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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

SENATE.

Saturday, March 13, 1915.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. B. P. Hope of Augusta.

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 at 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon, March 16, 1915.

Sent down for concurrence. Subsequently the Chair informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the passage of the order.

(Senator Boynton in the Chair.)

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Senate 151, An Act to equalize the salaries of the judges of probate.

In the Senate, Senate amendment A was adopted and sent down for concurrence. The House adopted the amendment in concurrence and also adopted House amendment A.

In the Senate the question was on the adoption of House amendment A.

Mr. ALLEN of Kennebec: Mr. President, the Senator from Oxford being absent, I believe it would be only justice to table this matter for his consideration before accepting it, and I so move.

The motion was agreed to and the bill tabled and assigned for next Tuesday.

From the House: Resolve in favor of monuments in memory of Benedict Arnold's expedition through Maine.

In the House the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Kennebec the report of the committee on the resolve was tabled pending acceptance and assigned for next Tuesday.

House Bills in First Reading.

House 549. An Act relating to fees

by clerks of courts in naturalization proceedings.

House 575. An Act in favor of the union of the towns of Dover and Foxcroft as one municipality.

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 authorizing the State historian to publish historical matter in relation to the State of Maine.

By Mr. Murphy of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of E. W. Murphy, secretary of the joint special committee appointed by the 76th Legislature, on Woman's Reformatory, State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.

State Prison.

By Mr. Chatto of Hancock: Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison.

Bills in First Reading.

Senate 315. Resolve, making an appropriation for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to wild lands for the purposes of taxation.

Senate 316. Resolve, for the appointment of delegates to the conferences of the National Tax Association.

Senate 319. An Act permitting the use of Automobiles in the town of Mt. Desert.

Senate 320. Resolve in favor of purchasing a portrait of Major General Joshua L. Chamberlain, a former Governor of the State.

Senate 321. Resolve in favor of Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield.

Senate 322. Resolve in favor of the Nasson Institute, for maintenance and extension of its work.

Senate 323. Resolve in favor of Anson Academy.

Senate 324. Resolve in favor of the trustees of Freedom Academy.

Senate 325. Resolve in favor of Saint Joseph's Academy, Portland, to assist in the payment of the debt and for permanent improvements and equipment.

Senate 326. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 198 of the Public Laws of 1909, as amended by Chapter 192 of the Public Laws of 1911 and as further amended by Chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the amount of the school equalization fund.

Senate 327. Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for maintenance and support for the years 1915 and 1916.

Senate 328. Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital to complete furnishings for third female wing.

Senate 329. Resolve in favor of the Augusta State Hospital for renovating the second male wing on Stone Building.

Senate 330. An Act to amend Chapter 211 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the Congregational Conference and Missionary Society of Maine.

Senate 331. An Act to regulate and define rights and privileges of newspaper correspondents.

Senate 332. An Act relating to the salaries of subordinate officers of the Senate.

Senate 333. Resolve authorizing the Hospital Trustees to dispose of the 'Chase Merrill Place' so called, owned by the State in connection with the Maine School for Feeble Minded.

Senate 334. An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 109 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to the transfer of patients from one Insane Hospital to the other, and to provide for the transfer of patients from the Insane Hospitals to the Maine School for Feeble Minded, and for the transfers of inmates from said School to either of said Hospitals.

Senate 355. Resolve for the construction, equipment, service connections and furnishings of one brick building for a central kitchen and bakery at the Maine School for Feeble Minded.

Senate 336. An Act requiring the disposition of inflammable material

along the railroads and highways of the State.

Senate 337. Resolve authorizing the land agent to lease Indian Ledge, in Matinicus Harbor in Knox County.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Leary from the committee on claims on Resolve in favor of the town of Otisfield, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Murphy from the same committee on Resolve in favor of the town of Orneville in the county of Piscataquis, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Walker from the committee on legal affairs, on bill An Act to permit the town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water, (Senate No. 85) reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Garcelon from the same committee on bill, An Act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta, (Senate No. 113) reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Walker from the same committee on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Valley Gas Company, reported same ought to pass.

The same senator from the same committee on bill, An Act to provide aid for mothers with dependent children (Senate No. 157), reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Swift from the committee on railroads and expresses on bill, An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to retire a portion of its common stock and issue preferred stock in place thereof, (Senate No. 117) reported the same in a new draft under title of "An Act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to retire a Portion of its common stock, and to issue bonds, notes or preferred stock in place thereof," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Conant from the committee on ways and bridges on bill, 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, (Senate No. 259) reported the same in a new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Colby from the same committee

on Resolve in favor of constructing a bridge across Taunton river between the towns of Hancock and Sullivan, Hancock county, reported the same in a new draft under title of "Resolve in favor of aid for a survey for a bridge across the Taunton river between the towns of Sullivan and Hancock, in the county of Hancock," and that it ought to pass.

The same senator from the same committee on bill, An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3 and 20 of Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the regulation of speed of motor vehicles, (Senate No. 262) reported same ought to pass.

