

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE.**

Thursday, February 8, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. C. W. Robinson of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Resolve providing for the purchase of 125 copies of the history of Presque Isle.

In the House this resolve was referred to the committee on library.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, tabled for printing, pending reference in concurrence.

**House Bills in First Reading.**

H. D. 89. Resolve reimbursing the State legislative printer for over-time work.

H. D. 88. An act to enable the Forest Hill cemetery Association to convey real estate and personal property to the inhabitants of the town of Bridgton, as body corporate and to dissolve said association.

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

**Education.**

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: An act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 16 of Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of tuition by towns not maintaining the standard schools of secondary grade.

By the same Senator: An act to amend Section 146 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for the support of normal and training schools.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Eastern State normal school at Castine for the finishing of 10 rooms in the dormitory, known as Richardson hall.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Eastern State normal school at

Castine for permanent repairs and improvements.

By Mr. Walker of Somerset: An act to amend Section 139 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for the encouragement of industrial education.

By the same Senator: An act to amend Section 118 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation of schooling of children in unorganized townships.

By the same Senator: An act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of secondary schools.

By the same Senator: An act to amend Section 117 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the employment of agents of schools in unorganized townships.

By the same Senator: An act to amend Section 176 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for teachers' pensions.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Farmington State normal school at Farmington, for repairs and permanent improvement.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Farmington State normal school at Farmington, for the construction of a dormitory and equipment of same.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Aroostook State normal school at Presque Isle for permanent improvements and repairs.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of J. E. Bradstreet & Sons Company, for the balance due on the Farmington State normal school dormitory construction.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of the Washington State normal school at Machias for repairs on the O'Brien house.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of the Washington State normal school at Machias for permanent repairs and improvements.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of Machias Electric Light Company, in payment for current furnished the Washington State normal school.

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: An act to amend Section 103 of the school laws of Maine.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An act relating to ice fishing in Bowlin pond, Kimball pond, Messer pond, all in township 5, range 8, Penobscot county; and Lunksoos pond, in township 4, range 7, Penobscot county.

By Mr. Stanley of Oxford: Petition of F. C. Palmer and 34 others, residents of Porter and Hiram, relating to ice fishing in certain ponds in Hiram and Porter.

By Mr. Butler of Franklin: Petition of G. W. Fanjoy and others, regulating the fishing on Cupsuptic stream in Franklin and Oxford counties.

**Interior Waters.**

By Mr. Davis of Piscataquis: An act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Guilford Manufacturing Company, for the erection and maintenance of piers and booms in the Piscataquis river.

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Deering of York: An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 199 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, regulating caucuses in the city of Biddeford. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An act to amend Chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relative to alumni trustees of Colby college. (Ordered printed.)

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An act providing penalty for defacing identification marks on motor vehicles. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An act to amend the charter of Coburn Classical Institute.

**Military Affairs.**

By Mr. Butler of Franklin: Resolve to appropriate the sum of \$10.00 to reimburse the town of Farmington for money paid to mother of William Welch, a member of the 2d Maine Regiment of the National Guard, while he was on duty at the Mexican border.

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: Joint resolution in favor of universal military training under the federal government. (Ordered printed.)

**Pensions.**

By Mr. Googin of Androscoggin: Resolve in favor of Eliza A. Thomas of Lewiston.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: Resolve providing a State pension for Alice S. Hood.

**Public Utilities.**

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An act to amend Section 48, Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the inspection of railroads. (Ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An act to correct an error in Chapter 67 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1915, relating to the Rockland, Thomaston & Camden Street Railway.

By Mr. Lord of York: An act relating to the Sanford and Cape Porpoise Railway Company.

By Mr. Davis of Piscataquis: An act to extend the charter of the Harmony Water Company.

By Mr. Googin of Androscoggin: An act to extend the charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Company.

**Railroads and Expresses.**

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: An act relative to the construction of extensions and branches by the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company. (Ordered printed.)

