

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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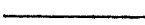
**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

OF THE

**Seventieth Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**



**1901.**

**HOUSE.**

Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate resolves were read and assigned:

Resolve in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Hix of Rockland—Remonstrance of Rockland and Camden Savings banks against contemplated municipal water works in Camden.

By Mr. Plummer of Portland—Remonstrance of Maine Savings banks and Portland Savings bank, owners of securities of Camden and Rockland Water Company, against bill relating to establishment of municipal water works in the town of Camden. (Received under suspension of the rules).

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Remonstrance of the Brunswick Savings Institution against same.

By Mr. Foster of Oakland—Bill, An act to amend the charter of the charter of the Ticonic Footbridge Company. (Received under a suspension of the rules).

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Cook of Vassalboro—Resolve in favor of Mrs. J. Durant. (Received under a suspension of the rules).

**EDUCATION.**

By Mr. Cook of Vassalboro—Bill, An act to amend the Public Laws relative to the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

**MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.**

By Minott of Phippsburg—Bill, An act entitled, An act relating to life insurance on the assessment plan.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Thomas of Hampden—Petition of W. B. Ferguson and 32 others of Hampden for amendment of chapter 69, Private and Special Laws of 1869, so that the town of Hampden may be admitted to the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Mead of Bridgton—Petition of Chas. A. Lang and 45 other citizens of Harrison, in favor of screening the outlet of Sebago lake; of H. C. Lord and 46 other residents of Naples for same.

Also bill, An act regulating the carrying of firearms into the wild lands of the State during close season.

By Mr. Walker of Starks—Petition of Warren B. Clark and 52 others, praying for ice fishing in Hancock pond. (Received under a suspension of the rules).

**SHORE FISHERIES.**

By Mr. Hinckley of Jonesport—Petition of Everett Chandler and 139 others of Addison, asking for passage of the act to regulate the herring fisheries in the towns of Jonesport and Addison.

Also petition of David L. Mitchell and 39 others asking that a law be passed permitting seining of herring in Washington county within 1,000 feet of fish weirs.

Also remonstrance of F. L. Stevens and 67 others against the passage of any law changing the law relating to use for purse or drag seines in the town of Cutler, Washington county.

Also remonstrance of E. B. Small and 91 others against the passage of any law permitting seining contrary to proposed law relating to herring fisheries in Machias bay.

Also remonstrance of Geo. M. Pettegrow and 46 others of Machiasport against the passage of any law to repeal proposed law relating to herring fisheries in Machias bay or permitting seining therein; of E. H. Smith and 106 others of Machias against same.

**TEMPERANCE.**

By Mr. Foster of Oakland—Remonstrance of R. W. Shaw and 225 others of Houlton against resubmission.

By Mr. Andrews of Norway—Remonstrance of Mrs. E. F. Bicknell and 53 others of Norway against same.

**TAXATION.**

By Mr. Frederick of Winterport—Communication of selectmen of Brooks relating to railroad taxation.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—Petition of W. D. Thompson and 57 others of Bluehill in favor of an in-

crease tax on corporations of the State; of C. H. Hodsdon and 41 others of Yarmouth; of Geo. F. Merritt and 36 others of Houlton; of Frank Russell and 39 others of Alfred; of W. J. Taylor and 85 others of East Union; of W. I. Beckler and 15 others of North Waterford; of C. C. Allen and 32 others of Lincoln Center; of H. C. Bacon and 107 others of Clinton; of R. H. Kimball and 28 others of Bridgewater; of John E. Dority and 10 others of Bluehill—all for same.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Haskell from the committee on towns, on petition of Elijah N. King and others to be set off from the town of Wellington and incorporated with the town of Cambridge, reported that same be referred to the committee on counties.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "leave to withdraw" on petition of J. H. Littlefield and others that Ogunquit be set off from the town of Wells.

Mr. Pattangall from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill, "An act to amend section 9 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the draft of jurors."

Same gentleman from same committee, reported same on bill, "An act to authorize the town of Roque Bluffs to maintain a wharf."

Mr. Putnam from same committee reported same on bill, "An act to increase the authority of the judge of probate in Kennebec county for a certain purpose."

Mr. Haskell from the committee on towns, reported "ought to pass" on bill, "An act relating to Sheridan plantation."

#### READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill "An act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes in relation to railroads."

Bill "An act to amend chapter 204 of the Public Laws of 1856, in relation to the municipal court for the city of Portland."

