

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

Monday, March 10, 1919.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Paul S. Phalen of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

H. D. 324: Resolve, in favor of the trustees of Hartland Academy for State aid for agricultural instruction for the year 1917-1918.

H. D. 322: Resolve, authorizing Michael Burns to bring a suit at law against the State of Maine.

H. D. 321: An Act to enlarge the purposes and powers of the Utterback-Gleason Co., Inc., of Bangor, Maine.

H. D. 295: An Act to extend the charter of the Rockland and Thomaston Cement Railroad.

H. D. 26: An Act relative to the appointment of examiners to perform certain duties for the Public Utilities Commission.

H. D. 29: An Act to secure information relating to the yearly cut of timber from the wild land townships.

H. D. 309: An Act to amend Section 36 of the Revised Statutes as enacted in Chapter 158 of the Public Laws of 1917, and to provide for the construction of third class highways.

(On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, the rules were suspended and this bill was given its second reading and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.)

H. D. 99: An Act to provide for the election of road commissioners by towns.

From the House: S. D. 115: An Act to establish the Lubec & Machias Railway Company.

In the House Senate Amendment A was adopted in concurrence, and House Amendment A was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Washington, House Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

The following bills, resolves, etc., were presented 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 in addition to Chapter 52 Section 2 of the Revised Statutes, relating to definition of banking.

Judiciary

By Mr. Dearth of Penobscot, An Act providing for the payment of judges of probate court on retirement at 70 years of age, one half pay, having served as such judge 20 consecutive years at least.

Temperance

By Mr. Folsom of Somerset, An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes.

Bills in First Reading

S. D. 169: Resolve, for indexing the documents filed by the Legislature of Maine since 1820, now in the office of the secretary of State.

S. D. 170: An Act to amend Section 33 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relative to deposits by savings banks in institutions outside of the State of Maine.

S. D. 171: Resolve, to reimburse C. H. Robinson Company of Portland, Maine, for goods sold and delivered to the State, and for which purchaser failed to file with the State auditor a copy of the order.

S. D. 172: Resolve in favor of Charles E. Darling, superintendent of the State fish hatchery, Enfield, Maine.

S. D. 173: An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of superintendents of schools.

S. D. 174: Resolve, in favor of the Augusta State hospital, for the construction of a new building for patients.

S. D. 175: Resolve, in favor of the Bangor State hospital for purposes herein enumerated for the years 1919 and 1920.

S. D. 176: Resolve, in favor of the Bangor State hospital interest on the Robie Amusement Fund for the years 1919 and 1920.

S. D. 17: Resolve, in favor of the Bangor State hospital for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1919 and 1920.

S. D. 178: Resolve, in favor of the Augusta State hospital for maintenance and other purposes for the years 1919 and 1920.

S. D. 179: Resolve, providing a State pension for George A. Penney.

S. D. 180: An Act to amend Chapter 151 of the Public Laws of 1919 entitled, 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 & North American Railroad.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Tuttle for the committee on agriculture, on An Act to amend Section 19, Chapter 36, Revised Statutes, relating to analysis of commodities examined under the inspection laws, (Senate 102), reported same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Grant, for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on communication from the State Auditor, transmitting list of unpaid bills and accounts for which there is no appropriation, submitted report A, that so much of said communication as was deemed advisable has been included in the accompanying resolve entitled Resolve, providing for the payment of certain deficiencies that accrued prior to January 1, 1918, and reported that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the resolve tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Grant for the same committee on the same communication, submitted report B, that so much thereof as is not covered in resolve submitted in report A of this committee on said communication be referred to the committee on claims.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Grant, for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on the following several resolves:

Resolve, in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine for maintenance.

Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Orphans' Home of Bangor, Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Girls' Orphanage, Lewiston, for the care, support and education of neglected or dependent children, whose parents or grandparents are unable, and whose relatives are unwilling to properly support and maintain them.

Resolve in favor of the Healey Asylum, Lewiston, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Lewiston and Auburn Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, Portland, Maine.

