

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

Thursday, February 22, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. R. S. Pinkham of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 317. An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to Old Home Week.

H. D. 68. An Act authorizing Centennial Week in 1920, and cities and towns to raise and appropriate money for the observance thereof.

H. D. 33. An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes relating to assault upon or interference with officers.

H. D. 319. An Act granting Charles H. Scott the right to maintain a ferry across Eggemoggin Reach in Hancock County.

H. D. 315. An Act to create the Van Buren Sewerage District.

H. D. 318. An Act to establish the wages of clerks in the offices of Aroostook Registry of Deeds, Southern District, and clerk of courts of Aroostook county, and to secure to such clerk of courts reimbursement for necessary expenses in attendance at the terms of the supreme judicial court held at Caribou. (On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, tabled pending first reading.)

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. (Re-committed to the committee on sea and shore fisheries in concurrence.)

Messages and Documents from the Heads of Departments

A communication was received from the office of the secretary of state transmitting a concurrent resolution

of the senate and assembly of New York, relative to a convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds.

The communication was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

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. Walker of Somerset: Petition of L. H. Sibley and 14 others of Blue Hill, for the passage of the grange school bill.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Grant of Cumberland: Remonstrance of Rev. Frank H. Hall and 28 others against the passage of an act to repeal the Sunday law.

Mr. Ames of Washington: Remonstrance of N. C. Bates and 36 others of Calais against passage of House document number 44, relating to Sunday hunting.

Judiciary

By Mr. Stanley of Oxford: Remonstrances of Charles S. Barrows and 26 others; of W. S. Fox and 19 others; and of W. D. Wadsworth and 28 others against the establishing grand jury at May term of court at Rumford, Oxford county.

By Mr. Butler of Knox: An Act for the enforcement of liens on watches, clocks and jewelry, for labor and materials furnished in making and repairing the same. (Ordered printed.)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act amending Section 50 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing complaint by a utility against itself, and empowering the public utilities commission to order refund. (Ordered printed.)

By the same senator:

An Act to require automatic signals at certain grade crossings not protected by gates or flagmen. (Ordered printed.)

By the same senator:

An Act to provide for the removal of obstructions at and near grade crossings. (Ordered printed.)

Bills in First Reading

S. D. 204. Resolve for indexing the documents filed by the legislatures of Maine since 1820, now in the office of the secretary of the senate.

S. D. 205. An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to stenographers of the supreme judicial court.

S. D. 206. Resolve in favor of the Maine school for the feeble minded for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1917 and 1918.

S. D. 207. Resolve providing a State pension for Stephen F. Flood.

S. D. 208. An Act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber from the wild land townships.

S. D. 209. Resolve in favor of Adeline M. Hanaford.

Reports of Committees.

Majority and minority reports of the committee on claims on Resolve in favor of Morrison Libby.

Majority report, ought not to pass, signed by Messrs. Googin, Holt, Neilon, Snow and Packard.

Minority report, ought to pass in new draft, signed by Messrs. Chick, Frost, Rounds and Clifford.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec the reports were tabled, the new draft ordered printed, and assigned for next Wednesday, February 28.

Mr. Davies from the committee on judiciary, on An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians, reported that same be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Wood from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Chapter 396 of Private and Special Laws of 1909, authorizing the construction of a bridge across Ogunquit river in the town of Wells, (Senate No. 58) reported same

ought to pass. (On motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Marshall from the same committee, on An Act to provide a penalty for evading taxicab and public automobile fares, (Senate No. 158) reported same ought to pass. (On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Bartlett from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, on An Act relating to insurance agents and brokers, (Senate No. 73), reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Gillin from the same committee, on An Act relating to reserves of fire and marine companies, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Gordon from the committee on public health, on Resolve in favor of the board of registration of medicine, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Lord from the committee on public utilities, on An Act to enlarge the powers of the Western Maine Power Company, (Senate No. 31), reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it 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. 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 House of Representatives of the 78th legislature.

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

S. D. 60. 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.

S. D. 201. An Act changing the name of McCurdy Pond to Hilton Lake.

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to amend the charter of the Kennebec Log Driving Company as amended by Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885.

An Act to amend the charter of the Kennebec Log Driving Company as amended by Chapter 171 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879.

An Act to legalize and confirm the incorporation and doings of the Congregational Church Society of Litchfield, Maine.

An Act to extend the time in which the Maine Title Guarantee Company is authorized to commence business.

An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company.

An Act making it unlawful to give checks or drafts on banks where the maker has not sufficient funds or credit to pay same, and providing a Penalty thereof.

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

Mr. SWIFT of Kennebec: Mr. President, I move that this resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution granting suffrage to women upon equal terms with men, be finally passed, and that the vote be taken by yeas and nays.

The motion was agreed to, and a sufficient number arising, the yeas and nays were ordered and the Secretary called the roll.

Those voting yea were: Messrs. Ames, Bailey, Bartlett, Baxter, Boynton, Burleigh, Butler of Knox, Butler of Franklin, Chick, Conant, Davies, Davis, Deering, Fulton, Gillin, Googin, Gordon, Grant, Hastings, Higgins, Holt, Lord, Marshall, Merrill, Peterson, Peacock, Ricker, Stanley, Swift, Walker, Wood, 31.

And 31 Senators having voted in the affirmative and none in the negative the President declared the resolve finally passed.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, under the circumstances I see no necessity for referring it to the electors of the state.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Stanley of Oxford, the rules were suspended and that Senator presented the remonstrances of L. F. Barker and 11 others; Perley F. Pingree and 26 others; of L. A. Cole and 20 others, against the act establishing a grand jury at the May term of court at Rumford in Oxford county.

On further motion by the same Senator the remonstrances were referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. STANLEY: Mr. President, I would say in explanation that the hearing upon the subject matter contained in these remonstrances is tomorrow afternoon, and there is not time to let them go through the regular channels.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the committee on education for a public hearing Thursday, March 1, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion by Mr. Lord of York, S. D. 126. An Act to extend the charter of the Rockland, South Thomaston and St. George Railway was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Davis of Piscataquis,

Adjourned.