

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

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OF THE

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SENATE.

Wednesday, February 21, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Annie Gwynne of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: Order, relative to the purchase of desks and chairs for the hall of the House.

In the House referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, the Senate concurred with the House in the reference of the order to the committee on public buildings and grounds.

House Bills in First Reading.

H. D. 310. An Act to provide compensation for town clerks for issuance and recording of burial permits.

H. D. 309. Resolve in favor of the recording and other officers of the House of Representatives of the 77th Legislature for services at the organization of the 78th legislature.

H. D. 311. Resolve to provide for a survey by the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries of areas suitable for the propagation of clams.

Messages and Documents from the Heads of Departments.

A communication was received from the office of the secretary of State transmitting a list of the Public Acts approved by the Governor.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset the communication was placed on file, and sent down for concurrence.

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

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Baxter of Sagadahoc: An Act additional to Chapter 52 of the Revised

Statutes of 1916, with reference to limitation of actions to recover money paid on forged signatures. (Ordered printed.)

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: Remonstrance of Charles B. Rush and 28 others against the passage of House Bill 44, relative to Sunday being a closed time for game and birds.

Education.

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: Petition of George E. Gogins and 9 others of Bar Harbor for bill to regulate the fall opening of schools.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Chick of Kennebec: An Act to create the office of Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, and to abolish the office of Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game. (Ordered printed.)

Judiciary.

By Mr. Higgins of Penobscot: An Act to authorize persons to vote in cities, towns and plantations from which they have changed their residence. (Ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to the recording of intentions of marriage. (Ordered printed.)

Public Health.

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An Act to create a State Department of Health. (Ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Lord of York: An Act to provide State aid for the construction of highways extending continuously through three or more towns. (Ordered printed.)

Bills in First Reading.

S. D. 261. An Act to change the name of McCurdy Pond to Hilton Lake.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Higgins from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Resolve for indexing the documents

filed by the Legislatures of Maine, since 1820 now in the office of the secretary of the Senate, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Wood from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to stenographers of the supreme judicial court, (Senate No. 26) reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Fulton from the committee on pensions, on Resolve providing a State pension for Stephen F. Flood, reported same ought to pass.

The same Senator from the same committee, on Resolve in favor of Adaline M. Hannaford, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Stanley from the committee on school for the feeble minded on

"Resolve appropriating money for the full support of all State charges at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for equipment for a central heating and power plant at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the construction of outside service extension from the central heating and power plant to the brick buildings of steam, hot and cold water, hydrants and electric transmission, at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the construction and equipment of one brick building for a dormitory for boys at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the extension of the electric lighting system at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the construction of a horse barn at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the construction of a bridge across the Collyer Brook at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the construction of a brick building for

a central heating and power plant at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

"Resolve appropriating money for the construction and equipment of one brick building for congregate dining rooms with quarters for certain employees at the Maine School for Feeble Minded;"

Reported the same in a new draft, under title of "Resolve in favor of the Maine School for Feeble Minded for maintenance and other purposes, for the years 1917 and 1918," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Swift from the committee on taxation, on, An Act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber from the wild land townships, reported same ought to pass.

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

Mr. Swift from the same committee, on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 11, Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to the collection of taxes, and the commitment of poll taxes in incorporated places (Senate No. 60) reported same ought to pass. (On motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland, under suspension of the rules this bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Baxter from the committee on banks and banking, on Resolve to provide for a revision of the laws relating to banks and banking (Senate No. 14) reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Baxter from the same committee, on An Act to incorporate the Biddeford Trust Company (Senate No. 65) reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Wood from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to annex the suburban water district in the town of Farmington to Farmington Village Corporation (Senate No. 47) reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Merrill from the same committee, on An Act relating to the salary of the stenographer of the superior court of the county of Kennebec, reported same ought not to pass, because the subject matter is covered in another bill.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

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

H. D. 272. An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes relating to retiring of guaranty capital of a mutual fire insurance company.

S. D. 189. An Act to extend the charter of the Salisbury Cove Water Company.

S. D. 188. An Act to amend Section 45 or Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the amounts to be paid for clerk hire in the county offices. (On motion by Mr. Conant of Waldo, recommitted to the committee on salaries, pending its passage to be engrossed.)

S. D. 195. An Act to extend the powers of the Milo Electric Light and Power Company. (On motion by Mr. Lord of York, tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.)

S. D. 196. An Act to extend the charter of the Rockland, South Thomaston and Saint George Railway. (On motion by Mr. Lord of York, tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.)

Passed to Be Enacted.

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.

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

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

An Act to legalize and make valid the proceedings of the annual school meeting of the city of Augusta.

An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes relative to title by descent.

An Act authorizing the Songo River Line, Inc., to construct and maintain wharves at East Sebago and Long Beach, in the town of Sebago and Cumberland county.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act to regulate the taking of smelts in the waters of Egypt Bay, Franklin Bay, Taunton Bay and River in the towns of Hancock, Franklin and Sullivan in Hancock county.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Gillin of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, that the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance be granted the use of the Senate Chamber Tuesday, February 27, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec, House Document 209, An Act to create the Maine Power Commission, prescribe its powers and duties and provide for their regulation and control, and provide for the purchase of taking of water powers for the development and transmission of electricity for heating, lighting and power purposes, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by the same senator, H. D. 211, An Act to create the Maine Water Power Commission, was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland, H. D. 283, An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Water District was taken from the table.

Mr. HOLT: Mr. Prsident, I move that we non-concur with the House in referring this bill to the Portland delegation, and I would offer an amendment, that it be referred to the Portland delegation and the South Portland delegation and the Scarboro delegation.

In explanation of the motion I would say that the Portland Water District operates in Portland, South Portland and Scarboro, and it seems advisable to have the representatives of those

cities and the town of Scarboro represented in the consideration of this bill.

The motions being put separately were agreed to.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that all bills, resolves, reports and other papers on the table and unassigned, be placed before the Senate on Wednesday, Feb. 28, and on each Wednesday thereafter, and the bills, resolves, reports and other papers so brought to the attention of the Senate

shall not be again tabled unless a day be especially assigned for their consideration.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that the superintendent of public buildings be directed to appropriately display in the Senate chamber the national flag until further ordered.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln,

Adjourned.