

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1901.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Doherty of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to authorize the city of Lewiston to issue its bonds to the amount of \$185,000 to pay its bonds outstanding and maturing in the year 1901.

An act to amend Chapter 295 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled, an act to incorporate the Yarmouth Water Company.

Mr. CARLETON of Winthrop: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. I move to reconsider the vote whereby the report of the committee on elections was assigned for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. In explanation of this I will say that I understand the parties in interest have arrived at an agreement in relation to the matter, and it is to forward the business of the House that I make the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being, shall the report of the committee be accepted,

The report was accepted.

Mr. DUNN of Orono: I move the adoption by the House of the report of the committee on elections.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DUNN: I now move the adoption by the House of the resolution reported by the committee, "Resolved, that it is the judgment of this House that Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville, the sitting member from the city of Waterville, was not legally elected and shall no longer act as the representative from said city to the 70th Legislature of Maine."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DUNN: In order that a special election may be promptly held in the city of Waterville I move a suspension of the rules that I may introduce out of order a bill entitled "An act to authorize a special election to be held in the city of Waterville."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DUNN: I move a further suspension of the rules and that the bill receive its three several readings at

the present time and be passed to be engrossed.

The motion was agreed to, the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Eaton of Calais—Petition of Mary S. Pinkham and 45 others of Steuben, granting to the women of the State of Maine the right of full and equal suffrage.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Beddington—Petitions of citizens of Milbridge, for change in relation to the April term of the supreme judicial court in Washington county; of citizens of Beddington; of citizens of Cherryfield—all for same.

By Mr. Merritt of Columbia—Petitions of citizens of Harrington; of citizens of Columbia; of citizens of Addison; of citizens of Columbia Falls—all for same.

By Mr. Gammon of Jay—Bill, an act to authorize the Maine and New Hampshire Granite Company to maintain a tramway across a county road in the town of Jay.

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield—Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Walls of Vinalhaven—Petition of the trustees of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Campmeeting Association for an amendment to said association's charter.

By Mr. Bennett of Hollis—Bill, an act to provide a bounty for the detection and arrest of murderers.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Bill, an act to authorize Robert Jordan to maintain a wharf into the tide waters of the New Meadows river in Brunswick.

By Mr. Scammon of Franklin—Bill, an act to amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 274 of the Public Laws of 1898, relating to benevolent institutions.

By Mr. Fuller of York—Bill, an act to amend Chapter 3, Section 12, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the choice and term of certain town officers.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Little of Monmouth—Petition of H. O. Pierce, secretary of trustees of Monmouth Academy, and 68 others, asking for appropriation for same.

By Mr. Jackson of Jefferson—Bill, an act to amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to schools.

By Mr. Weatherbee of Lincoln—Resolve in favor of Mattanawcook Academy.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth—Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company.

By Mr. Spofford of Deer Isle—Bill, an act to incorporate the Castine and Eastern Railroad Company.

COMMERCE.

By Mr. Pike of Lubec—Petition of Alexander B. Sumner & Co. for extension of wharf into tide waters of Lubec narrows.

Also, bill, an act authorizing the extension of a wharf into tide waters at Lubec narrows.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Eaton of Calais—Bill, an act to amend Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1899, entitled an act in relation to foreign banking associations and corporations.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Pettingill of Rumford—Petition of L. R. Hall of Andover, and 33 others, for a bounty on bear; of R. S. Taylor of Mexico, and 53 others; of J. O. Goodwin of Upton, and 32 others, all for same.

By Mr. Hammond of Paris—Resolve in favor of the State Pomological Society to aid in making an exhibition of Maine late keeping apples at the Pan-American Exhibition.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. White of Naples—Bill, an act to prohibit the obstruction of the Songo and Chute rivers in the town of Naples, in the county of Cumberland.

By Mr. Dearborn of Parsonfield—Bill, an act to prohibit fishing through the ice on Mirror lake in the town of Northfield.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Thompson of Ashland—Resolve in favor of Allegash road.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Maddocks of Boothbay Harbor—Petition of J. F. Dunton and 255 others of Boothbay Harbor, for authority to construct a foot bridge over the waters in said Boothbay Harbor.

Also an act to authorize the construction of a foot bridge over the waters of Boothbay Harbor.

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lamoine—Resolve in favor of the town of Mariaville, with statement of facts regarding the same.

By Mr. Merritt of Columbia—Resolve in aid of building a bridge in the town of Harrington.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Carleton of Winthrop—Petition of A. G. Morse and 40 others, residents of Waterford, praying for the better protection of bass in Keoka lake in said town.

By Mr. Brackett of Phillips—Petition of H. S. Furbish of Rangeley and 42 others, to prohibit fishing in Seven Ponds, Little Kennebago, etc., except by fly fishing.

By Mr. Haskell of Lewiston—Bill, an act to prevent the throwing of sawdust and other refuse matter into the tributaries of any of the lakes or ponds lying wholly or in part in the towns of Mt. Vernon and Vienna.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Pike of Lubec—Petition of H. E. Fitzhenry and 36 others, for the protection of lobsters in the waters adjacent to the shores of the towns of Lubec and Trescott.

Also bill, an act to protect lobsters in the waters adjacent to the shores of the towns of Lubec and Trescott.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Thornton of Ashland—Petition of county commissioners of Aroostook county relating to Sheridan plantation.

Also bill, an act relating to Sheridan plantation.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Resolve in favor of Matthias A. Cullnan of Belfast, with statement of facts.

