

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1901.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 14.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Lewis of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act relating to a winter speed course or way above the Kennebec dam at Augusta.

An act to incorporate the Matagamem Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Mattanawcook Manufacturing Company.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Harvey of Atkinson—Petition of W. A. Meservey and 28 others of Atkinson granting to women of the State of Maine the right of full and equal suffrage.

By Mr. White of East Machias—Remonstrance of Perley W. Morrissey and 25 others of Crawford against change of place of holding the April term of the S. J. Court in Washington county.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—Remonstrance of Charles L. Corthell and 16 others of Robbinston; of John Dudley and 75 others of Pembroke; of C. E. Tyler and 65 others of Alexander—against same.

By Mr. Maddocks of Boothbay Harbor—Bill, an act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor Academy. (Received under suspension of the rules).

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Petition of L. W. Ordway and 15 others for an act to incorporate the town of Crystal. (Received under suspension of the rules).

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Irving of Caribou—Petition of A. E. Irving and 45 others, citizens of Presque Isle, praying for a normal school at Presque Isle.

By Mr. Hammond of Paris—Bill, an act to define the limits of the jurisdiction of Paris Hill Academy. (Received under suspension of the rules).

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Moulton of Bowdoinham—Bill, an act additional to chapter 49 of

the Revised Statutes relating to insurance.

By Mr. Burrill of Ellsworth—Bill, an act to amend section 77 of chapter 49 relating to insurance.

By Mr. Fuller of Auburn—Bill, an act to regulate junk and second hand stores. (Received under suspension of the rules).

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Dudley of Augusta—Bill, an act to amend section 30 of chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes relating to banks and trust companies.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Harvey of Atkinson—Remonstrance of D. H. Danforth and 7 others, citizens of Boyd Lake, against the passage of House Document No. 10, entitled, An act to incorporate the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Remonstrance of John A. Peters and 62 others, citizens of Bangor; of John Ross and 46 others, lumber and pulp manufacturers, lumber operators and owners on the Penobscot river; of E. F. Adams and 97 others, citizens of Bangor; of Blake, Barrows and Brown, and 56 others, business men and business houses of Bangor and vicinity; of Moon & Cratty and 40 others, business men and business houses of Bangor and vicinity; of Lord & Co. and 50 other business men and business houses of Bangor and vicinity; of Parker & Peaks and 66 other business men and business houses of Bangor and vicinity—all against the same.

By Mr. Mayo of Foxcroft—Bill, An act to amend chapter 130 of the Private Laws of 1866 as amended by chapter 26 of the Private Laws of 1899, entitled, An act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Brackett of Phillips—Petition of Chas. B. Richardson and 49 others praying that Gammon pond situated in Franklin and Somerset counties, be exempted from the prohibition against ice fishing.

By Mr. Somes of Mt. Vernon—Remonstrance against bill, An act to prevent throwing of sawdust and other refuse matter into the tributaries of

any of the lakes and ponds lying wholly or partially in towns of Mt. Vernon and Vienna. (Received under a suspension of the rules).

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Andrews of Rockport—Resonstrance of W. E. Lombard and 49 others against resubmission of the 5th amendment of the constitution of Maine.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Walter of Waldoboro—Resolve in favor of Warren H. Sidenlinker of Waldoboro. (Received under suspension of the rules).

TAXATION.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—Petition of Charles H. Stevens and 45 others of Auburn in favor of an increase tax on corporations of the State; of T. H. Noyes and 30 others of Norway; of A. A. Hosmer and 12 others of Wilton; of H. A. Walker and 4 others of Wilton; of Stanley Jose and 30 others of Auburn; of R. B. Parsons and 6 others of Wilton; of E. E. Witt and 30 others; of B. J. Richardson and 23 others of Norway; of M. K. Hamlin and 17 others of South Waterford; of E. M. Davis and 32 others of Guilford; of Edwin E. Fisher and 13 others of Charlotte; of H. P. Norton and 31 others of North Newport; of H. E. Peterson and 17 others of Bath; of W. E. Ingersoll and 7 others of Epping; of S. H. Goodwin and 10 others of St. Albans; of Fred Lucas and 40 others of St. Albans; of E. E. Owen and 46 others of West Pembroke; of B. F. Clark and 28 others of Kenduskeag; of Ralph A. Stevens and 28 others of Auburn; of John A. Gorden and 20 others of Bluehill; of W. B. Ward and 60 others of Limestone; of W. J. Bemis and 65 others of Piscataquis county; of H. L. Ayer and 69 others of East Livermore; of Gery C. Fletcher and 26 others of Monticello; of J. A. Robinson and 37 others of Exeter Mills; of L. B. Whiting and 22 others of Androscoggin county; of W. E. Andrews and 14 others of Somerset county; of Benj. R. Walker and 39 others of Island Falls; of Rufus S. McKenney and 35 others of Madison; of John Nichols and 44 others of Anson; of B. E. Fletcher and 70 others of Anson—all for same.

SALARIES.

By Mr. Cushman of Sherman—Bill, an act to establish the salary of the county attorney for the county of Aroostook.

Mr. Plummer of Portland presented Bill, an act to provide for returns of telegraph and telephone companies to the State, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Chase, from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill, an act to increase the powers of the city council of the city of Portland.

Mr. Carleton, from same committee, reported leave to withdraw on petition of N. N. Knight and others, for change in the law to permit extension of burying ground nearer dwellings than now permitted by law.

Mr. Libby, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill, an act to provide a bounty for the detection and arrest of murderers.

Mr. Spofford, from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill, an act to cede jurisdiction to the United States over certain property of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Mr. Powers, from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill, an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 166 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 40 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation.