Bill "An act to prohibit winter fishing in Great Watchicpond, and regulat-

ing the time for fishing in the tributaries of the same."

Bill "An act fixing the allowance of clerk hire in the office of the adjutant-general."

Bill "An act to amend chapter 172 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891 relating to the consolidation of certain railroad corporations."

Bill "An act in relation to the taxation of street railroad companies."

Bill "An act to prevent the throwing of sawdust, and other refuse stuff into the 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."

Bill "An act in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Oxford, establishing a salary."

Bill "An act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company."

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 Company to increase the amount of its mortgage bonds."

Bill "An act to prohibit bait fishing, so called, in Seven ponds, Seven ponds stream, Little Kennebec lake, and the outlet of the same to the dam at the head of Kennebec Falls, and the outlet of Kennebec lake."

Resolve in favor of Allegash road.

Resolve in favor of repairing the road between Patten and Grand lake.

Resolve in favor of road in Perkins plantation.

Resolve authorizing the compilation and publication of the insurance laws of Maine,

Was read once and tomorrow assigned for second reading. Subsequently the vote assigning tomorrow for second reading was reconsidered, on motion of Mr. Walls of Vinalhaven, and Tuesday, February 26, assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of a ferry boat across the Fish river and to aid in building a road in Wallagrass plantation,

Was read once and tabled, on motion of Mr. Littlehale of Union, and Tues-

day, February 26, assigned for its consideration.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

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 the 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 Company."

Bill "An act to incorporate the Union Boom Company."

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

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

Was reported from same committee and pending second reading, tabled, on motion of Mr. Sturgis of Standish, and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration. Subsequently on motion of Mr. Harris of Auburn, the vote assigning Tuesday next, was reconsidered and Thursday next, February 21, was assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of Young Women's Home at Lewiston,

Was reported from same committee and pending second reading, tabled on motion of Mr. Sturgis of Standish, and Tuesday next assigned for its consideration. Subsequently on motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford, the vote assigning Tuesday next, was reconsidered and Thursday, February 21, assigned for its consideration.

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

Was reported from same committee and pending second reading, tabled, on motion of Mr. Sturgis of Standish, and Thursday, February 21, assigned for its consideration.

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

Was reported from same committee and pending second reading, tabled, on motion of Mr. Haskell of Windham.

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

An act to authorize the Skowhegan and Norridgewock Railway and Power Company to extend its line to and into the town of Smithfield.

An act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Eastport Street Railway Company.

An act to prohibit the sale of trout in Hancock county.

An act to regulate fishing in Grand Lake stream and at the outlet of Grand Lake, Washington county.

An act relating to fishing for togue through the ice.

An act to amend section 42 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 166 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to taxation of steam railroads.

An act granting Alexis Morneault the right to erect and maintain piers and booms on the Saint John river in the town of Grand Isle.

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

An act to incorporate the Lincoln Electric Railway Company.

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

An act to amend and extend the charter of the Bangor Gas Light Company.

An act to merge the Knox and Lincoln Railway in the Maine Central Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Mattanawcook Manufacturing Company.

An act to incorporate the Matagamom Manufacturing Company.

An act to ratify the purchase by the Sagadahoc Light and Power Company of the property, rights and franchises of the Bath Electric Light and Power Company, Bath Gas and Electric Company, and the Bath Gas Light Company, and to give further rights to the said Sagadahoc Light and Power Company.

An act to authorize the Androscoggin Railroad Company to convey its interests in the Androscoggin Railroad to the Maine Central Railroad Company.

#### FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

Resolve in favor of Joseph Sepsis, representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of Thomas Dana, representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve providing for an epidemic or emergency fund.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

Came up as a special assignment, was read the second time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fellows of Bucksport.

Bill "An act in relation to disorderly conduct and evasion of fares on street railroads, steamboats and ferries,"

Was taken from the table, read the second time and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

On motion of Mr. Chase of Portland, Bill "An act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes relating to insurance,"

Was taken from the table, read twice and tomorrow assigned for third reading.

On motion of same gentleman, Bill "An act to amend section 17 of chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to tramps.

Was taken from the table, rules suspended, bill read the third time, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford,

Bill "An act to incorporate the Pleasant River Improvement Company."

Was taken from the table, passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendments "A" and "B" and was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Libbey of South Berwick,

Adjourned.