

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

OF THE

**Seventieth Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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**1901.**

**HOUSE.**

Thursday, Jan. 17.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingstone of Augusta.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Clark of Gray—Petition of Agnes L. Johnson and 300 others, inhabitants of Durham, Gray, Raymond and Haynesville relative to granting to women the right of suffrage.

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—An act to amend chapter 296 of the Public Laws of 1885 relating to evidence of witnesses at coroners' inquests.

By Mr. Littlehale of Union—An act to incorporate the Friendship Water Company.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Bill, an act to amend an act to authorize the city of Portland to appoint commissioners of cemeteries and public grounds.

By Mr. Spofford of Deer Isle—An act to define the powers of trial justices.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Weymouth of Boothbay—An act to amend section 2 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes relating to fees for town and city clerks for recording mortgages.

By Mr. Gammon of Jay—An act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company.

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—Petition of F. S. Dingley and 16 others of Auburn and Lewiston in aid of Home for Friendless Boys in Deering.

By Mr. Lawrence of Gardiner—Petition of Freeman Patten and 11 others of Gardiner in favor of the Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

By Mr. Low of Portland—Petition of W. W. Hooper and 99 others, citizens of Portland, in favor of same.

By Mr. Shaw of Bath—Petition of Albert L. Strout and 46 others of Bath in favor of an appropriation for the temporary home for women and children at Portland.

By Mr. Haskell of Windham—Petition of C. W. Deering and 60 others relative to granting aid to the Cumberland County Agricultural Society of Gorham.

By Mr. Sturgis of Standish—Petition of F. D. Scammon and 77 others in aid of Cumberland County Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Petition Bangor Children's Home.

By Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor—Resolve in favor of Bangor Children's Home with statement of facts.

By Mr. Purinton of Gorham—Resolve in favor of the Cumberland County Agricultural Society.

**EDUCATION.**

By Mr. Dearborn of Parsonsfield—An act to amend section 104 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes defining the duties of the State Superintendent of Schools.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford—Resolve in favor of town of Bethel.

By Mr. Eaton of Calais—Resolve in favor of Calais Academy.

By Mr. Stevens of Bluehill—Resolve in favor of Bluehill George Stevens' Academy.

By Mr. White of East Machias—Resolve in favor of Washington Academy, East Machias.

**RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.**

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—An act to amend section 3 of chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895 in regard to the incorporation and control of telegraph and telephone companies.

By Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth—An act to establish the Hancock County Railway Company.

**MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.**

By Mr. Cushman of Sherman—An act relating to agents of domestic mutual fire insurance companies.

**BANKS AND BANKING.**

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford—Petition of Charles A. Moody et al., asking for uniform banking law.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Leathers of Hermon—Petition of Frank A. Bishop and 31 others in favor of a bounty on crows.

**STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.**

By Mr. Brackett of Phillips—Resolve in favor of a road in Perkins' Plantation.

By Mr. Laliberte of Fort Kent—Resolve in favor of building a road in

Wallgrass Plantation. Also a ferry boat across the Fish river.

#### WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Morin of Embden—Petition of Charles E. Ball and 26 others of the Forks asking aid to repair highway from the Forks to Parlin pond.

Also petition of C. M. Hill and 62 others of Moscow and vicinity asking for change in law relating to election of highway commissioners.

By Mr. Merritt of Columbia—Petition of M. H. Nash and 70 others, citizens of Harrington, in favor of rebuilding old bridge between the towns of Harrington and Cherryfield known as the Plummer bridge.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford—Resolve for repair of highways in Upton, Lincoln plantation and Township C in Oxford county.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Resolve in favor of repairing the Mattawamkeag bridge.

#### INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

My Mr. Carleton of Winthrop—Petition of G. W. Earle and 45 others, residents of Litchfield, praying for winter fishing in certain lakes and ponds in Kennebec county.

By Mr. Spofford of Deer Isle—Petition of C. D. Turner and 11 others of Isle au Haut in favor of an act to prevent the killing of gulls and tern.

Also petition of Nelson Mullen and 30 others of North Haven of Knox county in favor of same.

Also an act to prevent the killing of gulls and tern.

By Mr. Mead of Bridgton—An act to amend chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to the laws for the protection of wild birds.

#### TOWNS.

By Mr. Brackett of Phillips—An act to repeal the organization of Perkins plantation in Franklin county.

#### COUNTIES.

By Mr. Putnam of Dixfield—Petition of John S. Harlow and others of Dixfield, in aid of petition of John Houghton and others to set off a part of Rangeley plantation, township D and E, from Franklin county and annex the same to Oxford county.

#### INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Resolve making an appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

#### CLAIMS.

By Mr. Vogel of Castine—Resolve in favor of John R. Bevan.

#### ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Walker of Starks, Ordered, the Senate concurring that the committee on education be granted the sum of \$20 for a stenographer.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Houlton, Ordered, that the Aroostook county delegation be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing all county officers in Aroostook county on a salary.

On motion of Mr. Dunn of Orono, Ordered, the Senate concurring that the secretary of State be and hereby is authorized to furnish each member of the Senate and House of the 70th Legislature a copy of Reed's Rules.

On motion of Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth, Ordered, that J. C. Pike of Lubec, be authorized to change his seat from No. 153 to No. 110.

On motion by Mr. Putnam of Houlton, the rules were suspended and that gentleman presented the following:

Ordered, that the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on elections for January 17, 1901, at 2.30 P. M.

The order received a passage.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bird from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, to which was referred bill entitled an act to amend section 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to telephone companies, reported that the same be referred to the committee on taxation.

Mr. Spofford from the judiciary committee, to which was referred bill entitled an act to amend the charter of the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company, reported a bill in a new draft under the same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Fellows from the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on bill entitled an act to revise the organization of the trustees of the parsonage fund of Bucksport.

Mr. Kaler from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend the charter of the Rockland, Thomaston and Camden Street Railroad.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

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.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

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

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Hospital for the insane.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Starks,  
Adjourned.