

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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**SENATE.**

Tuesday, February 27, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Langdon Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to incorporate the Peat Powder Producing Company.

In the House this bill was received under suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I feel compelled to object to the reception of this act at the present time.

I move that it be referred to the next Legislature.

The motion was agreed to.

From the House: An Act to incorporate the York Beach Chamber of Commerce.

In the House this bill was received under suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. DAVIES of Cumberland: Mr. President, I make the same motion in relation to this act.

It seems to me that our big brothers at the other end of the Capitol should be figuratively spanked. They pass orders prescribing rules of conduct one day and set them aside the next.

It is probably true that nearly every Senator has had sent to him, from time to time, since February 9th, special acts, asking for their introduction, and it seems to me it would be unfair to all of us to receive special legislation at this present time.

I move that the bill be referred to the next Legislature.

The motion was agreed to.

From the House: Resolve in favor of the town of Solon to repair Robin Hill in said town.

In the House received under suspension of the rules and referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland, referred to the next Legislature.

From the House: An Act relating to widows' allowance.

In the House this bill was recalled from the committee on judiciary, ordered printed, and laid before the House and Senate, then recommitted to the committee on judiciary.

In the Senate recommitted in concurrence.

**House Bills in First Reading.**

H. D. 364. An Act to permit savings banks to invest in certain corporation bonds.

H. D. 72. An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes relating to lobster license law. (On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington tabled pending acceptance of the report of the committee in concurrence.)

H. D. 363. An Act to grant legislative assent to the provisions of the federal aid road act and to authorize the State Highway Commission to cooperate with the federal government according to the provision of said act.

An Act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the unlawful selling or purchasing of fish.

In the House the committee on inland fisheries and game reported this bill ought not to pass. Pending acceptance of the committee report the bill and report was recommitted to the committee.

The Senate concurred with the House and recommitted the bill to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

**Messages and Documents from the Heads of Departments.**

The report of the State Auditor for the year 1915 and 1916 was received, and on motion by Mr. Grant of Cum-

berland was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and 2500 copies ordered printed.

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 to amend Section 22 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 with reference to deposits in savings banks and institutions for savings. (Ordered printed.)

#### **Judiciary.**

By Mr. Stanley of Oxford: An Act to provide for the establishment of polling districts in cities and towns. (Ordered printed.)

#### **State Sanatoriums.**

By Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 146, Revised Statutes of 1916, relative to admittance and charges for patients at State sanatoriums. (Ordered printed.)

#### **Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Gordon of York: Petition of William J. Storer and forty-eight others of Wells in favor of resolve to aid in the repair and construction of the highway from Wells to the New Hampshire State Line.

#### **Bills in First Reading.**

S. D. 57. An Act enlarging the powers of judges of probate.

S. D. 225. An Act to amend Chapter 218 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1911, entitled "An Act to supply the town of North Haven with pure water.

S. D. 226. 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 and Camden Street Railway.

S. D. 227. An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 347 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, entitled "An Act to authorize the Great Northern Paper Company to increase its capital stock."

S. D. 228. An Act to repeal Chapter 271, Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to ways and bridges, Plantation No. 14, Washington county.

#### **Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Davis from the committee on banks and banking, on An Act to ratify the change of name and amount of capital stock of Mercantile Trust Company, and to amend its charter, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Baxter from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 27, Chapter 52, Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to investment of deposits (Senate No. 142), reported same ought to pass. (Under suspension of the rules this bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Googin from the committee on claims, on Resolve in favor of Alfred Yankauer, reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Lord from the committee on public utilities, on An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to highway crossings of railroads, (Senate No. 75), reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Butler from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the crossing of railroad tracks by town ways and highways (Senate No. 77), reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Holt from the same committee, on An Act to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to require through routes and joint rates by common carriers for the transportation of persons or property (Senate No. 76), 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.