The same senator from the same committee on bill, An Act authorizing municipal officers of towns to obtain road material, (Senate No. 251) reported same ought to pass.

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

Majority report from the committee on agriculture on bill, An Act to provide that the livestock sanitary commissioner shall be a veterinary surgeon, that the same ought not to pass.

(Signed)

WILKINS.
WASHBURN.
BLAKE.
HOBBS.
PETERSON.
AVERILL.
McINTIRE.

Minority report from the same committee on the same bill that the same ought to pass.

(Signed)

CONANT.
BARTLETT.
MOULTON.

On motion by Mr. Allen of Kennebec, both reports were tabled pending acceptance of either.

Mr. Conant from the committee on agriculture on bill, An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes as amended by the Public Laws of 1909, Chapter 98, relating to the appointment of the commissioner of agriculture, (Senate No. 195,) reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Murphy from the Committee on Claims on, Resolve reimbursing the town

of Sangerville for money expended for the support of certain State Paupers, reported that Legislation thereon is inexpedient.

M. GARCELON from the Committee on Legal Affairs on bill An Act to amend Section Eleven of Chapter forty-two of the Revised Statutes of Maine to Regulate the Sale of Coal, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. MURPHY from the Portland Delegation on bill, An Act to Regulate Hotels, Lodging Houses and Eating Houses in the City of Portland, (Senate No. 115), reported the same ought not to pass.

Mr. BARTLETT from the Committee on Taxation on bill, An Act to Raise Additional Revenue by Taxation, (Senate No. 174), reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. BURLEIGH from the Committee on Ways and Bridges on Resolve in Favor of Sand River Plantation in the Count of Franklin for Building a New Road and Bridge in Said Plantation, reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. CONANT from the same Committee on Resolve in Favor of Aid in the Construction of a Highway Bridge Across the Allagash River in the Plantation of Allegash, reported same ought not to pass.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed

House 371. An Act to fix the salary of the Governor. (On motion by Mr. Herrick of Franklin, tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.)

House 497. An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, for the Benefit of County Law Libraries.

House 410. An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to persons not Eligible to the Office of County Treasurer.

House 548. An Act to amend Section 69 of Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Duration of Attachments.

House 550. An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Proceedings on Demurrers.

House 551. 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 Pub-

lic Laws of 1913, relating to the annual appropriations for the State Laboratory of Hygiene.

House 552. An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1913, Regulating the Sale of Morphine and other Hypnotic and Narcotic Drugs.

House 554. An Act to Authorize the Removal of the Bodies of Deceased Persons from the Guilford Cemetery.

House 555. Resolve, Providing an Epidemic or Emergency Fund.

(On motion by Mr. Swift of Kennebec, tabled pending the printing of a statement of facts.

House 556. An Act to Extend the Charter of the Brewer Water Company, as extended and Amended by Chapter 170 of the Public Laws of 1913.

House 557. An Act to Extend the Charter of the Corinna Water Company.

House 559. An Act to Extend the Charter of the Bluehill Water Company.

House 560. An Act to amend Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter 277 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to confer additional powers and privileges upon the People's Ferry Company."

House 561. An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 20 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act authorizing the town of Caribou to accept a certain legacy."

House 562. An Act to authorize the town of Millinocket to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

House 563. An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the R. S., as amended by Chapter 206 of the P. L. of 1913, relating to fishing in Bent's pond, in the town of New Sharon, in Franklin county, and in the town of Vienna in Kennebec county.

Mr. HERRICK of Franklin: Mr. President, I move this bill lie on the table. My reason is to correct an error. I will offer an amendment. (The motion was agreed to, and the bill was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.)

House 564. An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the use of firearms upon Megunticook lake and adjacent waters and tributaries thereof in Knox and Waldo counties, and upon the shores thereof.

House 565. Resolve authorizing the State treasurer to procure a temporary loan for the year 1915.

Mr. HERSEY of Aroostook: Mr. President, regarding the statement of the committee on engrossed bills that no statement of fact accompanies the resolve, I will say that resolves for carrying on the government do not require any statement of facts. I noticed one this morning—House Document No. 555, "Resolve providing an epidemic or emergency fund"—was tabled by the senator from Kennebec, Senator Swift. It should not have been tabled. It should go on, unless there is some other objection.

Mr. SWIFT of Kennebec: I will say that I tabled that bill at the request of the clerk of the committee on bills in the second reading. I have no personal interest in it in any way.

Mr. HERSEY: He wanted it tabled because there was no statement of facts—is that the reason?

Mr. SWIFT: Yes.

Mr. HERSEY: It should not be tabled for that.

Mr. FULTON of Aroostook: I would just say that when that bill came before the committee on public health, as it was an appropriation made every two years for an emergency fund for carrying on the government, we saw no reason why it would require any statement of facts, and so we didn't require it to be placed on it.

