

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1901.

SENATE.

Augusta, Jan. 24, 1901.

Senate met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hope of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the State transmitting the reports of the Trustees, Superintendent, Treasurer and teachers of the State Reform School, and on motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the same was referred to the committee on Reform School.

MR. PLUMMER of Penobscot—Mr. President, I hold in my hand a bill which reaches, if passed, entirely new sources of revenue, and which, if passed, will add to the revenue of the State more than one hundred thousand dollars, without imposing a single additional dollar of taxation upon any citizen of the State, and without imposing hardship upon anybody else, no matter where they might reside. The passage of this bill, or one of similar import, would be a long step; and in my judgment it should be the first step toward that readjustment of the burdens of taxation and other difficulties which we all so much desire. I believe we ought to put our hands first upon those who pay nothing for the franchises and privileges which we, as a State, grant to them and which are of great value to them, before we begin to figure out how much we should add to the burdens of those who already pay something. Now this bill was drawn before I became aware that a bill touching upon the same subject was in existence, the bill to which I refer was the one presented yesterday in the House and, inasmuch as there are essential differences between that bill and this, I ask that this bill be referred to the same committee and be fully considered in connection with the other bill. This is an act providing for the taxation of corporate franchises, and I ask that it be referred to the committee on taxation.

MR. VIRGIN of Cumberland—Will the senator from Penobscot indulge me in having the matter printed, pending reference.

MR. PLUMMER—I have no objection, and on motion of Mr. Plummer of Penobscot the bill referred to, the same being an act providing for the taxation of corporate franchises, was laid on the table to be printed.

By Mr. Burns of Cumberland—Bill, an act relating to the Mallison Falls Paper Company, tabled to be printed.

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

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Jones of Penobscot—Bill, an act to incorporate the Mattanawcook Manufacturing Company.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Buck of Hancock—Petition of Ellsworth Lumber Company and others for the repeal of section 1 of chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899.

By Mr. Jones of Penobscot—Bill, an act to amend section 29 of chapter 42 as amended by the Public Laws of 1899, known as the fish and game laws.

By Mr. Prince of Oxford—Petition of E. H. Andrews and 30 others of Sumner in Oxford County, praying for laws to regulate fishing in Pleasant Pond in Oxford County.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Staples of Knox—Resolve in favor of Nellie Flanders of Liberty, Waldo County, for aid.

ORDERS.

By Mr. Staples of Knox—Ordered, that the Insurance Commissioner of Maine furnish for the use and information of the Senate, an itemized account of all moneys expended for investigation of fires in Maine for 1899 and 1900 under chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1897.

By Mr. Murchie of Washington—Ordered, that a joint select committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join be appointed a committee on salary.

The President appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Murchie of Washington, Whitehouse of Sagadahoc and Morrison of York.

By Mr. Morrison of York—Resolve relating to the removal of Henderson's Point in the Piscataqua river. The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

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 now outstanding and maturing in the year 1901.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Yarmouth Water Company."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Noble of the Committee on Legal Affairs to which was referred bill, An act to repeal chapter 267 of the laws of 1897, being an act for an inquiry by the Insurance Commissioners, asked leave that the same be referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. STAPLES: I wish to say that I presented that act and it was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. The Insurance Commissioners came, by a messenger, before the Legal Affairs Committee yesterday, and asked the Legal Affairs Committee to refer it to his committee, and I ask that it be so referred.

Report accepted. Bill referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

Mr. Murchie of the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses to which was referred bill, An act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to purchase the Bangor and Katahdin Iron Works Railroad, reported same ought to pass. Bill tabled to be printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Virgin for the special committee on resolutions on the death of Queen Victoria to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to said resolutions, asked leave to report the accompanying resolve, entitled, Resolve in relation to the death of Queen Victoria.

STATE OF MAINE.

Resolve in relation to the death of Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine, in Legislature assembled, that we, having learned with profound regret, of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, whose pure and exalted life and solicitude and love for her family and long and beneficent reign has endeared her to mankind as an ideal wife, mother and ruler, that we extend to the royal family and her afflicted people our sympathy.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the royal family by the Secretary of State.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1901.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to abolish the fees and per diem compensation, and establish the salary of the stenographer for the Superior Court of the County of Kennebec.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin—Resolve in favor of the Healy Asylum of Lewiston, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Financial Affairs, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. McFadden of Lincoln the Senate adjourned.