Mr. Carleton, from same committee, reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 178 of the Public Laws of 1897, and as amended by Chapter 94 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings, and relating to the care, custody and support of minor children of divorced parents.

Mr. Allan, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill, an act to authorize Robert Jor-

dan to maintain a wharf into the tide waters of the New Meadows river in Brunswick, county of Cumberland.

Mr. Fellows, from same committee, on resolve, authorizing the land agent to release the State's interest in Bar island, reported ought to pass in new draft, resolve authorizing the land agent to release the State's interest in Bar island, in Hancock county.

Mr. Beal, from the committee on rialroads, telegraphs and Expresses, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill, an act to amend the charter of the Ossipee Valley Telegraph and Telephone Company.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on banks and banking, on report of the bank examiner, reported bill, an act to amend Chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 319 of the public laws of 1897, relating to loan and building associations.

Mr. Greene, from the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill, an act to incorporate the Union Boom Company.

Mr. Thornton, from the committee on ways and bridges, on petition reported, resolve in favor of bridge over the St. Croix river in the town of Masardis.

Mr. Kneeland, from the committee on pensions, on petition reported, resolve in favor of Laura J. Darling of Lee, for State pensions.

Mr. Carleton, from same committee, reported ought to pass on resolve for State pensions.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on resolve, to provide means for examination of claims for State pension.

The reports were accepted and bills and resolves ordered printed under joint.

Mr. Hutchings, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title bill, an act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Gas Light Company.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Allen of Portland, rules were suspended, bill read three times passed to be engrossed, and was sent to the Senate.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill, an act to incorporate the trustees of Springfield Normal school.

Bill, an act to repeal the organization of Perkins plantation in Franklin county.

Bill, an act to set off Calf Island and West Black island from the plantation of Long Island in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the town of Swan's island.

Bill "An act for the arrest and apprehension of chiminals."

Was read once and tabled on motion of Mr. Fellows of Bucksport.

Bill "An act additional to Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes relating to insurance."

Was tabled pending first reading on motion of Mr. Chase of Portland.

Resolve in favor of O. B. Clason of Gardiner, Me.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waterboro.

Resolve in favor of the State Pomological Society.

Resolve in favor of Howard Whittier for an increase in State pension.

Resolves in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Was severally read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act fixing the salary of the sheriff of Piscataquis county.

An act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate Saint Albans Academy."

An act to amend the charter of the Rockland Trust Company.

An act to authorize the city of Rockland to control the brooks and streams therein to prevent pollution of same, and to better protect public health.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolve in favor of the town of Turner.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Portland.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Specially assigned for today was bill, taxation of steam railroads.

This bill was read the third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Specially assigned was bill, expenditures of government, in part, for 1901.

Mr. Beal of Bangor: At the request of several members of the House I have kept this bill lying on the table that everybody might have the fullest opportunity to examine all the different items and make all the inquiries they desired. The time has now arrived when our treasury is in sad need of funds. There

is no money to pay the current expenses and there are notes coming due the first of next week which it is obligatory upon the State to take care of. I trust you have all examined the bill. You find that in nearly every instance the amounts called for are provided by law. In two or three cases they are, as you all well know, not provided in that way but are regular appropriating. I trust the bill will be given a speedy passage.

The bill was then read twice.

Mr. Bennett of Hollis: I notice on the sixth page appropriations for printing and binding, etc., amounting to \$63,526.32. I understood there was an order sent here yesterday from the Senate, and passed, requiring those departments to furnish an itemized account of their expenses, and I would like to know if that is true.

The Speaker: Such an order did pass both branches.

Mr. Bennett: I offer amendment A, to strike out on page 6 "printing deficiency \$15,526.32."

Mr. Beal: I see no objection to that amendment as it does not affect the general bill.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bennett offered amendment B, to strike out on page 6 the words "printing, \$35,000."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bennett offered amendment C, to strike out on page 6 the words "binding and stitching, \$13,000."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Pattangall of Machias, resolve, Maine State library, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Plummer of Portland, resolve for purpose of operating fish hatcheries and feeding station for fish and for the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws, was taken from the table and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. CARLETON of Winthrop: I move to reconsider the vote whereby we adopted the amendment striking out of the general appropriation bill \$18,000 for stitching and binding. I do not understand that the order adopted by the Senate and House related to the State binder. I understand that they have done this work, a portion of it, and they need the money, and I do not know that their bills are called in question. Unless there is some special reason for striking out that item, I move to reconsider the vote whereby the amendment was adopted.

Mr. CHASE of Portland: It is only a few days before the second appropriation bill will be presented, and to avoid raising any question I would suggest that the amendment be allowed to stand with the others. I understand that it is not essential that this item should go into this appropriation bill.

Mr. CARLETON: The State binder is a State officer, and the finance committee has reported this amount. There is no order pending before the House, as I understand it, touching the administration of the affairs of his office, and I do not know of any reason why he should be singled out and that item stricken out of this appropriation bill, why he should be made a target of, and inasmuch as there has been no order relating to his department I think it is fair that that appropriation should go along with the other State officers whose appropriations are in this bill.

The question being on the motion to reconsider the vote whereby amendment C was adopted, a division was had and the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford, bill to incorporate Pleasant River Improvement Company was taken from the table.

Mr. Pettengill offered amendments A and B, which were adopted, and on motion of Mr. Pettengill the bill was then laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Windham, resolve, Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, was taken from the table.

Mr. Haskell moved that the resolve be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Randall of Portland, moved that the bill lie upon the table.

The question being on this motion to lay the resolve on the table, a division was had and the motion was agreed to by a vote of 48 to 19.

On motion of Mr. Fellows of Bucksport, Adjourned.