**Salaries and Fees.**

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 335 of the Public Laws of 1915, relating to the equalization of the salaries of the clerks of the judicial courts. (Knox county).

**Taxation.**

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, defining what constitutes real estate for the purposes of taxation. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: Resolve for the appointment of delegates to the conferences of the National Tax Association.

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Chick of Kennebec: An act requiring highway bridges and railroad crossings to be covered with snow dur-

ing the winter season. (Ordered printed).

By Mr. Ames of Washington: An act authorizing the municipal officers of the town of Machias to close a bridge over tide waters.

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: Resolve for the construction of a highway bridge over the Penobscot river between the towns of Verona and Penobscot, Hancock county, Maine.

**Orders.**

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the superintendent of public buildings be authorized to install the public telephone booths, now located on the second floor of the State House, in the rotunda on the third floor.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Bills in First Reading.**

S. D. 119. An act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relative to title by descent.

S. D. 117. Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution granting suffrage to women upon equal terms with men.

S. D. 112. An act to legalize and make valid the proceedings of the annual school meeting of the city of Augusta.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Hastings from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on Resolve in favor of John E. Sewall and C. F. A. Phair, reported same in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Butler from the committee on interior waters, on An act authorizing the Songo River Line, Inc., formally known and called the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Co., to construct and maintain wharves at East Sebago and Long Beach, so called, both in the town of Sebago in the county of Cumberland, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same committee, on, 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, reported same ought to pass.

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

**Passed to Be Engrossed.**

H. D. 69. An act providing for a State paper.

H. D. 70. An act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of trustees of savings banks.

The PRESIDENT: The President will state that under bills on their passage to be enacted and resolves on their final passage, where there are a considerable number, I will read the title of the various acts and resolves, and if any Senator wishes to make any motion thereto after all the bills and resolves are read, he will simply ask that the one upon which he wishes to predicate a motion, be laid aside.

**Passed to Be Enacted**

An act amending the charter of the United Electric Securities Company.

An act to incorporate the Old Folk's Home in Bath.

**Orders of the Day.**

On motion by Mr. Higgins of Penobscot, An act to incorporate the Grindstone Boom Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on interior waters.

On motion by Mr. Gillin of Penobscot, An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by the same Senator, an act to make uniform the law of warehouse receipts, was taken from the table, and on further motion was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. BOYNTON of Lincoln: Mr. President, I wish to offer the resolution of Newcastle and Damariscotta Board of Trade favoring universal military training.

The resolution was received and on motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on military affairs.

From the House: Resolve amending Article 9 of the Constitution so as to permit an increased bond issue for the construction and improvement of State and State-aid highways.

In the House this resolve was received under suspension of the rules and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the rules were suspended and the Senate received the resolve in concurrence.

From the House: Ordered, the Senate concurring, that petitions in favor of An act incorporating the Van Buren Light and Power District, be recalled from the committee on public utilities.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, do I understand that these are all petitions which the order asks to have recalled from the committee.

The PRESIDENT: Yes.

Mr. DEERING of York: Mr. President, I did not get the name of the bill.

The PRESIDENT: The title of the bill is, An act to incorporate the Van Buren Light & Power District.

Mr. DEERING: Has not that bill been sent to the judiciary committee?

The PRESIDENT: Yes. The bill was originally referred to the committee on public utilities. Then in the House the bill was ordered sent back to the committee on reference of bills. That was done, and the bill was then referred to the committee on judiciary, but the petitions in relation to the bill had been referred to the committee on public utilities.

Mr. DEERING: I understand, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT: This order is to bring the petitions back before the Senate or the House.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the order was given a passage in concurrence.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate voted to table for printing the bill relating to the purchase of 125 copies of the history of the town of Presque Isle.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same senator, the resolve was referred to the committee on library.

On motion by Mr. Stanley of Oxford, Adjourned.