

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE.**

Thursday, February 15, 1917.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Anderson of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act authorizing the town of Caribou to acquire property of the Caribou Water, Light and Power Company, and to construct and maintain for itself and for persons and corporations a system of water works within said town.

This bill was read and passed in the House as amended by House Amendment A and then sent to the Senate.

In the Senate, House Amendment A was indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence and the bill was recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Tuttle of Caribou, the House receded and concurred with the Senate in indefinitely postponing the amendment.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was recommitted in concurrence to the committee on legal affairs.

**Senate Bills on First Reading.**

Senate 137. An Act to punish the giving of checks or drafts on any bank or other depository, wherein the person so giving such check or draft shall not have sufficient funds or credit for the payment of the same.

(Title amended by the committee to which it was referred to read "An Act making it unlawful to give checks or drafts on banks where the maker has not sufficient funds or credit to pay the same, and providing a penalty therefor.")

Senate 138 An Act concerning industrial banks, defining the same, and providing for their incorporation, powers, supervision and control.

Senate 140. An Act to extend and

amend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on judiciary on bill, An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 54 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to applicants for admission to the bar of this State, reporting "ought not to pass."

In the Senate the report of the committee was accepted.

The report was accepted in concurrence.

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

**Commerce.**

By Mr. Fletcher of Kennebunkport: Petition of Percy N. H. Lombard, and 29 others, of Old Orchard, in favor of an act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to Old Home Week; also petition of John H. McSweeney, and 23 others, of Old Orchard, in favor of same.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Grant of Hope: An Act to amend Section 79 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, 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.

By Mr. Bowman of Detroit: Petition of F. H. Farnham, and 55 others of Palmyra in favor of repeal of Sunday hunting law.

By Mr. Buzzell of Belfast: Petition of Francis Longley and 110 others in favor of same; also petition of Chauncey M. Allen and 25 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Williams of Auburn: Remonstrance of Rev. A. D. Paul and 34 others against the passage of House Document No. 44, relative to Sunday hunting.

By Mr. Fletcher of Kennebunkport: Remonstrance of G. H. Gray of Kennebunkport and 38 others against passage of same.

By Mr. Cummings of Hebron: Re-  
monstrance of F. A. Heidner and 18  
others against same.      affairs wish to have them recommitted  
to that committee for correction.

By Mr. Emerson of Lewiston: Re-  
monstrance of George H. Hamlin and  
four others of Lewiston against same.      On motion by Mr. Goldthwait of Bid-  
deford, it was

By Mr. Farrington of Augusta: Re-  
monstrance of Byron Cummings and 22  
others of Bethel against same.      Ordered, that the use of the hall of  
the House of Representatives be  
granted to the committee on sea and  
shore fisheries for a public hearing on  
the afternoon and evening of February  
27, 1917.

By Mr. Russell of Farmington: Re-  
monstrance of Charles E. Brooks and  
71 others against same.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Re-  
monstrance of D. W. Kimball and 39  
others of Sedgwick and Brooklin  
against same.

By Mr. Alden of Gorham: Remon-  
strance of Henry H. Crane of Gorham  
and 31 others against same.

**Sea and Shore Fisheries.**

By Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven: An  
Act relating to fish wardens. (1,000  
copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: Petition  
of B. L. Lawry and others in favor of  
nine-inch lobster law.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Peti-  
tion of L. D. Newman and 22 others  
asking that no change be made in the  
present general lobster law or shipping  
lobsters out of the state.

**State Sanatoriums.**

By Mr. Barnes of Houlton: Petition  
of E. H. Jackson and 140 others, resi-  
dents of Aroostook County, in favor of  
the passage of a resolve for the estab-  
lishment of the Northern Maine Sana-  
torium; also petition of Henry H. Put-  
nam and 19 others, residents of Wash-  
ington County, in favor of same.

**Orders.**

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Port-  
land, it was

Ordered, that House bills Nos. 249  
and 250 be recalled from the House  
committee on bills in the third read-  
ing.

Mr. BREWSTER: Mr. Speaker, this  
order requests the House to recall two  
bills from the committee on bills in  
the third reading on account of the fact  
that there were certain errors discov-  
ered, and the committee on legal af-

On motion by Mr. Goldthwait of Bid-  
deford, it was

Ordered, that the use of the hall of  
the House of Representatives be  
granted to the committee on sea and  
shore fisheries for a public hearing on  
the afternoon and evening of February  
27, 1917.

On motion by Mr. Brewster of Port-  
land, it was voted that House bills Nos.  
249 and 250 be recommitted to the com-  
mittee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Phillips of South-  
west Harbor, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that  
the petition of L. W. Joyce, and 38  
others, for the repeal of Chapter 85 of  
the Private and Special Laws of 1915,  
relating to fishing, also petition of  
Frank A. Babbidge and 16 others in  
favor of same, which were referred to  
the committee on inland fisheries and  
game be recalled from that committee.

On motion by Mr. Cates of Vassal-  
boro, it was

Ordered, that 2,000 copies of the gov-  
ernor's budget message be printed for  
the use of the members of the House.

