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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1901.

have its several readings and pass to be engrossed.

Mr. HODSDON of Cumberland—Mr. President, I wish to say just one word in regard to this bill. The committee have done a great deal of hard work, both in general committee and in sub-committee; and they feel that they should have the full support of the Senate in the passage of this bill.

The bill then had its first reading.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin, the bill then took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset—Mr. President, I rise to a question of privilege. Yesterday morning, when the Senate had under consideration, the bill to amend the charter of the Eastern Telephone Company, the Senator from Cumberland who is now presiding over this body, offered an amendment. During the consideration of that amendment, I had occasion to exploit my views upon the repeal of the law of 1895, so-called. I notice by the Kennebec Journal, this morning, in the official report, that those remarks were attributed to the Senator from Androscoggin, Mr. White. Now, I think the Senator from Androscoggin feels badly enough over this question without having to assume any remarks that I make. I do not know where this error occurred; but, if the official reporter is responsible for it, if he will correct it, and apologize to the Senator from Androscoggin, I will call it square.

The President—Does the Senator wish to make any motion that the Journal be corrected in that particular?

Mr. WEEKS—I would like to have the unanimous consent of the Senate that the Journal be corrected in that particular.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 15.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Struthers of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Resolve providing for an epidemic emergency fund, came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment A.

In the House the vote was reconsidered whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment A was adopted and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Hix of Rockland the rules were suspended and bill relating to the Eastern Telephone Company was passed to be enacted.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Pike of Lubec—Petition of Justin E. Gove and 20 others of Perry in favor of abolishing the January term of the S. J. C. in the county of Washington; remonstrance of Justin E. Gove and 20 others of Perry against change of place of holding the April term of S. J. court in Washington county.

By Mr. Bradford of Eastport—Remonstrance of O. B. Lawson and 62 others of Eastport against same; of Alex Stevenson and 62 others of Eastport against same.

By Mr. Maddocks of Boothbay Harbor—Remonstrance of Boothbay Savings Bank, owner of bonds of Camden & Rockland Water Company, against proposed bill contemplating the establishment of municipal water works in Camden.

By Mr. Foster of Oakland—Petition of Baptist and Congregational churches relating to the better observance of the Lord's day; of Methodist church of North Buxton for same; of Congregational church of Fryeburg for same. (These petitions received under suspension of the rules).

By Mr. Pettingill of Rumford—Resolve in relation to the early York deeds. (Received under a suspension of the rules).

COMMERCE.

By Mr. Webb of Portland—Remonstrance of J. S. Winslow & Co. and 46

others, citizens and firms of Portland, against the enactment of any legislation to divert the power of appointment of pilots from the Portland board of trade.

By Mr. Adams of Lagrange—Resolve in favor of the passage of the ship subsidy bill. (Received under suspension of the rules).

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Carleton of Winthrop—Bill, an act to repeal the bounty on wild cats.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Frederick of Winterport—Remonstrance of T. H. Morgan and 70 others of Winterport against the passage of the bill incorporating the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company.

REFORM SCHOOL.

By Mr. Bennett of Hollis—Resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Foster of Oakland—Remonstrance of S. O. Leavitt, mayor of Eastport, and 6 others, against resubmission; of Horace Purinton and 52 others of Waterville; of Rev. L. E. Carter and 26 others of Hodgdon; of S. E. Briggs of Caribou and 64 others; of R. J. Kimball and 35 others of Bridgewater; of Pres. George C. Chase and faculty of Bates College; of Harry S. Ryder and 81 others; of Henry A. Pease and 7 others; of Wilbur F. Holmes and 73 others of Readfield; of F. L. Coffin and 43 others of Harrington; of James P. Thurlough and 54 others of Ft. Fairfield—all against same.

TAXATION.

By Mr. McDougall of Boothbay—Petition of B. F. Hodgdon and 10 others that Senate bill No. 4 be enacted into law; of John E. Kelley and 36 others, citizens of Boothbay for same.

By Mr. Skidmore of Liberty—Petition of Edward Evans and 12 others of Waldo county that the bills relating to the equalization of taxation be enacted into law.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—Bill, an act to tax interest bearing deposits in trust and banking companies.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Sturgis of Standish—Petition of Charles Davis and 45 others of Sebago

for open time on deer in Cumberland county; of William E. Dow and 7 others of Portland for same.

By Mr. Purinton of Gorham—Petition of E. J. Warren and 34 others of Gorham in favor of open time on deer in Cumberland county during the month of October.

OXFORD COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford—Bill, an act to fix the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Oxford.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Dunn of Orono—Petition of Herbert W. Fish and 52 others, business men of Dexter, that commissioners of Penobscot county may be authorized to erect court house.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Pattangall, from the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill, an act to amend Chapter 3, Section 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the choice and term of certain town officers.

Mr. Fellows, from same committee, reported same on bill, an act to provide for the election of a school committee and a superintendent of schools in the city of Gardiner.

Same gentleman, same committee, reported same on bill, an act relating to the sale of real estate for taxes.

Mr. Swett, from the committee on legal affairs, reported leave to withdraw on petition of D. S. Sanborn and others, for an amendment of the militia law requiring the State to pay expenses of armories and rifle ranges.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on petition of M. B. Walker and others, for an amendment to the militia law requiring the State to pay all expenses for the maintenance of headquarters for regiments and brigades and for armories and rifle ranges.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on resolve of the city of Gardiner, that all expenses of maintaining the military establishments should be borne wholly by the State.

Mr. Carr, from the committee on interior waters, reported ought not to pass on bill, an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 64 of the private Laws of 1899.

