

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

Senate called to order by the President.
Prayer by Rev. R. L. Bussabarger of
Lubec.

Journal of previous session read and
approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in
concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading.

H. D. 421. Resolve in favor of N. J. Henna for service rendered and for money expended while performing his regular duties as a fish warden of the State or Maine.

H. D. 104. An Act relating to the municipal election in the town of Mount Desert. (On motion by Mr. Ames of Washington, tabled pending acceptance of the report of the committee in concurrence.)

H. D. 128. An Act relating to casualty assessment insurance companies.

From the House: An Act to repeal Section 12 of Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to intention to defraud in lumbering operations, commonly known as the peonage law. (Recommended to the committee on labor in concurrence.)

From the House: Resolve providing for the purchase of 100 copies of the New History of Norway, Maine. (Recommended to the committee on library on motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland.)

From the House: Resolve appropriating money for and authorizing the purchase of the History of Pemaquid. (Tabled pending acceptance of the report on motion by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec.)

From the House: Resolve in favor of the purchase of 200 copies of the History of the Town of York. (Recommended to the committee on library on motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook.)

From the House: Resolve relating to the publication of Maine in the North-

eastern Boundary Controversy. (On motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland, re-committed to the committee on library pending acceptance of the report ought not to pass in concurrence.)

From the House: Resolve relating to the **documentary history** of Maine. (Recommended to the committee on library pending acceptance of the report of the committee, ought not to pass, on motion of Mr. Marshall of Cumberland.)

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. Googin of Androscoggin: An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to testing commodities offered for sale. (Ordered printed.)

By Mr. Conant of Waldo: An Act to amend Chapter 35, Sections 3 and 9, of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the prevention of contagious diseases among animals. (Ordered printed.)

Education

By Mr. Ames of Washington: An Act to accept the benefits of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled to provide for the promotion of vocational education. (Ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Wood of Hancock: Remonstrances of Leslie E. Clough and 29 others; of Leslie E. Hamblin and 40 others; of Wilfred H. Kittredge and 30 others; of A. K. McBride and 50 others; of Elbert N. Richardson and 57 others; and of Frank A. Walls and 20 others; against Senate Bill No. 149, relating to trespass on islands in salt water.

Pensions

By Mr. Holt of Cumberland: An Act to amend certain sections of Chapter 148, Revised Statutes, relating to pensions for the blind. (Ordered printed.)

Bills in First Reading

S. D. 265. An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 206 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Co.

S. D. 266. An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to the registration of manufacturers and dealers in motor vehicles.

S. D. 267. An Act requiring the placing of warning signs at grade crossings.

S. D. 268. An Act relating to the issuing of blank writs by clerks of the supreme judicial courts, clerks and recorders of municipal and police courts, and trial justices.

S. D. 269. An Act to extend the charter of the Androscoggin Valley Railroad Co.

S. D. 270. An Act to annex certain islands in Casco bay to the county of Sagadahoc and the town of Phippsburg.

S. D. 271. Resolve in favor of the State hospitals for maintenance and other purposes, for the years 1917 and 1918.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Walker from the committee on education on 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, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Walker from the same committee on An Act to amend Section 118 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for schooling of children in unorganized townships, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Ames from the same committee on An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 16, Revised Statutes, 1916, to provide for the approval of plans for the reconstruction or remodeling of school buildings (Senate No. 42), reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Ames from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 139 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appropriation for the

encouragement of industrial education, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Ames from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of tuition by towns not maintaining standard schools of secondary grade (Senate No. 122), reported same ought to pass.

(On motion by Mr. Ames of Washington the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading. Pending second reading, tabled by Mr. Merrill of Somerset.)

Mr. Marshall from the committee on legal affairs, on An Act to amend Section 34 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to special administrator (Senate No. 59), reported same ought to pass. (On motion by Mr. Deering of York under suspension of the rules this bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Marshall from the same committee, on An Act to change the date of the annual meeting of Farmington Village Corporation, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Butler from the committee on public utilities, on An Act to amend Section 48 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to inspection of railroads (Senate No. 124), 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. Holt from the same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 195 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913 entitled "An Act to authorize the Bangor Railway & Electric Co. to take water from Chemo lake and its tributaries" (Senate No. 118), reported same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Swift from the committee on railroads and expresses, on An Act to provide for the use of existing side tracks of railroad companies and for the building for use by such companies of additional side tracks (Senate No. 93), reported same in a new draft, under title of "An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 56 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, so that existing branch tracks may be used by parties other

than those for whom they were originally built and also so that railroads may be required to build additional branch tracks," and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Butler from the committee on State prisons, on Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison for maintenance and current expenses, reported same ought to pass.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on taxation, on An Act relative to returns by railroad companies for purposes of taxation (Senate No. 135), 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. Merrill from the same committee, on 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 (Senate No. 123), reported same ought to pass. (On motion by Mr. Holt of Cumberland the rules were suspended and the bill was given its first reading.)

