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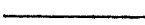
LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.



1901.

Senator. Please communicate to the Legislature my profound gratitude for this additional expression of their confidence and esteem.

(Signed) WILLIAM P. FRYE.

(Applause.)

On motion of Mr. Plummer of Penobscot the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Beale of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company, comes from the Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. WALTER of Waldoboro: Representing the town of Waldoboro I would say that this Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company have had their charter extended from time to time until they have held it for something like eight years. Now as representing that town I believe that they have been a hindrance rather than a help to the town of Waldoboro in getting an adequate supply of pure water; and inasmuch as I have submitted a bill for a municipal water charter, as petitioned for by the selectmen, and shall move its reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs, I move that the House non-concur with the Senate in its reference of this bill to the Judiciary Committee and that it be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The motion was agreed to.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to regulate the ice fishing in Thompson Pond in Oxford, Casco, Poland and Otisfield.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Haskell of Lewiston—Petition of F. W. Packard, President of First National Bank of Lewiston, and 33 others, for the passage of a law relating to negotiable instruments.

By Mr. Randall of Portland—Bill, an act to increase the powers of the City Council of the city of Portland.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Walter of Waldoboro—Petition of the town of Waldoboro for municipal water charter.

Also, Bill, an act to supply the town of Waldoboro with pure water.

By Mr. Plummer of Portland—Bill, an act to amend section 46 of chapter

38 of the Revised Statutes relating to the measures of milk.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Bill, an act to amend section 6 of chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1893 entitled "An act to provide for the printing and distributing of ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting at State and City elections."

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford—An act in relation to the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company.

By Mr. Phoenix of Alfred—An act to establish the salary of county officers.

By Mr. Hinckley of Jonesport—An act to authorize Charles H. Mansfield to maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Moosabec Reach in the town of Jonesport.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Bill, an act entitled Ward Boundaries, city of Bangor.

Mr. Parkhurst moved that this bill lie on the table pending its reference to the committee.

Mr. BEAL: I introduced the bill and I think the proper place is the Legal Affairs Committee. I desire to have it so referred. It seems to me that it is only delaying the getting of these matters before the committees—they are already short of material for work—and I can see no reason except it be a personal one why the bill should lie on the table. I hope the motion will not prevail.

Mr. PARKHURST: I ask the indulgence of the House for a word.

The SPEAKER: A motion to lay on the table is not debatable, but if there is no objection the gentleman may proceed.

Mr. PARKHURST: I merely wished to say that I would like to have the bill laid on the table so as to consult with my colleague from Bangor (Mr. Beal), and if possible arrive at an agreement in regard to its reference without moving a division of the House on this question. I do not think a delay until tomorrow morning is unreasonable, and I hope the House will agree to the motion.

The question being, shall the bill lie on the table pending its reference to the committee.

The motion was lost.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Dudley of Augusta—Petition of W. S. Choate and 27 others for aid for temporary home for women and children at Portland.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Resolve for temporary loan for the year 1901.

By Mr. Webb of Portland—Resolve in favor of the Maine General hospital.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Dudley of Augusta—An act to amend chapter 80 of the Public Laws of 1899 relating to truant children.

By Mr. Maddocks of Boothbay Harbor—Resolve in favor of Wiscasset Academy.

By Mr. Briggs of Hudson—Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy.

By Mr. Mead of Bridgton—Resolve in favor of Bridgton Academy with statement of facts.

By Mr. Jackson of Monson—Resolve in favor of Monson Academy.

By Mr. Cook of Vassalboro—Resolve in favor of Oak Grove Seminary in Vassalboro, Maine, with accompanying statement of facts.

By Mr. McDougall of Boothbay—Resolve in favor of Lincoln Academy.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Purinton of Gorham—Petition of Rose Chute Johnson and 175 others, residents of Gorham, requesting that Portland Railroad Company be authorized to extend its railroad from Westbrook to and into the village of Gorham.

Also petition of Mrs. Mandeen Sweetser and 222 others of Gorham for same.

Also petition of John H. Carroll and 275 others, residents of Gorham, for same.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford—An act to incorporate the Union Boom Company.

By Mr. Jackson of Monson—Bill, An act entitled, an act to amend section 2 of chapter 64 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899.

By Mr. White of Naples—Resolve to complete the improvements on Songo and Chute rivers.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Jackson of Monson—Petition of J. A. Randall and 34 others, citizens of Shirley, for close time on Lily pond.

