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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventieth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.



1901.

SENATE.

Augusta, March 16th, 1901.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McKinnon of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act relating to hawkers and peddlers.

Mr. Noble of Franklin offered the following amendment, amend House Document No. 366, by Amendment A, Line 12, Section 4 is hereby amended by striking out the words "to the amount of twenty-five dollars."

Mr. NOBLE of Franklin—Section 4 of this act provides that "any resident of a town having a place of business therein, owning and paying taxes to the amount of twenty-five dollars on his stock in trade, can peddle said goods in his own town without paying any license fee whatever." Now, if he happens to own a stock of goods and pays a tax of \$24, \$23 or \$20, he would not be allowed, under this act to peddle those goods in his own town, while his neighbor who pays a tax of \$25 would be authorized to peddle goods in his own town; and it is therefore a discrimination; and I think it would be advisable to make this amendment and relieve the liability of its being declared unconstitutional.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset—I do not exactly understand this matter; and pending the adoption of the amendment, I move that we reconsider the motion by which it was assigned for the next session day, and that the bill lie upon the table. The motions being severally put, prevailed, and the bill was laid on the table.

An act in relation to the annual town meeting of the town of Boothbay Harbor.

An act relating to the Standish Water and Construction Company.

An act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 132 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue of warrants by magistrates.

An act to authorize the Skowhegan Hall Association of Skowhegan in the county of Somerset and State of Maine, to issue bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, to pay the outstanding indebtedness of said corporation, known as preferred stock.

An act to amend Chapter 237 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Auburn, relating to election of assessors of taxes and overseers of the poor.

An act to amend Chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled an act to amend Chapter 21 of the Public Laws of 1887, entitled, an act to amend Chapter 280 of the Public Laws of 1885, entitled an act amendatory to Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens.

An act relating to the fees of the sheriff of Cumberland county.

An act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 323 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to constables.

An act to incorporate the Sanford Trust Company. (House amendment adopted in concurrence.)

An act to extend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

An act to incorporate the town of Crystal.

An act to authorize the construction of a wharf, or wharves, into the tide waters of Penobscot river in Bucksport.

An act to authorize the judge of probate for Kennebec county to grant administration on the estate of James Lamb.

An act to legalize and make valid the acts and doings of the city council of the city of Saco, pertaining to the annual appropriations and the commitment of taxes for the year 1900.

An act to supply the people of South Gardiner village in the city of Gardiner, with pure water.

An act to authorize cities and towns to establish manual training schools.

An act to regulate junk and second-hand stores. (House Amendment A adopted in concurrence.) On motion

by Mr. Stearns of Oxford this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading. Subsequently on motion by the same Senator the bill was taken from the table and assigned.

An act to prohibit the killing of deer in the town of Swan's Island in Hancock county. (House Amendment A adopted in concurrence.)

An act to amend Section one of Chapter 191 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899 relating to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river, above the Water Works dam at Bangor.

An act to prevent the throwing of sawdust and other refuse matter into the tributaries of the lakes and ponds in Vienna and Mt. Vernon. (House Amendment A adopted in concurrence.)

An act to prohibit the catching of trout in Tufts, Dutton and Grindstone ponds, and their tributaries, in the town of Kingfield, Franklin county for sale.

An act to prevent ice fishing in Bonneg Beg and "L" ponds, situated partly in North Berwick, Sanford and Wells, county of York.

An act to amend Chapter 279 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the packing of sardines.

Resolve in favor of the town of Brookton.

An act fixing the compensation of the register of deeds for the county of Androscoggin.

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1901 amounting to the sum of \$927,725.94.

An act to incorporate the East Pitts-ton Village Corporation.

On motion by Mr. Libby of Kennebec this bill was amended as follows: Senate amendment A. Amend Section 12 by inserting after the word "bridges" in the third line, the words "and for the payment of unpaid highway bills." Also Senate amendment B. Amend Section 12 by inserting after the word "town" in the fourth line the words "including that of 1901;" and, on the further motion of the same senator, the bill took its second reading, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to issue consolidated bonds and secure the same

by mortgage. On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, this bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to empower the county commissioners of Aroostook county to dispose of the holdings of said county in the preferred stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company. On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, this bill took its second reading, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An act in relation to trustee process.

An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of the Penobscot river in Winterport, Maine.

An act to amend chapter 64 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, which is an act to incorporate the Wilson Stream Dam Company.

An act to incorporate the Riverside Cemetery Association.

An act to authorize the sale of mortgaged estates subject to contingent remainders.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of Somerset county to borrow a sum of money with which to build an extension to the court house in Skowhegan in said county. On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, this bill took its second reading, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Hospital. On motion by Mr. McFadden of Lincoln, this resolve was laid on the table.