Resolve in favor of the W. C. T. U. Temporary Home, Gardiner, for the care, support and education of neglected or dependent children, whose parents or grandparents are unable and whose relatives are unwilling to properly support and maintain them.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Heart Work Society, Portland, for the care, support and education of neglected or dependent children, whose parents or grandparents are unable and whose relatives are unwilling to properly support and maintain them.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Protective Society, Portland, for the care, support and education of neglected or dependent children, whose parents or grandparents are unable and whose relatives are unwilling to properly support and maintain them.

Resolve in favor of Maine Children's Home Society for maintenance.

Resolve in favor of the York County Children's Aid Society, Saco, for the care, support and education of neglected or dependent children, whose parents or grandparents are unable and whose relatives are unwilling to properly support and maintain them.

Resolve in favor of the Augusta General Hospital for maintenance.

Resolve in favor of the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital, Bar Harbor, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve in favor of the Bath City Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Calais Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Castine General Hospital for partial support of free patients.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve in favor of the Charles A. Dean Hospital at Greenville Junction in the county of Piscataquis.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Hospital, Portland, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of crippled and deformed children.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital, Bangor, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve in favor of the Gardiner general hospital, Gardiner, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons, and for other purposes.

Resolve in favor of the Knox County General Hospital.

Resolve, in favor of the Madigan Memorial hospital.

Resolve, in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Resolve, in favor of the Maine General hospital, Portland, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons, and for other purposes.

Resolve, in favor of the Northern Maine General hospital, Eagle lake, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons, and for other purposes.

Resolve, in favor of the Old Town hospital, Old Town, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve, in favor of the Presque Isle General hospital for maintenance.

Resolve, in favor of the Rumford Hospital Association, Rumford, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve, in favor of the Sisters of Charity of Waterville for medical and surgical treatment of the poor.

Resolve, in favor of St. Mary's General hospital, Lewiston, Maine.

Resolve, in favor of the Trull Hospital Aid Association for the care, support, medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve, in favor of Waldo County General hospital for maintenance.

Resolve, in favor of the Webber Hospital Association, Biddeford, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve, in favor of the York hospital, York village, for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of indigent persons.

Resolve, in favor of the Good Samaritan Home Association for maintenance.

Resolve, in favor of the Temporary Home for Women and Children, Portland, for the care of unmarried mothers and their children.

Resolve, in favor of the Home for Aged Women in Belfast.

Resolve, in favor of the Maine Mission for the Deaf, Bangor, for care and support of indigent deaf persons.

Resolve, in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind, Portland, for the education of the adult blind in order that they may be self-supporting.

Submitted the same in a new draft, single resolve, under the title of Resolve, providing for the care, support and medical or surgical treatment of dependent persons in or by certain charitable and benevolent institutions and organizations not owned or controlled by the State, and for other purposes, and that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Walker for the committee on education, on An Act to amend Section 176 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the appropriation for teachers' pensions, (Senate No. 105), reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and under suspension of the rules this bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Walker for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 86 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to returns from towns showing expenditure for High school tuition, reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill was tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Walker from the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 136 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State aid for industrial courses in High schools and academies, (Senate No. 108), that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Walker for the same committee, on Resolve to provide funds for vocational education, reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the resolve tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Walker for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 139 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 77 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the appropriation for industrial education (Senate No. 107), reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and under suspension of the rules the bill was given its first reading.

Mr. Metcalf for the committee on inland fisheries and game, on Petition of Albert J. Stearns and 50 others of Norway favoring a law providing that no persons shall take, catch and kill in one day more than 5 black bass in the waters of Lake Pennessewassee, in Oxford county, reported that the same be referred to the commissioner of inland fisheries and game.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Deering for the committee on judiciary, on An Act to supplement Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, and to provide for the care of persons requiring full support, or more than temporary relief (Senate No. 29), submitted the same in a new draft under

the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Davies for the same committee, on An Act to regulate the employment of legislative counsel or agents (Senate No. 15), submitted the same in a new draft under the title of bill An Act to regulate the employment of legislative counsel or agents and to provide a legislative docket in secretary of State's office, open to public inspection, disclosing information in relation to such employment, and that it ought to pass.