COUNTIES.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford—Petition of Frank P. Thomas and 58 others of the town of Andover, Oxford county, as to setting off a part of Rangeley Plantation, townships D and E, from Franklin county and annexing the same to Oxford.

Also petition of Henry W. Park and 168 others, citizens of Mexico and Rumford in the county of Oxford, to change the town line between Mexico and Rumford with accompanying bill.

Also petition of S. D. Richards and others, residents of that part of Rangeley Plantation known as Bemis, to be set off from Franklin county and annexed to Oxford county.

Also an act to change in part the town line between the towns of Mexico and Rumford in the county of Oxford.

On motion by Mr. Pettengill of Rumford the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was referred to the committee on counties, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on towns.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Frederick of Winterport—Petition of George D. Crane and 73 others of Bucksport in favor of a resolve in favor of Cyrenus B. Downes of Winterport.

Also petition of Charles R. Hill and 63 others of Winterport for same.

Also resolve in favor of Cyrenus B. Downes of Winterport in the county of Waldo, with statement of facts accompanying.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Moulton of South Portland—Petition of Harlan B. True and others asking for legislation in regard to Maine State Relief Association.

Also an act to authorize the Maine State Relief Association to admit to its membership members of the various fraternal organizations.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Vassalboro,

Ordered, that the Kennebec county delegation inquire into the expediency of placing all county officers in Kennebec county on a salary.

On motion of Mr. Dearborn of Parsonsfield,

Ordered, that the committee on legal affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of requiring highway surveyors and road commissioners to clear the roadsides of all trees and bushes excepting shade trees, timber and fruit trees, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. CARLETON of Winthrop: By the direction of the Kennebec county delegation I am requested to introduce the following order, and I ask a suspension of the rules that I may do so at this time.

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Kennebec county delegation be requested to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the Kennebec county superior court, and report by bill or otherwise.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Andrews of Norway, from the committee on the Governor's message, to which was referred an order of the Legislature relating to the consideration of the Governor's message and reference of the subjects contained therein to the proper committees, reported that that portion of the message relating to the State prison be referred to the committee on State prison.

The same gentleman from the same committee reported that that portion of the Governor's message relating to the reformatory prison for women be referred to the committee on State prison.

Mr. Bird of Rockland, from the same committee reported that that portion of the Governor's message relating to education be referred to the committee on education.

The same gentleman from the same committee reported that that portion of the message relating to the Maine Industrial school for girls be referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Carleton from the Kennebec county delegation, to which was referred an act to abolish the fees to establish the salary of the stenographer of the superior

court of Kennebec county, reported in a new draft and ought to pass an act to abolish the fees and per diem compensation and establish the salary of the stenographer of the superior court for the county of Kennebec. Printed under rule.

A message was received from the Senate proposing a joint convention of the two branches of the Legislature in the hall of the House for the purpose of reading the journal of each branch relating to the vote for a United States senator, taken yesterday, and for such other proceedings in relation to the matter as are required by law.

On motion by Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor, the House concurred in the proposition, and the clerk was charged with and delivered a message to the Senate to that effect.

On motion by Mr. Putnam of Houlton, the House took a recess until 11.50 o'clock.

The speaker called the House to order at 11.50 o'clock.

IN CONVENTION.

At 12 o'clock the Senate and House met in joint convention in Representatives' hall. The journals of both branches relating to the vote for United States senator having been read, Senator Prince of Oxford, presented the following order:

Ordered, that Hon. William P. Frye of Lewiston, be and hereby is declared duly elected senator in Congress for the term of six years, beginning on the 4th of March, A. D. 1901; and be it further ordered that the secretary of the convention forthwith inform the Governor of the election and declaration thereof by the Legislature of Hon. William P. Frye of Lewiston, as senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the 4th of March, A. D. 1901.

Thereupon Hon. William P. Frye was declared elected to the Senate of the United States.

The secretary of the convention reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

The Senate then retired.

IN HOUSE.

The SPEAKER: The chair received this morning the following telegram relating to the proceedings of the House yesterday:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.

To J. H. Manley, Speaker of the House, Augusta, Maine:

Duty here forbids my being in Augusta to personally express to the members of the Legislature my appreciation of the great honor conferred upon me in again electing me a senator of the United States. Please communicate to the Legislature my profound gratitude for this additional expression of their confidence and esteem.

(Signed) WILLIAM P. FRYE.

The reading of the telegram was followed by applause.

On motion by Mr. McNamara of Thomaston,

Adjourned.