

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

Tuesday, February 13, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Layton of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading.

House 137. An Act to amend Section 73 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the making of false reports by trust companies.

House 135. An Act to make valid the organization and records of the Fourth Congregational (Abyssinian) Church of Portland, and to authorize said corporation to convey certain real estate.

House 136. An Act to authorize the city of Portland to pension Dora B. McIntosh.

A communication was received from the office of the Secretary of State, transmitting joint resolution of the California Legislature for Congress of States to urge upon Congress a definite policy for segregation of State and Federal revenue; and for the appointment of delegates to such conference.

The communication was read and on motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland was referred to the committee on taxation.

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

Agriculture.

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: An Act relating to domestic animals; defining domestic animals so as to include poultry; providing methods of improving the quality thereof, and of preventing, controlling and eradicating diseases thereof; imposing certain duties upon practitioners of veterinary medicine in Maine; regulating the manufacture, use and sale of tuberculin, mallein and other biological products for use with domestic animals; defining the powers

and duties of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the officers and employes thereof; and providing penalties for the violation of this act. (Ordered printed.)

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: Resolve providing for the payment for steel filing equipment in the office of the Secretary of Senate.

By the same Senator: Resolve for indexing the documents filed by the Legislatures of Maine since 1820, now in the office of the secretary of the Senate.

By Mr. Chick of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of M. W. Curtis of Waterville, Maine.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of the hospital of the Young Men's Christian Association at Greenville Junction for care and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Claims.

By Mr. Gillin of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of Otto Nelson. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: Resolve in favor of Henry H. Grindle of Castine.

Education.

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: An Act to provide for the registration of teachers. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Boynton of Lincoln: Petition of Joel P. Huston and eleven others for amendment of Section 103 of the School Laws of Maine.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of screening Cathance Lake in Washington county.

By Mr. Lord of York: Resolve in favor of screening Adams Pond, or Rock Haven Lake in Newfield in York county.

By Mr. Chick of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of maintaining the screen at the outlet of Cochnewagon Lake, in the town of Monmouth, Kennebec county.

By Mr. Lord of York: Petition of E. W. Hussey and 74 others in favor of a uniform law for closed time on deer.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: Petition of C. H. Leach and 41 others relating to ice fishing in China Lake and Mud Pond.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Petitions of A. D. McFaul and others of Machias; of E. R. Gardner and others of Dennysville; and of J. C. Pike and others of Lubec, relating to fish screen at the outlet of Cathance Lake.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to authorize the erection of dams and water storage basins on Bogg Brook and tributaries in Dead River plantation in Somerset county. (Ordered printed.)

Judiciary.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: bill, an Act to regulate the duties of any visiting nurses in the State of Maine, acting under any charitable organization. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Peacock of Washington: An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes, relating to bastard children and their maintenance.

By Mr. Gillin of Penobscot: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes relating to corporations without capital stock. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act to amend Chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to liens on land. (Ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act for the better protection of children and to amend certain sections of Chapter 64, Revised Statutes. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Gillin of Penobscot: An Act relating to the probate of foreign wills. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act to amend Chapter 181 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the Cumberland county farm for Inebriates. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: bill, an Act to confirm and make clear certain powers of the Bangor Railway and Electric Company.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An Act to

amend Section 9 of Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes relating to trespasses on improved lands; how to be punished. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hastings of Androscoggin: An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Auburn, Androscoggin county, State of Maine. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An Act in regard to the licensing of drivers of automobiles for hire in the town of Eden in the county of Hancock. (Ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to establish the Mount Desert Bridge District for the purpose of acquiring, freeing and reconstructing the Mount Desert Toll Bridge in the town of Trenton in Hancock county. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to poor debtors. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An Act to provide a police board for the city of Waterville. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to ratify the organization of Capital Park and give additional powers to said corporation.

By the same Senator: An Act authorizing the city of Augusta to raise money to assist Capital Park in maintaining grounds and conveniences for public amusement.

By the same Senator: An Act to authorize the city of Augusta to acquire property.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Resolve providing for card index for probate registry of Aroostook county.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An Act relating to special insurance brokers. (Ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act relating to term of office of insurance commissioner.

Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act relating to health insurance. (Ordered printed.)

By the same senator: An Act to establish a commission to investigate sickness and accident not compensated by workmen's compensation, of em-

ployed persons and their families. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to incorporate the Investment Insurance and Guaranty Company.

Pensions.

By Mr. Peacock of Washington: Resolve providing for State pension for Maria L. Wallace of Lubec.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of Margaret Francis of Lubec.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: Resolve providing a State pension for Samuel S. Goodwin of Amherst.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of Mrs. Mabel G. Sanborn of Augusta, money expended in support of Kate C. Robbins, a State pensioner now deceased.

Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of Mrs. Rosilla Hall of Harrington.

By the same Senator: Resolve in favor of Mrs. S. J. Everson of Addison.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Resolve providing a State pension for Harvey C. Black.

Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Gordon of York: Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of installing a hot water system in the State House lavatories.

Public Health

By Mr. Fulten of Aroostook: An Act relating to the inspection of hotels, inns, and rooming houses. (Ordered printed.)

Public Utilities.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: An Act to incorporate the Dirigo Water Company. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An Act to prohibit the Bar Harbor and Union River Power Company from charging discriminatory rates in the sale of electric current. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: An Act to extend the charter of the Brewer Water Company as extended and amended by Chapter 98 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington-Cakland Interurban Railway.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Swift of Kennebec: An Act to extend the time within which the provisions of Chapter 186 of the Private and Special Laws of 1916 providing for reorganization or consolidation of the railroad companies constituting the Boston & Maine railroad system, may be exercised. (Ordered printed.)

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Bartiett of Kennebec: An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 325 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, as amended by Chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915, fixing the salary for the recorder of the municipal court of Waterville.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: An Act to amend Section 39 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the salary of the register of probate for Somerset county.

By Mr. Lord of York: An Act relative to clerk hire in the office of the clerk of courts for York county.

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the department of education.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Gordon of York: Petition of George A. Ramsdell and 24 others for nine inch lobster law.

By Mr. Deering of York: An Act to establish the legal length for lobsters in York and Cumberland counties. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Peacock of Washington: An Act to repeal all Special and Private Laws relating to the taking of fish in Denny's river.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An Act to amend Sections 1, 8 and 12 of Chapter 126 of the Public Laws of 1844, relating to the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives in Georges river and tributary streams. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ames of Washington: An Act for the control of the white pine blister rust and other fungus and insect pests. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: An Act to amend Chapter 124 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915 for the pro-

tection of forests on the island of Mount Desert.

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act to enable the chief engineer of the State Highway Commission to convey a certain lot or parcel of land owned by the State of Maine, to the European and North American Railroad.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset: Resolve in favor of repairing and improving the highway in Sandy Bay township in the county of Somerset, leading from Jackman to Quebec.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: Resolve appropriating money to repair the highway between Egypt post office in Franklin, and Franklin road station, in the county of Hancock.

By Mr. Ricker of Hancock: Resolve in favor of the towns of Penobscot and Castine.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the repair and permanent improvement of the Maine military road in North Yarmouth Academy grant, Township No. 1, range 4, an organized township.

By the same Senator: Resolve appropriating money for repairs on the Maine military road between Macwahoc and Haynesville.

By Mr. Ames of Washington: Resolve in favor of the town of Columbia.

By Mr. Goggin of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

Bills in First Reading.

S. D. 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.

S. D. 138. An Act concerning Industrial banks, defining same, and providing for their incorporation, powers, supervision and control.

S. D. 139. An Act to amend Chapter 416 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the schools of the city of Augusta.

S. D. 140. An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railroad Company.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Deering from the committee on judiciary: An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 82, Page 706, Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to the bonds of sheriffs, which was recommitted to the committee, submitted the same in a second new draft, under title of bill "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 85, Revised Statutes, relating to the bonds of sheriffs, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Deering from the some committee on S. D. 12, "an Act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies," submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

By Mr. Davies from the same committee on S. D. 24, "An Act to amend Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the sale of real estate subject to contingent remainders," reported same ought to pass.

By Mr. Marshall from the committee on legal affairs on "An Act to provide a penalty for evading taxi-cab and public automobile fares, reported same ought to pass.

By Mr. Peacock from the committee on ways and bridges on "An Act to repeal Chapter 271, Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to ways and bridges in Plantation No. 14 in Washington county," submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. D. 117. Resolve in favor of Rachel Stanton.

S. D. 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.”

S. D. 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.

S. D. 132. Resolve in favor of John E. Sewall and C. F. A. Phair with statement of facts. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec, pending passage to be engrossed.)

Mr. GORDON of York: Mr. President, I see by the record here that the Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan, S. D. 136, which was referred to the York county delegation by the Senate, as print-

ed it is referred to the committee on ways and bridges. I would like to ask how we can get that resolve where we voted it, before the York county delegation?

THE PRESIDENT: What is the date of the bill?

Mr. GORDON: February 9th.

THE PRESIDENT: The President will inform the senator from York that the Senate Journal shows that the resolve was referred to the York county delegation and that the record is simply a mistake in printing. In due course of time the York county delegation will receive the resolve.

On motion by Mr. Googin of Androscoggin,

Adjourned.