Mr. Holt from the same committee, on Resolve for the Appointment of Delegates to the Conference of the National Tax Association, 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. Peterson from the committee on agriculture, on 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 Employees Thereof; and Providing Penalties for the Violation of This Act (Senate No. 168), reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Conant from the same committee, on so much of the Address of the Governor as relates to agriculture, reported that such recommendations in such address pertaining to agriculture are being cared for by bills already presented, and that the same be placed on file.

Mr. Ames from the committee on education, An Act to Amend Section One Hundred Sixty-nine of Chapter Sixteen, Relating to Teachers' Pensions (Senate No. 45), reported same ought not to pass. (On motion by Mr. Deering of York, tabled pending acceptance of the report of the committee.)

Mr. Hastings from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on Petition of E. W. Hussey and Seventy-four Others, in Favor of a Uniform Close Time on Deer, reported that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Chick from the same committee, on An Act to Amend Section Twenty-six of Chapter thirty-three of the Revised Statutes (1916) Relating to the Taking of Smelts, Minnows, White Fish, and Cusk (Senate No. 51), reported same be placed on file, as the subject matter has been incorporated in the Revised Code of Inland Fish and Game Laws.

Mr. Merrill from the same committee, on Ice Fishing in China Lake, and Mud Pond, reported petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Hastings from the same committee, on Petition of Charles M. Hobbs and Others for "An Act to Regulate Fishing in Walton's Mill Pond, in the Town of Farmington," reported that the 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 Five of Chapter Thirty-three of the Revised Statutes (1916) Relating to the Taking of Fish, Game and Birds for Scientific and Park Purposes, and to Provide for Game and Fur Farming, reported same be placed on file, as the subject matter in new draft will be incorporated in the Revised Code of Inland Fish and Game Laws.

Mr. Chick from the same committee, on An Act Relating to Ice Fishing in

Bowlin Pond, Kimball Pond, Messer Pond all in Township Five, Range Eight, Penobscot County; and Lunksoos Pond, in Township Four, Range Seven, Penobscot County, 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 Petition of G. W. Fanjoy, G. W. Stevens and Others, Regulating Fishing on Cupsuptic Stream in Franklin and Oxford Counties, reported petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Chick from the same committee, on Petition of J. B. Marble and Others to Prohibit Plug or Still Fishing in Rangeley Lake, in Franklin County, reported same be placed on file as the subject matter in a 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. No. 401. Resolve to provide for the appointment of a commission to perfect plans for the celebration of Maine's Centennial and the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

H. D. No. 403. An Act to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to investigate any proposed changes in the rates of any public utility, and to suspend the same pending investigation.

H. D. No. 404. An Act to amend Section 57 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the revision of decrees of the railroad commissioners.

H. D. No. 405. An Act to extend the charter of the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway.

H. D. 406. An Act to amend Sections 7, 33 and 35 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fund for State highway. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Conant of Waldo, pending passage to be engrossed).

H. D. 407. An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes relating to approval of locations of street railroads.

S. D. 36. An Act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night and to

control the glare of head lights. (Tabled pending passage to be engrossed on motion by Mr. Marshall of Cumberland.)

S. D. 150. An Act amending Chapter 250 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Clark Power Company" and granting to said company certain additional powers.

S. D. 250. Resolve in favor of the Machias Electric Light Company in payment for current furnished the Washington State Normal school. (Tabled pending second reading on motion of Mr. Walker of Somerset.)

S. D. 252. An Act to amend Section 117 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the employment of agents for schools in unorganized townships.

S. D. 253. An Act to amend Section 176 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appropriations for teachers' pensions. (Tabled pending passage to be engrossed on motion by Mr. Deering of York.)

S. D. 254. An Act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of secondary schools.

S. D. 255. Resolve in favor of L. E. Bradstreet & Sons Co. for the balance due on the Farmington and State Normal School for dormitory construction. (Tabled pending second reading on motion by Mr. Walker of Somerset.)

S. D. 256. Resolve in favor of certain private, charitable and benevolent institutions for the care, support and education of indigent persons and for other purposes.

S. D. 257. Resolve in favor of the Board of Dental Examiners, for equipment, printing and postage.

S. D. 258. Resolve providing for the payment for steel filing equipment in the office of the secretary of the Senate. (Tabled pending passage to be engrossed on motion by Mr. Fulton of Aroostook.)

S. D. 259. Resolve appropriating money for electoral college.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act changing the name of McCurdy pond to Hilton lake.

An Act to amend Chapter 387 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Co.

An Act to authorize the erection of a dam across the east branch of Spruce creek in the town of Kittery.

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."

An Act to change the name of McGurdy or Crowell pond to Lake Waukesha.

An Act relating to issuance of duplicate passbooks and certificates by Loan and Building Associations.

An Act to extend the charter of the Lincoln County Street Railway.

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

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

An Act to confirm and make valid

the proceedings of the special town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Baileyville held April 17, 1916.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Conant of Waldo, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that bill, An Act providing for court jurisdiction in criminal cases originating in Hibbert's Gore, House Document, No. 389, be recalled from the committee on engrossed bills for the further consideration of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Swift of Kennebec, Senate Document No. 139, An Act to amend Chapter 416 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the schools of the city of Augusta, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Goggin of Androscoggin,

Adjourned.