Mr. Deering from the committee on judiciary, on An Act to repeal so much of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 and any act amendatory thereof, as authorized the cities and

towns of the State to maintain almshouses, workhouses, or houses of correction, and to provide for the establishment of district infirmaries in lieu thereof (Senate No. 21), reported same in a new draft under title of bill, "An Act to provide for the establishment of district almshouses or infirmaries and to repeal Sections 15, 16 and 17 of Chapter 29, Revised Statutes," with the recommendation that the new draft be printed and recommended to the committee for further consideration.

The report was accepted, the bill ordered printed and recommitted to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition of F. C. Palmer and 34 others of Porter and Hiram, relating to ice fishing in certain ponds in Hiram and Porter, reported same be placed on file, as the subject matter will be incorporated in the revised code of inland fish and game laws.

Mr. Hastings from the same committee, on petition of E. I. Herrick and others for regulation of fishing in Ross Pond in town of Rangeley, reported same be placed on file, as the subject matter will be incorporated in the revised code of inland fish and game laws.

Mr. Chick from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the taking of suckers, eels, hornpouts, etc. (Senate No. 41), reported that the same in new draft will be incorporated in the revised code of inland fish and game laws.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed.

H. D. 79. An Act relating to issuance of duplicate pass books and certificates by loan and building associations.

H. D. 316. An Act to extend the charter of the Lincoln County Street Railway. (House Amendment A adopted in concurrence.)

H. D. 325. An Act relating to marking lobsters in transit. (On motion by

Mr. Peacock of Washington, tabled pending second reading.)

H. D. 326. Resolve in favor of the State tuberculosis sanatoriums for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1917 and 1918.

H. D. 327. Resolve in favor of the Central Maine Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, for payment of outstanding debts.

H. D. 328. An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 36 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act for the better protection of alewives in Patten's Bay in the town of Surry, in Hancock county.

H. D. 346. An Act to confirm and to make valid the proceedings of the special town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Baileyville, held April 17, 1916.

H. D. 347. An Act to authorize the town of Boothbay Harbor to construct a bridge across the harbor in said town.

H. D. 348. An Act to change the name of McGurdy or Crowell Pond to Lake Waukesha.

H. D. 349. An Act to authorize the erection of a dam across the east branch of Spruce Creek in the town of Kittery.

H. D. 351. Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians for the years 1917 and 1918.

H. D. 352. An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the salaries of the stenographers of the superior courts. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Wood of Hancock pending passage to be engrossed.)

H. D. 335. An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to wills.

H. D. 354. Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians for the general care, maintenance, relief and education thereof.

H. D. 355. Resolve reimbursing Samuel N. Packard for the loss of two cattle. (On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading.)

H. D. 356. Resolve in favor of

George A. Dow. (On motion by Mr. Grant of Cumberland, tabled pending second reading.)

S. D. 52. Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maine, relative to the tenure of office of sheriffs.

S. D. 67. An Act to incorporate the Cumberland Bar Association.

S. D. 90. An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to powers of special administrators.

S. D. 216. An Act relating to insurance agents and brokers.

S. D. 218. An Act to enlarge the powers of the Western Maine Power Company.

S. D. 219. Resolve in favor of the Board of Registration of Medicine.

S. D. 220. An Act relating to reserves of fire and marine insurance companies.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the committee on inland fisheries and game, Wednesday, February 28, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair might suggest that before too many of these

orders come in, it would be well enough to confer with the secretary as to whether the Senate Chamber is engaged or not for committee hearings. There seems to be quite a demand for it these latter days.

The Chair will state that the legislative committees really are the machinery which furnishes the grist for the legislative bodies to grind, and it is very essential, particularly at this time, unless we expect to have a tremendous congestion at the last minute, that the committees report as expeditiously as possible during these days. Of course everybody who has been in the Legislature knows that the last week, why it is almost like sluicing logs through a dam, and some meritorious bills get no consideration, and sometimes those that are without merit slip through in the general mass. That can be obviated by the committees turning out their work at the present time so as to make a more uniform flow of legislation. And the Chair earnestly hopes, in order that we may make satisfactory progress and that we may give satisfaction to the people of the State of Maine, that the committees will expedite their work as much as is reasonable.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington,

Adjourned.