An act to supply the town of Camden with pure water. This bill came from the House accompanied by two reports from the committee on the judiciary, the majority report being that the same ought not to pass, and the minority report being a new draft, under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. VIRGIN of Cumberland—Mr. President, at the proper time, I wish to move that the report of the majority be accepted.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset—I suppose the senator from Cumberland, simply gives notice upon this matter. It has been practically agreed that discussion upon this matter, if any is to be had, shall be on Tuesday of next week. I therefore move, that, pending the acceptance of the report, it lie upon the table and be

specially assigned for Tuesday of next week.

The motion of the senator from Somerset prevailed, and the matter was laid on the table, and specially assigned for Tuesday of next week.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Macfarlane of Piscataquis,

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, March 19th, at 10.30 A. M.

This order subsequently came back from the House amended, as follows: House amendment A. Amend by striking out the words "Tuesday, March 19, at 10.30 A. M." and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "Monday, March 18, at 4.30 P. M."

Mr. NOBLE of Franklin—It was at my suggestion that the order was drawn, adjourning until Tuesday. I supposed it was understood that in adjourning until today, the session on Monday would be obviated. I think many members have gone to their homes understanding the matter in that way, but it makes no difference to me, I would as soon be here Monday afternoon, as Tuesday morning.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset—I suppose, in this connection, it would be well enough for the Senate to agree here that no contested matter shall be taken up on Monday, but that the routine business shall be done; and with that in view, I move that the Senate concur with the House in the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. VIRGIN of Cumberland—I think the tacit understanding is that no contested matter shall be taken up on Monday.

The question being put, the motion of the senator from Somerset prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Rankin, for the committee on labor on bill, an act to repeal the laws of 1887, Chapter 69, page 52 as amended by laws of 1889 Chapter 297 p. 262 and laws of 1891 Chapter 133 p. 148, relating to bureau of industrial and labor statistics, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

The same senator, submitted the final report of the joint standing committee on

labor, that they have acted on all matters referred to them.

Mr. Alden of Kennebec, presented resolve in favor of the joint standing committee on agriculture; and on motion by Mr. Alden of Kennebec the same took its several readings, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Dudlev of Aroostook, presented resolve in favor of B. Walker McKeen, secretary of the board of agriculture, and on motion by that senator, the same received its several readings under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to incorporate the East Pittston Village Corporation.

An act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to issue consolidated bonds and secure the same by mortgage.

An act to empower the county commissioners of Aroostook county to dispose of the holdings of said county in the preferred stock of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company.

An act to authorize the county commissioners of Somerset county to borrow a sum of money with which to build an extension to the court house in Skowhegan in said county.

Resolve in favor of the joint standing committee on agriculture.

Resolve in favor of B. Walker McKeen, secretary of the board of agriculture.

An act to amend Section 63 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 334 of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to fish weirs and wharves.

An act additional to Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, regulating costs of parties summoned as trustees.

An act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees and costs.

An act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1887, entitled, an act to abolish imprisonment for debt, except in cases of fraud.

Resolve in favor of Farmington Normal School. House amendment A adopted in concurrence.

An act to amend Section 77 of Chapter 49, relating to insurance,

An act relating to life insurance on the assessment plan.

Resolve in favor of William J. Mathews of Searsport, Maine.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1901 and 1902.

An act to ratify, confirm and define the charter of the York Water Company.

An act to provide for the transfer of patients in insane hospitals.

An act providing that the sheriff of Penobscot county shall not be entitled to a percentage of the fees of his deputies.

Resolve in favor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

An act amending an act creating the Rumford Falls municipal court.

Resolve providing for a topographical survey for the years 1901 and 1902 and for a geological survey.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to allow open time on deer in certain towns in Cumberland county.

An act establishing a salary for the sheriff of Kennebec county.

An act relating to compensation of county commissioners of Franklin county.

An act regulating winter fishing and to close the tributaries of certain lakes and ponds in Somerset and Washington counties.

An act to prohibit the dumping of herring and all fish offal in the waters of Moosabec Reach in the town of Jonesport.

An act to amend Chapter 168 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine for the year 1875, entitled an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water.

An act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company.

An act to incorporate Pistol Stream Dam Company.

An act to authorize the Machias Lumber Company to acquire by purchase all the rights and property of the proprietors of Machias boom, and to confirm all purchases of said rights and property already acquired by said Machias Lumber Company.

An act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes in relation to mills and mill dams.

An act to authorize Manly Morrison to erect and maintain booms and piers in the Sebasticook river.

An act to create the State Department of Agriculture.

An act in relation to railroad crossings.

An act to amend Chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to the incorporation of churches.

An act relating to trust and banking companies.

An act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Augusta.

An act to legalize the doings of the town of Leeds.

An act to regulate the taking of deer in Androscoggin county.

An act to amend section 55 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taking of land for public parks and squares.

An act to amend Sections 28 and 35 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the free high school year.

An act additional to Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes relating to bowling alleys.

An act relating to the filing of papers in cases argued before the supreme judicial court when sitting as a court of law.

An act to incorporate the town of Millinocket.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve providing for the screening of Sebago lake. On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, this resolve was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers, and the distribution of educational documents.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate adjourned.