

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

OF THE

**Seventieth Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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**1901.**

**SENATE.**

Augusta, Jan. 31.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hall of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin—Bill, an act amending Section 49 of Chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899, relating to duties and powers of game wardens, which came from the House, referred to the committee on legal affairs, was laid on the table.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Bill, an act to build a bridge across the bar between Mount Desert Island and Bar island, county of Hancock.

Bill, 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.

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

Bill, an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river in Verona, Maine.

Bill, an act to authorize the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river in Bucksport.

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Bill, an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Penobscot river in Bucksport.

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

Bill, an act to prohibit ice fishing in Androscoggin pond situated partly or wholly in Kennebec county.

Bill, an act to regulate fishing in Branch and Meadow brooks in Thomaston and Rockland.

Bill, an act to regulate fishing in Wilson river in Piscataquis county.

Bill, an act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 176 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled, an act creating the Fryeburg Village Fair Corporation.

Bill, an act to regulate winter fishing

and to close the tributaries of certain lakes and ponds in Piscataquis county.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State:

January 31, 1901.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to herewith transmit by direction of the Governor and Council a request of W. F. Stanton, lieutenant colonel of engineers of the United States army, for a cession by the State of Maine to the United States of jurisdiction of a site in Rockland harbor for a light station.

(Signed)

BYRON BOYD,  
Secretary of State.

and the same was referred to the committee on judiciary.

The following communication was received from the insurance commissioner:

Augusta, Jan. 29, 1901.

To the President of the Senate:  
In compliance with the order of the Senate dated Jan. 24, 1901, requiring the commissioner of insurance to furnish, for the use and information of the State an itemized account of all moneys expended for the years 1899 and 1900 in the investigation of fires in Maine, as authorized by Chapter 267 of the Public Laws of 1897, and if any of the \$2000 a year appropriated remains unexpended, I herewith submit an itemized account of the expenditures from said appropriation for the year 1899, showing the balance unexpended December 31, of said year. An itemized account of said expenditures for 1900 and the balance remaining unexpended Dec. 31 of said year will be found in my report made in compliance with the order of the Legislature, dated Jan. 23, 1901, requiring itemized accounts from all State officers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

S. W. CARR,

Insurance Commissioner.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the foregoing communication and report was laid on the table to be printed pending reference to any committee.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. McFadden of Lincoln—Bill, an act to incorporate the trustees, Lincoln Lodge, No. 90, Knights of Pythias.

By Mr. White of Androscoggin—Bill, an act authorizing the Great Northern Paper Company to increase its capital stock.

**RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.**

By Mr. Wilson of Washington—Bill, an act authorizing the Milbridge & Cherryfield Electric Railroad Company to construct and operate its railroad over Narraguagus river.

Also remonstrance of Joel G. Gay and others of Milbridge, against granting the Milbridge & Cherryfield Electric Railroad the right to construct and operate its railroad over the great bridge across Narraguagus river in Milbridge.

**MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.**

By Mr. Morrison of York—Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

**BANKS AND BANKING.**

By Mr. Morrison of York—Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Manufacturers Trust Company.

**INTERIOR WATERS.**

By Mr. Jones of Penobscot—Bill, an act authorizing and empowering the Great Northern Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the West Branch of the Penobscot river.

Also bill, an act to incorporate the Long Pond Improvement Company.

Also petition of the Passadumkeag Boom Company to amend charter.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Stearns of Oxford—Petition of A. F. Moody and others to open certain ponds in Stoneham to ice fishing.

Also petition of Fred H. Bartlett and 17 others for an act to close the tributaries of upper and lower Stone ponds in Stoneham.

**CLAIMS.**

By Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin—Resolve in favor of the town of East Livermore.

**TAXATION.**

By Mr. McFadden of Lincoln—Petition of William McKenney and 52 others, citizens of Westport, asking that Senate bill No. 4, taxing railroads on the value of their stock, be enacted into a law.

Also petition of W. A. Cochrane and 30 others, citizens of Edgecomb, for same.

Also petition of M. P. Milliken and 39 others, citizens of Richmond, for the same.

Also petition of Eben Chase and 34 others, citizens of Edgecomb, for the same.

**ORDERS.**

On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook,

Ordered, That the committee on taxation inquire into the expediency of taxing ice fields and stored ice and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. BURLEIGH: I will say with reference to the foregoing order that the ice fields on our navigable rivers have become very valuable property, whether they are harvested or held for the purpose of influencing the market, without harvesting.

On motion of Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, bill, an act providing for the taxation of corporate franchises, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on taxation.

On motion of Mr. Fernald of Androscoggin, bill, an act to incorporate the Poland Telephone Co., was taken from the table and referred to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Rankin, for the committee on financial affairs, to which was referred official bond of Oramandal Smith, State treasurer-elect, reported that they find the bond in due and legal form and the sureties good and sufficient, and recommend that the same be approved and the bond deposited with the secretary of State. The report was accepted and the bond approved.

Mr. Plummer, for the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred bill entitled an act to amend Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes relating to di-

voiced and annulling of marriages, reported that the same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Burns, for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, to which was referred bill, entitled an act to amend sub-division 7 of Section 1 of Chapter 18 of the Laws of 1895, reported that the same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Noble, for the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred bill, entitled an act amending the charter of the Rumford Falls municipal court, reported that the same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under joint rules.

Mr. Plummer, for the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred bill entitled an act to supply the town of Dexter with pure water, reported that the same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Stearns, for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, to which was referred bill, entitled an act to amend Chapter 16 of the Private and Special Laws of 1853, entitled an act to incorporate the North Yarmouth Mutual Fire Insurance Co., reported that same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

#### **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Bill, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Leavitt Institute in the town of Turner.

Bill, an act relating to the charter of the Wiscasset & Quebec Railroad.

Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Franklin, Somerset & Kennebec Railway Co.

Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Waterville & Wiscasset Railroad Co.

Bill, an act to incorporate the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railroad Co.

Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Co.

Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

Bill, an act to change in part the town line between the towns of Mexico and Rumford in the county of Oxford.

Resolve in favor of the town of Verona.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Washington, the Senate adjourned.