Mr. SWIFT: Mr. President, in view of the statement of the senator from Aroostook, Senator Hersey, I will withdraw my motion, or move to reconsider it, whatever is the proper parliamentary procedure.

(Upon motion by the same senator the vote whereby House 555, Resolve providing an epidemic or emergency fund, was tabled pending the printing of a statement of facts, was reconsidered. On further motion by the same senator the resolve was passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the House.)

House 566. Resolve authorizing the State treasurer to procure a temporary loan for the year 1916.

House 567. 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 the Davis ponds in Guilford and Willimantic in the county of Piscataquis.

House 569. 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 Oxford county.

House 570. Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum for maintenance and repairs.

House 571. An Act relating to the payment of legacies.

House 572. An Act providing punishment for escapes from jail.

House 573. An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 186 of the Public Laws of 1907 and by Chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the presentation of claims against estates.

House 574. An Act making it unlawful for persons to falsely represent themselves as deaf, dumb, blind, crippled or otherwise defective.

House 576. An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the compensation of fish wardens.

House 577. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 380 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to taking of lobsters and the setting of lobster traps in the waters of Gouldsboro, Eden, Trenton, Lamoine, Hancock, Sullivan and Sorrento.

House 578. An Act establishing a close time on lobsters in certain waters in Hancock county.

House 580. An Act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to returns of lists of stockholders in banks to the secretary of State.

House 581. An Act to repeal Chapter 63 of the Public Laws of 1907, providing for filing lists of heirs in the registry of deeds.

House 582. An Act relating to crossings of the rights of way of railroads, organized under Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes.

House 584. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 19 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the obstruction of the drainage of public ways.

Senate 304. An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes,

relating to the licensing of foreign investment corporations.

Senate 305. An Act to amend Subdivision 3 of Section 23 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, permitting Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings to invest their deposits in first mortgage bonds of certain Bridge Companies.

Senate 306. Resolve appropriating money to aid in the Screening of Parker Pond in Kennebec and Franklin Counties.

Senate 307: An Act to repeal Section 45 of Chapter 32 of the R. S. as amended by Chapter 206 of the P. L. of 1913, relating to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Senate 308: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the R. S., as amended by Chapter 206 of the P. L. of 1913, relating to Fishing in Horseshoe Pond, in West Bowdoin College Township, in the County of Piscataquis.

Senate 309: An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the R. S., as amended by Chapter 206 of the P. L. of 1913, relating to Fishing in portions of Rangeley Stream, Kennebago Stream and Little Kennebago Stream in the Counties of Franklin and Oxford.

Senate 310. An Act authorizing the Clark Power Company to construct a dam across the Saco River between the towns of Buxton and Dayton.

Senate 311. An Act to extend and enlarge the powers of the Limerick Water and Electric Company.

Senate 312. An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 284 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Hiram Water, Light and Power Company," and also to extend and enlarge the rights, powers and privileges of said Company.

Senate 314. An Act relating to the Amortization of Bonds of Life Insurance Companies. (On motion by Mr. Scammon of Hancock, tabled pending its passage to be engrossed and Tuesday, March 16, specially assigned for its consideration.)

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to extend the Charter of

the Farmington and Augusta Railroad Company.

An Act to amend Section One of Chapter Forty-four of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section Three of Chapter One Hundred and Sixteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, relating to Local Sealers of Weights and Measures.

An Act amending Section One of Chapter Sixty-one of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Ninety-one, relating to the Limerock Railroad Company and conferring certain additional rights, powers and privileges upon said Company.

An Act to amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes relating to the fixing of the time within which exceptions and motions for new trials may be filed in Civil and Criminal cases.

An Act to amend Section Twenty of Chapter Sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the distribution of personal estate.

An Act to amend Section Seventy-one of Chapter Eighty-three of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter Twenty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen, relative to the release of discharge of attachments.

An Act to amend Sections Three and Ten of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Ninety-five, relating to the Bangor Municipal Court.

An Act to amend Section One of Chapter One Hundred Sixty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Eighty-seven entitled, 'An Act creating the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation,' as amended by Chapter Three Hundred Three of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen

Hundred Five, and as amended by Chapters One Hundred Sixteen and Two Hundred Ten of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seven, as amended by Chapter Two Hundred Nine, and as amended by Chapter Fifty of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Thirteen.

An Act to amend Section Eleven of Chapter One Hundred Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter Fifty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Five, as further amended by Chapter One Hundred Eighty-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seven, as further amended by Chapter One Hundred Eighteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nine, relating to the compensation of the members of the Legislature.

An Act to amend Section Two of Chapter Fifty-one of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Forty, relating to the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

An Act to amend Section Six of Chapter Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seven, relating to the discharge of Inmates of the Maine School for Feeble Minded.

An Act to amend Section Five of Chapter Forty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seven, as amended by Chapter One Hundred Sixty-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nine, relating to Commitments to the Maine School for Feeble Minded by Judges of Probate.

On motion by Mr. Scammon of Hancock.

Adjourned until next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.