

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-First Legislature**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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1903.

## SENATE.

Friday, January 30, 1903.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cudworth of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following communications were received from the Secretary of State: To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

I have the honor to herewith transmit annual report of the State Treasurer.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,  
Secretary of State.

which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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

I have the honor to herewith transmit annual report of trustees and officers of the State Reform School.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,  
Secretary of State.

which was referred to the Committee on Reform School.

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

### Temperance.

By Mr. Currier of Franklin: Remonstrance of Rev. A. E. Saunders and 155 others of Kingfield and Salem, Maine, against resubmission of amendment to the constitution relating to prohibition.

By Mr. Alden of Kennebec: Remonstrance of W. H. Smith and 45 others of Monmouth against resubmission.

### Orders.

By Mr. Randall of Cumberland: Ordered, that the resolutions adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives in joint assembly on Wednesday, January 28, and the remarks made by the several Senators and Representatives, together with a steel-plate

engraving of the late Thomas B. Reed, be issued in pamphlet form and three thousand copies of same presented to the members of the Legislature. The order was passed.

### Read and Assigned.

An Act to authorize the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to issue bonds, and for other purposes. On motion by Mr. Wing of Androscoggin, this bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to authorize the Kennebec Light and Heat Company to issue bonds.

An Act to ratify the mortgage of the Fish River Railroad.

An Act to ratify the lease of the Fish River Railroad, and to authorize the sale of said railroad to the Bangor Aroostook Railroad Company.

### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Guernsey, for the committee on Judiciary, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 262 of the Private and Special Laws of 1863, as amended by Chapter 260 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887 and Chapter 54 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Dover and Foxcroft village fire company, reported same in new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing, under the joint rules.

Mr. Staples of Knox, for the Committee on Legal Affairs, on Bill An Act to regulate the use of gasoline and naphtha, reported that same be printed and recommitted. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing. Mr. Bryant, for the committee on Reform School, on Resolve in favor of the State Reform School, reported that same ought to pass. Report accepted. Resolve referred to committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Mr. Burns, for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Bill, An Act to authorize the State Treasurer to purchase unsecured State of Maine bonds, reported that same ought to pass. Report accepted. On motion by Mr. Burns of Cumberland, the bill took its two several readings, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Manley, for the Committee on the Judiciary, on Bill, An Act relating to the Public Health, reported same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

**Passed to be Engrossed.**

An Act to authorize the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to issue bonds.

An Act to authorize the State Treasurer to purchase unsecured State of Maine bonds.

An Act to amend Sections one and four of Chapter 339 of the private and special laws of 1901, being An Act to incorporate the Winthrop Cold Spring Water Company.

An Act to authorize the Old Orchard Electric Light Company to issue bonds and for other purposes.

An Act to amend Section 28 of Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes relating to conveyances.

An Act recognizing the Sebecicook Power Company, and granting additional powers.

**Orders of the Day.**

On motion by Mr. Staples of Cumberland, House Document No. 3, An Act to authorize the Damariscotta Gas Light Company to supply gas at Damariscotta and Newcastle, was taken from the table; and, on further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The Senate concurred with the House in the order relating to adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Senate Document No. 22, An Act to set off the town of Isle au Haut and all islands within the limits of said town from the county of Hancock and annex said town to the county of Knox, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the same was referred to the Committee on Counties. Subsequently on motion by Mr. Buck of Hancock, the vote referring the foregoing to the Committee on Counties was reconsidered, and on the further motion of the same senator the bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, Senate Document 18, being tabulation of information relating to bridges of the State fifty feet and over

in length, submitted by the board of State assessors, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the same was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, petition of A. E. Turner and 39 others to set off the town of Isle au Haut from the county of Hancock and annex said town to the county of Knox, which had been tabled pending reference, was taken from the table; and, on further motion by the same senator, the same was referred to the Committee on Counties.

On motion by Mr. Philbrook of Oxford, Senate Document 20, An Act to amend Section three of Chapter 103 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the incorporation and control of telegraph and telephone companies, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the same was referred to the Committee on Railroads Telegraphs and Expresses.

Bill, An Act recognizing the Sebecicook Power Company, and granting additional powers, came from the House, having been reported by Mr. Hall for the Committee on Legal Affairs, that it ought to pass. Report accepted in the House. The Senate concurred in the acceptance of the report, and on motion by Mr. Bryant of Somerset, the bill took its two several readings in the Senate, and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Maine General Hospital, tabled pending reference, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the same was tabled for printing under the joint rules.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Cumberland, the Senate here took a recess of ten minutes.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Bill, An Act to amend Sections 6 and 119 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating to the manner of assessment of common school fund, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, the same was referred to the Committee on Taxation.

**Passed to be Enacted.**

At the close of recess, on motion by

Mr. Staples of Cumberland, Bill, An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 318 of the Private and Special Laws of 1801, entitled An Act to incorporate the Bridgton Water Company, was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 3d, 1903, at 10.30 A. M.

## HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 30.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Canham of Lowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, An Act to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employes in their service, came from the Senate referred to the committee on legal affairs. On motion of Mr. Drew of Portland it was tabled for printing pending its reference in concurrence.

### Senate Bills on First Reading.

Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 372 of the Public Laws of 1885 relating to the compensation of the county commissioners for Oxford county.

On motion of Mr. Pettengill of Rumford, the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill, An Act to authorize the Biddeford and Saco Water Company to issue bonds and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Mewer of Old Orchard, this bill was laid on the table and Thursday of next week assigned for its consideration.

Bill, An Act authorizing the city treasurer to purchase unmatured State of Maine bonds.

This bill came from the Senate read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. PETTENGILL of Rumford: This is a bill that is presented by the Committee on Appropriations. We have found that during the past year if the treasurer had had authority, when consent was given by the governor and council, he could have applied, from the surplus money in the treasury, at least \$100,000 toward the reduction of our State debt. It seemed to us as a committee that this was a measure of just common, good business prudence to have this authority, and this bill comes from the Committee on Appropriations and is recommended by them. I move that the rules be suspended and that the bill receive its three readings at the present time and be passed to be engrossed.