LINCOLN COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Thompson of Bristol—Bill, an act to fix the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Lincoln.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Hutchings of Brewer—Bill, an act to amend Chapter 208 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to enable the proprietors of the Bangor bridge to dispose of their bridge property.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Maddocks of Boothbay Harbor,

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the commissioner of sea shore fisheries is hereby directed to have printed forthwith 1000 copies additional of his report for 1899 and 1900.

On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta,

Ordered the Senate concurring, that the secretary of State be and hereby is directed to lay before the Legislature all the papers and a copy of the report of the Governor and Council on the claim of A. J. Cameron which was referred to the Governor and Council by the last Legislature, and that the same be referred to the committee on finance.

On motion of Mr. Ross of Lincolnville,

Ordered, That the use of this hall be granted the committee on temperance to hold a hearing on resubmission act on Feb. 7, at 2 P. M.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Allan, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill, an act in relation to the inspection of mills.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported leave to withdraw on petition of G. N. Prescott and 100 others, praying for ice fishing one day each week in Aunabassacook and Cobboseecontee.

Mr. Hutchings, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on 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 for State and city elections. Printed under joint rule.

Mr. Jones, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition, reported a bill entitled an act to open Lambert lake to ice fishing, and that it ought to pass. Printed under joint rule.

Mr. Brackett, from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill, an act to prohibit winter fishing in Bunganot pond. Printed under joint rule.

Mr. Moulton, from the committee on State lands and State roads, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of roads in the Indian township, Washington county. Printed under joint rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Resolves in relation to extra pay of Maine volunteers in the war with Spain.

An act to build a bridge across the bar between Mt. Desert island and Bar island, in the county of Hancock.

An act to amend Section 47 of Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the terms of the supreme judicial court in the county of Oxford.

An act to prohibit ice fishing in Androscoggin pond situated partly or wholly in Kennebec county.

An act to regulate fishing in Branch and Meadow brooks in Thomaston and Rockland.

An act to regulate fishing in Wilson river in Piscataquis county.

An act to authorize the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Piscataqua river at Kittery.

An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river in Verona, Me.

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Resolve for the purpose of redeeming outstanding pledges in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

On motion by Mr. Pattangall of Machias, this resolve, pending its second reading, was laid upon the table and assigned for Tuesday of next week.

An act to regulate winter fishing and to close the tributaries of certain lakes and ponds in Piscataquis county.

Mr. CHASE of Portland: I am informed that the act to authorize a special election to be held in the city of Waterville, which has been passed to be engrossed, this morning, by the House, has been engrossed, and I move that the rules be suspended and that the bill now pass to be enacted.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was passed to be enacted.

Mr. DUNN of Orono: I move a suspension of the rules that I may introduce out of order at this time petitions of Albert W. Paine and 42 others, members of the Penobscot bar, praying that the commissioners of Penobscot county be authorized to erect a court house at Bangor and to negotiate a loan therefor; of W. C. Clark and others for the same; and of James M. Sanborn and others of the Penobscot bar for the same.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DUNN: I move a further suspension of the rules to introduce a bill entitled "An act to authorize the commissioners of Penobscot county to erect a court house at Bangor and to make a loan therefor."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. DUNN: I now move that the whole matter be referred to the Penobscot county delegation.

The motion was agreed to.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to incorporate the trustees of Leavitt Institute in the town of Turner.

An act in relation to the charter of the Wiscasset & Quebec Railroad.

An act to extend the charter of the Franklin, Somerset & Kennebec Railway Company.

An act to change in part the town line between the towns of Mexico and Rumbold in the county of Oxford.

An act to extend the charter of the Waterville & Wiscasset Railroad Company.

An act to amend the charter of the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

Resolve providing for the preservation of regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

On motion by Mr. Carleton of Winthrop, these resolves were laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the town of Verona.

An act to extend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

An act to incorporate the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Company.

Mr. Fellows of Bucksport, moved that the further reading of this bill in detail be dispensed with.

Mr. CHASE of Portland: I trust that the gentleman from Bucksport will withdraw that motion, and if the House will

bear with me a moment I will state my reasons. It is due to this House that a bill shall take three several readings. I think it is certainly the sense and purport of that rule that each bill may be read so that the House may know upon what it is acting. It is customary, and has been, to dispense with the reading in detail on the third reading, but on first reading it is customary to have bills read in full. Now this bill, which is apparently an important bill, was not read in detail at the last session when it took its first reading, for good and sufficient reasons. This bill is for the incorporation of a railroad company, and it seems to me that it is proper that the House should know what the contents of such an act as this is. I do not doubt that it is all right, but I venture to say that not three members of this House know anything about the contents of that bill. Although bills are printed, it is a physical impossibility for the members of the House to take the time to read personally all the printed bills upon their desks. It seems to me, and I speak not only with reference to this bill but all other bills, that the House should adhere strictly to its rule and insist upon one reading in detail of each and every act that is passed. This is my only reason for making this suggestion, that we should not have too much hasty and ill-considered legislation. I trust that the gentleman will withdraw his motion.

The question being on the motion to dispense with the further reading of the bill in detail,

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend the charter of the Rockland, Thomaston, Camden Street Railway.

Resolve for the purpose of operating fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Portland, this resolve was laid on the table for one week pending its final passage.

Resolve authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1901.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Brunswick, the vote was reconsidered whereby the petitions and a bill for a bounty on bears were referred to the committee on agriculture, and on further motion by the same gentleman they were then referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Libbey of South Berwick,

Adjourned.