

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE**

Tuesday, February 22, 1927

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. W. F. Greenman of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

From the House: An Act to empower the Governor and Council to lease the right to gather and harvest kelp, seaweed and other vegetable growth on tide lands or reefs with the jurisdiction of the State. (S. D. 53)

(In the Senate, on February 9, referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in non-concurrence.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Dwinall of Knox, that body receded from its former action and the bill was referred to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries in concurrence.

From the House: An Act relating to uniform accounting in cities and towns. (H. D. 244)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Towns.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Maher of Kennebec, tabled pending reference.

From the House: An Act relating to the removal of snow from State Highways. (H. D. 209)

In the House, referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

In the Senate, on motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, tabled pending reference.

**House Bills in First Reading**

Resolve in favor of the Cobbosseecontee Fish and Game Association. (H. D. 144)

An Act to regulate fishing in Twin Brooks, so-called, tributaries to Azis-cocos Lake, in the county of Oxford. (H. D. 145)

An Act to prohibit fishing in Lily Pond, in the town of Rockport, county of Knox. (H. D. 149)

An Act to authorize towns of Bridgton and Harrison to assist in

the preservation of railroad service to and from said towns. (H. D. 78)

An Act to repeal Acts incorporating the Kendalls Mills Village Corporation and the Fairfield Village Corporation. (S. D. 26)

Resolve authorizing the Governor to receive from the Secretary of War of the United States such "Other Funds," remaining to the credit of the National Guard of this State and to distribute them for the benefit of said National Guard. (H. D. 146)

An Act relating to the unauthorized use of Insignia of War Veterans. (H. D. 150)

An Act granting Charles H. Scott the right to maintain a Ferry across Eggemoggin Reach in Hancock County. (H. D. 147)

An Act relating to the charter of the Norway Water Company. (H. D. 151)

An Act in relation to the Buckfield Village Corporation especially to establish a municipal water system for said corporation. (H. D. 152)

An Act to obtain the benefit of credit allowed under Federal Estate Tax. (H. D. 58)

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

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Nickerson of Waldo, An Act relating to the protection of Moose. (S. P. 348)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Salaries and Fees**

By Mr. Crafts of Piscataquis, An Act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of Courts of Piscataquis County. (S. P. 349)

By the same Senator, An Act relating to the salary of the Clerk of Courts of Piscataquis County. (S. P. 350)

Sent down for concurrence.

**Taxation**

By Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, An Act to authorize the refund of the tax on internal combustion engine fuel to offices and employees of the United States when engaged on official business. (S. P. 351)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Granville of York, An Act relating to continuous roads through three or more towns. (S. P. 352)

By the same Senator, An Act relating to the apportionment among towns of the third class highway fund. (S. P. 353)

Sent down for concurrence.

### Orders

On motion by Mr. Drake of Sagadahoc, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that bill "An Act relating to the publication of annual statements of condition of Foreign Insurance Companies" (S. P. 154) be recalled from the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

### Bills in First Reading

An Act to provide for the marking of the Maine and New Hampshire boundary line. (S. D. 109)

An Act relating to taking of Clams in Cutler. (S. D. 120)

An Act to amend Section 77 of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to Reserved Automobile Registration Numbers. (S. D. 96)

### Reports of Committees

Mr. Roberts, from the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, on "Resolve authorizing the sale of lots in Lakeville Plantation" (S. P. 115) reported that the same ought not to pass.

The report was read and accepted.  
Sent down for concurrence.

### Orders of the Day

Mr. SMITH of Somerset: Mr. President, I move for unanimous consent to introduce a bill and in explanation of the same, I wish to state that it is for the purpose of creating a holding company, that certain individuals may hold, in trust certain narrow strips of timberland along the highways in Skowhegan in order to perpetuate the beauties of these thoroughfares. I trust there will be no opposition to the bill and I may have unanimous consent at this time to introduce it.

Thereupon unanimous consent was granted the Senator to introduce the bill out of order, it being, "An Act

to incorporate Somerset woods trust," (S. P. 354), and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act relating to the removal of snow from State highways, it being (H. D. 209), tabled by that Senator earlier in today's session, and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act relating to increases in capital stock of public utility corporations and proceedings before the public utilities commission, (H. D. 101), tabled by that Senator, February 11, pending reference.

Mr. CARTER: Mr. President, with a few words of explanation, I am about to make a motion on the reference of this bill. The bill provides that the railroads be exempted from certain duties and laws of the State of Maine as long as they are under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. This seemed to involve a question of law and without having an opportunity of reading the bill or examining the law, I tabled it pending reference. Over this week-end I have had an opportunity of examining the law and I find that the exclusive jurisdiction of the issuance of this class of public securities is in Congress,—federal jurisdiction, and can be approved only by the Interstate Commerce Commission. That being so, this bill, No. 101, which simply exempts the railroads from our law while they are under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is, in my judgment a good law and I therefore move that the bill be referred to the suggested reference, the Committee on Public Utilities, in concurrence.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Senator Carter of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act relating to increases in the capital stock of

railroad corporations, (H. D. 102,) tabled by that Senator on February 11th pending reference.

Mr. CARTER: Mr. President, as the same reason applies to this document as to Document 101, I move that House Document 102 be referred in concurrence with the House to the Committee on Public Utilities.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Carter of Androscoggin, the Senate voted to take from the table An Act relating to approval of Public Utilities Commission of issues of stock, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness by public utility corporations, (H. D. 103), tabled by that Senator February 11th, pending reference.

Mr. CARTER: Mr. President, this act, House Document 103, being a

part of an apparent trilogy of acts, I now move that it be referred in concurrence with the House to the Committee on Public Utilities.

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, the Senate voted to take from the table, resolve in favor of Maine Mission for the Deaf at Bangor, (S. P. 187), tabled by that Senator on February 15th pending reference, and on further motion by the same Senator the resolve was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bond of Lincoln  
Adjourned until tomorrow morning, February 23rd at 10 o'clock.