Mr. Low, from the committee on ways and bridges, reported ought not to pass on resolve, in favor of aid in building a bridge across thoroughfare between North lake and Grand lake on eastern boundary of State.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported leave to with draw on petition of J. W. Maxwell and others for an act to regulate fishing in Sabattus pond, in Androscoggin county, as the subject matter of the petition will be embraced in a bill on general legislation which will be presented later.

Same gentleman, from same committee, on petition of A. G. Morse and others of Waterford, for the better protection of bass in Keoka lake in said town, reported that same be referred to the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, as the subject matter of the petition properly come under their jurisdiction, by the general law.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on petition of F. W. Sanborn and others of Norway, for the enactment of a law to regulate fishing in lake Pennessewassee and tributaries.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported same on bill, an act to prevent fishing in Crawford's pond and its tributaries.

Mr. Webb, from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass, in new draft under same title bill, an act to amend Chapter 204 of the Public Laws of 1856, in relation to the municipal court for the city of Portland.

Same gentleman, from same committee, reported ought to pass on bill, an act additional to Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes in relation to railroads.

Mr. Randall, from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend Chapter 172 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the consolidation of certain railroad corporations.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported ought to pass on bill, an act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Knowlton from same committee, reported same on resolve authorizing

the compilation and publication of the insurance laws of Maine.

Mr. Swett from the committee on military affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill "An act fixing the amount of allowance for clerk hire in the office of the adjutant-general.

Mr. Farrell, from the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass on bill, an act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 96, of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, and to authorize the Van Buren Water Co. to increase the amount of its mortgage bonds.

Mr. Moulton, from the committee on state lands and state roads, on resolve in favor of building a road in Wallagrass plantation, reported ought to pass in new draft resolve in favor of a ferry boat across the Fish river and to aid in building a road in Wallagrass plantation.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title resolve in favor of a road in Perkins plantation.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title resolve in favor of Allegash road.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title resolve in favor of repairing the road between Patten and Grand Lake.

Mr. Wilson, from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition reported bill an act to prohibit oait fishing, so called, in Seven Ponds, Seven Ponds stream, Little Kennebago lake and the outlet of he same to the dam at the head of Kennebago Falls, and the outlet of Kennebago lake.

Mr. Jones, from same committee, on bill, an act to prevent the throwing of sawdust, slabs, edgings, brush, refuse, etc., into the waters of McGraw, Ellis, East, North, Great, Long, Little and Snow ponds or their tributaries, situated in Kennebec and Somerset counties, reporting ought to pass in new draft, bill, an act to prevent the throwing of sawdust and other refuse stuff in tothe waters of McGraw, Ellis, East, North, Great, Long, Little or Snow ponds or either of their tributaries, situated partly in Kennebec and partly in Somerset counties.

Same gentleman from same committee, on bill, an act to prohibit the taking of fish from Great Watchic pond, reported ought to pass in new draft, bill, an act to prohibit winter fishing in Great Watchic pond and regulating the time for fishing in the tributaries of the same.

Mr. Farnsworth, from the committee on taxation, reported ought to pass on bill, an act in relation to the taxation of street railroad companies.

Mr. Pettingill, from the Oxford county delegation, reported ought to pass in new draft, bill, an act in relation to the compensation of the sheriffs of the county of Oxford, establishing a salary.

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

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill, an act to cede jurisdiction to the United States over certain property of the National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers.

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.

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.

Bill, an act to authorize Robert Jordan to maintain a wharf into the tide waters of the New Meadows river in Brunswick, county of Cumberland.

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.

Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Ossipee Valley Telegraph and Telephone Co.

Bill, an act to incorporate the Union Boom Co.

Resolve in favor of the hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Maine.

Resolve in favor of Young Woman's Home at Lewiston.

Resolve in favor of the Society of the Sisters of Charity for the use of the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, Maine.

Resolve in favor of a bridge over the St. Croix river in the town of Masardis.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to release the State's interest in Bar Island in Hancock county.

Resolve for State pensions.

Resolve to provide means for examination of claims for State pensions.

Resolve in favor of Laura J. Darling of Lee, for State pension.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

Bill, an act to incorporate the Matagammon Manufacturing Co.

Was reported from same committee, read the third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Subsequently on motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten, the vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed was reconsidered and bill tabled.

On motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten, the bill was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

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On motion of Mr. Gardner of Patten, the bill was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill, an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1901.

Was reported from same committee, read the third time and passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A," "B," and "C," was sent to the Senate.

Bill, an act to incorporate the trustees of the 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 planta-

tion of Long Island in the county of Hancock, and annex the same to the town of Swan's Island.

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 the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

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

Was reported from same committee, read the second time and pending passage to be engrossed, tabled on motion of Mr. Pettingill of Rumford.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to extend the charter of the Bluehill and Bucksport Electric Railroad Company.

An act to authorize the Portland Railroad Company to acquire certain street railroads and make certain extensions of its street railroad system.

An act to authorize the Augusta, Hallowell & Gardiner Railroad Company to sell or lease its property and franchises.

An act to amend Chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1895, as heretofore amended, relating to the Eastern Telephone Company.

An act to amend Section 22 of Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, relating to falsely assuming to be a justice or officer.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve to complete the improvements of Songo and Chute rivers.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Wymouth of Biddeford, bill, an act to amend Chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to the jurisdiction of municipal and police courts. Was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of same gentleman, bill, an act additional to Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, regulating the costs

of parties summoned as trustee. Was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Plummer of Portland, bill, an act to provide for returns of telegraphs and telephone companies to the State. Was taken from the table and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion of Mr. Walker of Starks, bill, an act relating to academies. Was taken from the table, and Wednesday, February 20, assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Randall of Portland, resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, was taken from the table, and Wednesday, February 20, assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Fay of Dexter, Adjourned.