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

Mr. Davies for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 213 of the Public Laws of 1917, relative to the reckless driving of motor vehicles (Senate No. 159), reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Dearth for the same committee, on Resolve relating to payment of damages arising out of death of Edgar Chase Harnden, reported that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the resolve tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Davies for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Sunday observance (House No. 95), reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Deering for the same committee, on An Act declaring all buildings and places nuisances wherein or upon which acts of lewdness, assignation or prostitution are held or occur or which are used for such purposes, and providing for the abatement and prevention of such nuisances by injunction and otherwise, reported that the same ought not to pass.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Deering for the same committee, on An Act authorizing the Clark Power Company to construct and maintain a dam or dams on Saco Waters in the cities of Saco and Bid-

deford, submitted the same in a new draft under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Davies for the same committee, on An Act to amend Sections 4, 8, 9 and 10 of Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes, providing that only one set of ballots be prepared for State and municipal elections, reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Gannett for the committee on taxation, on An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 253 of the Revised Statutes, to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes, reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Gannett for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 16, Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, to provide for inventory of exempt live stock, etc., reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Gannett for the same committee, on An Act to amend Section 61 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the Maine Forestry District tax, reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Passed to Be Engrossed

H. D. 259: An Act to amend Paragraph 4, Section 60, Chapter 8, of the Revised Statutes, relating to Oxford county, Maine, Forestry District.

H. D. 291: Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, for the general care, maintenance, relief and education thereof.

In the House, House Amendment A was adopted.

The Senate concurred with the House in the adoption of House Amendment A and the resolve was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

S. D. 49: An Act to amend Chapter 319, Public Laws of 1915, providing for State and county aid in the construction of highway bridges.

S. D. 120: An Act to amend Section 39, Chapter 55, of the Revised Statutes, relating to increase or decrease of cap-

ital stock, or stock, bond or scrip dividend.

S. D. 160: An Act to abolish the common council of the city of Lewiston.

(On motion by Mr. Parent of Androscoggin, tabled, pending its second reading, until tomorrow morning.)

S. D. 161: Resolve, authorizing and empowering the Governor and Council to acquire by purchase the residence of the late James G. Blaine, and such other property contiguous or adjacent thereto to be used in connection therewith as said Governor and Council may determine, for an executive mansion.

S. D. 164: An Act to authorize the Biddeford & Saco Water Company to issue bonds for refunding and other purposes.

S. D. 165: An Act to authorize the Winterport Water Company to issue bonds for refunding and other purposes.

Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to authorize the town of Southport to rebuild and maintain a bridge across Nelson's millpond, so called.

An Act regulating the taking of clams in the town of Swan's Island.

An Act to amend Chapter 372 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905 entitled "An Act for the protection of clams in parts of the county of Sagadahoc."

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

An Act to extend the charter of the Boothbay Harbor Water District.

An Act to provide an appropriation for general forestry purposes.

An Act to repeal Sections 54 and 55 of Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appropriations for the State Prison.

An Act to authorize the Brunswick and Topsham Water District to adjust a claim for overcharge.

Finally Passed

Resolve, appropriating money for further public instruction in forestry.

Resolve in favor of John P. Haney of Bangor, Penobscot county, State of Maine, for teacher's pension.

Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of operating the fish

hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds, and for printing the report of the commissioner on inland fisheries and game, and other expenses incident to the administration of the department of inland fisheries and game.

Resolve appropriating money for further maintenance of the State Forest Nursery.

Resolve appropriating money for continuance of white pine blister rust control.

Resolve providing for the completion of the book of plans of Waldo county and appropriating money therefor.

On motion by Mr. Davies of Cumberland,

Adjourned.