in lieu of mili-

tary service in the late War of the Rebellion.

Senate 220. An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company.

Senate 221. An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington and Augusta Railway Company.

Senate 222. An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Company.

Senate 223. An Act relating to the payment of salaries of judges of probate.

Senate 224. An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings if husband or wife refuses to release interest in real estate.

Senate 225. An Act to amend Chapter 104 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to insane criminals.

Senate 226. An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 123 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the reception of bribes for neglect of duty by sheriffs and other officers.

Senate 227. An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the penalty for manufacturing or having in possession implements and materials for counterfeiting.

Senate 228. An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes, relating to injuries to fruit gardens.

Senate 229. Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys at South Portland, for general maintenance.

Senate 230. Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys at South Portland, for permanent improvements and insurance.

Senate 231. Resolve for the permanent improvement of buildings and for increasing water supply at the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell.

Senate 232. Resolve for general maintenance of the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell.

Senate 233. An Act to set off a part of the town of Centerville and annex the same to the town of Northfield.

Senate 219. Resolve reimbursing

the town of Lubec for money expended for the care and burial of a State pauper.

#### Orders of the Day.

The Chair laid before the Senate Senate 153, An Act to provide for the classification and compensation of clerical employees in State and county offices, specially assigned for consideration today.

Mr. BOYNTON of Lincoln: This was tabled by the Senator from York, Senator Cole. I believe he intends to offer an amendment. He is absent.

(A messenger was sent for Senator Cole, who returned to the Chamber).

The PRESIDENT: Senator Cole, there is before the Senate, specially assigned, An Act to provide for the classification and compensation of clerical employees in State and county offices, on the calendar today, tabled by you.

On motion by Mr. Cole of York, the act referred to was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator it was again laid on the table and specially assigned for consideration for Friday morning, March 5.

On motion by Mr. Weld of Penobscot, Senate 214, Resolve to provide for the construction and equipment of a central school building at the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, was taken from the table, and the same Senator presented a statement of facts.

On further motion by the same Senator the resolve was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Clark of York, Senate 133, Resolve in favor of the Eastern State Normal school at Castine for construction of a suitable gymnasium building and for repairs and permanent improvement, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator, the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. COLBY of Somerset: I have two bills here which I would like to present, with the unanimous consent of the Senate, out of order.

The PRESIDENT: Take them one at a time.

Mr. COLBY: I have a bill here, "An Act to create the Anson Water District." I thoroughly realize the situation, that

this bill ought to have been in on or before the seventeenth of February. I hesitate in offering it, but it seems to me that it is a sort of semi-public bill at least. I don't know the real reason why the bill was not presented to me before, but it wasn't, and the people in the town of Anson in my county really need to do something for fire protection. I hope that the Senate may see fit to accept the bill.

The question being on the suspension of the rules and the reception of the bill, "An Act to create the Anson Water District," a rising vote was taken. Twenty-six senators voting in favor of the suspension of the rules, and none against, the rules were suspended, and the act was received and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. COLBY: Now, Mr. President, I have another one which has just come to me this morning, "An Act to create the Hartland Water District," and it is with the same feeling that I present this. At the same time it seems too bad to reject such a bill. This is for fire protection and water purposes.

The question being on the suspension of the rules and the reception of the bill, "An Act to create the Hartland Water

District," a rising vote was taken. Twenty-five Senators voting in favor of the suspension of the rules, and none against, the rules were suspended, and the act was received and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. COLBY: I wish to thank the Senate, Mr. President, for this courtesy.

On motion by Mr. BOYNTON of Lincoln, the report of the committee on judiciary, reporting a new draft on An Act to amend Section seventy-one of Chapter eighty-three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 24 of the Public Laws of 1913, in regard to release or discharge of attachments, was taken from the table.

Mr. BOYNTON: This report was tabled by me, I think, on account of a defective title. The title is now in proper form.

On further motion by the same Senator, the report of the committee, "ought to pass" was accepted, and the bill laid on the table for printing under the joint rules.

On motion by Mr. Jillson of Cumberland, Adjourned.