On motion by Mr. Dearth of Dexter,  
it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that  
bill, entitled An act for the enforce-  
ment of liens on jewelry, clocks and  
watches, repaired by jewelers, Senate  
Doc. No. 7, be taken from the files for  
further consideration by the legisla-  
ture.

Mr. DEARTH: Mr. Speaker, I  
would suggest that the message be  
sent to the Senate.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Nicholas from the committee on  
appropriations and financial affairs, re-  
ported "ought to pass" in new draft  
under title of "Resolve in favor of the  
recording and other officers of the  
House of Representatives of the 77th  
Legislature for services at the organ-  
ization of the 78th Legislature," on re-

solves in favor of C. C. Harvey, Fortunat Belleau, H. M. Rogers, F. H. Leonard, James H. Muldoon, Roger D. Sleeper, R. C. Frank, E. S. Austin, N. S. Gray, Estate of J. B. Potter, F. K. Jack and P. H. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Chaplin of Bridgeton from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" in a new draft under same title on bill, An act to provide compensation for town clerks for issuance and recording of burial permits.

Mr. Goldthwait from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought to pass" in new draft under same title, and resolve to provide for a survey by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of areas suitable for the propagation of clams.

The reports were accepted and the several acts and resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Garcelon from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An act to amend the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the board of education in the city of Augusta.

The report was accepted.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 273. An Act to establish the Presque Isle municipal court. (Tabled by Mr Cole of Eliot pending its third reading.)

House 271. An Act to amend Chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "An Act to amend an act incorporating the city of Waterville."

House 272. An Act relating to retiring of guaranty capital of a mutual fire insurance company.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed.

Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution granting suffrage to women upon equal terms with men.

Senate 131. An Act authorizing the Songo River Line, Inc., formerly known and called The Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Company, to construct and maintain wharves at East Sebago and Long Beach, so called, both in the town of Sebago in the County of Cumberland. (The title

amended to read as follows: "An Act authorizing the Songo River Line, Incorporated, to construct and maintain wharves at East Sebago and Long Beach in the town of Sebago, Cumberland county.")

Senate 130. An Act to amend Chapter 419 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 155 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 and by Chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 and by Chapter 387 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company," (The title amended to read as follows "An Act to amend Chapter 387 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to The Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company.")

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its vote whereby Senate Doc. No. 130, was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.

House 252. An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the care and custody of minors.

House 251. An Act to authorize the York Shore Water Company to acquire and own certain local securities.

House 248. An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to free public libraries.

House 247. An Act relating to librarians receiving instruction, title as amended, "An Act to amend Section 82 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to librarians receiving instruction."

House 246. An Act to establish a legislative reference bureau in the State library.

House 245. An Act relating to State stipend for support of public library, title as amended, "An Act to amend Section 78 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State stipend for support of public libraries."

#### Orders of the Day.

Mr. DEARTH of Dexter: Mr. Speaker, I move that Senate Bill No. 7, An Act for

the enforcement of liens on jewelry, clocks and watches repaired by jewelers, the Senate concurring, be recommitted to the judiciary committee.

The SPEAKER: The Chair informs the gentleman from Dexter that the bill is not in our possession.

Mr. BREWSTER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, the committee on legal affairs wish me to present this report out of order, in order to get the bill printed before the hearing, which is due very shortly, and they gave it to me too late to introduce last night. It is an act in relation to extending the limits of the York Village Corporation.

The SPEAKER: Does the gentleman ask leave to suspend the rules and introduce this act?

Mr. BREWSTER: Mr. Speaker, there is a report of the committee, sending it back to the House for printing and asking that it be recommitted.

The SPEAKER: And the gentleman's motion is that it be recommitted to the committee on legal affairs?

Mr. BREWSTER: No; that it be printed and then recommitted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is of the opinion that all the House needs to do is to accept the report, and then it will be printed under the rules.

Mr. BREWSTER: Mr. Speaker, the committee makes no report as to whether it ought to pass or not. I think it would be sufficient to accept the report of the committee that it ought to be printed and recommitted.

The pending question being on the motion by Mr. Brewster of Portland that bill, An Act to amend Chapter 455 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, amended by Chapter 305 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, entitled "An Act to

incorporate the York Beach Village Corporation," be printed and then recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, bill, An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appropriate money for pensions for teachers in the public schools, was taken from the table.

Mr. ROUNDS: Mr. Speaker, at a meeting of the Portland delegation last night, they wished to have that sent to that delegation.

The pending question being on the motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland to refer bill, An Act authorizing the city of Portland to appropriate money for pensions for teachers in the public schools, to the Portland delegation.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 84, Private and Special Laws of 1875, entitled "An Act relating to the schools in the city of Portland," was taken from the table and, on further motion by the same gentleman, was referred to the Portland delegation.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Quebec Extension Railway Co., was taken from the table and, on further motion by the same gentleman, was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Barnes of Houlton, bill, An Act to amend Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to paupers in plantations, was taken from the table and, on further motion by the same gentleman, was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, Adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning, February 16.