

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

SENATE.

Tuesday, Feb. 3.

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

Prayer by the Rev. M. Degen of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

At this point Senator Buck of Hancock was called to the chair and presided.

Bill, An Act to maintain the St. John River Dam Company. This bill came from the House referred by that body to the committee on Interior Waters. On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, the bill was tabled for printing.

The President resumed the chair at this point.

Bill, An Act providing in part for the expenditures of Government for the year nineteen hundred and three. This bill came from the House by Mr. Pettengill of the Committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and that it ought to pass. The report was accepted in concurrence.

Mr. Burns of Cumberland: Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended and that this bill (House document No. 17) take its second reading at this time and pass to be engrossed. Nearly every item in this bill is fixed by law or contract.

The motion prevailed, and the bill took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, the vote whereby the foregoing bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered, and the same Senator moved that the bill be tabled and tomorrow assigned for its consideration.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President, This is an important matter, carrying \$1,375,906.55; and while I know it is necessary it should have a passage soon, I ask that it be tabled for consideration tomorrow. I think it will not be unwise to ask for that time.

The motion prevailed, and the bill was tabled and assigned for tomorrow.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of State:

Augusta, Feb. 3, 1903.

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

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the railroad commissioners. Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

which was referred to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses.

Augusta, Feb. 3, 1903.

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

I have the honor to herewith transmit the report of the forestry commissioner. Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,
Secretary of State.

which was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Manley of Kennebec: Bill, An Act to authorize municipalities to make contracts for water, gas and light.

By Mr. Morse of Waldo: Remonstrance of F. E. Spratt and 38 others against renewal of the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power against renewal of the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 145 of the private and special laws of 1887 "An Act to provide sewerage for the town of Houlton."

Also, Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 227 of the private and special laws of 1880, entitled "An Act to supply the people of Houlton with pure water."

By Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln, Remonstrance of W. T. Patten and others against the passage of An Act to regulate the use of gasoline and naphtha.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, Bill, An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to the width of railroad locations.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln, Bill,

An Act to make the bridge of the Wisconsin Bridge Company a public bridge.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Philbrook of Oxford, petition of John F. Dearborn and 48 others of Woodstock and West Paris for permanent close time on streams emptying into Indian, South and Twitchell ponds; and on Indian pond for three years.

Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Pike of Washington: Petition of Joseph Mitchell and others for increase of police officers' salary of Passamaquoddy Indians at Pleasant Point.

Also petition of Joseph L. Dana and 7 others for an appropriation of \$1500 to complete the church of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians at Pleasant Point.

Also: Petition of Andrew Levy and others for \$1200 to build a house at Peter Dana's Point for the Sisters of Mercy.

Mines and Mining.

By Mr. Manley of Kennebec: Resolve providing for a topographical and geological survey for the year 1903 and 1904, and for extending its work to include hydrography.

Temperance.

By Mr. Titcomb of York: Remonstrance of C. Julian Tuthill and 36 others of Sanford against resubmission of the prohibitory amendment.

Also: Remonstrance of George E. Nichols and 80 others of Saco, against resubmission of the prohibitory amendment.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Remonstrance of pastors of the churches and citizens of Houlton against the resubmission of the prohibitory law.

By Mr. Plummer of Androscoggin: Remonstrance of H. A. Peare and 64 others of Lisbon Falls against resubmission of the prohibitory law.

By Mr. Burns of Cumberland: Remonstrance of Rev. A. F. Parsons and 64 others of Westbrook against resubmission of the prohibitory law.

By Mr. Rankin of York: Remonstrance of Sarah L. Baird and 60

others of the town of Wells against resubmission.

Also: Remonstrance of Walter A. Libby and 53 others of the town of Wells against resubmission.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Buck of Hancock, it was,

Ordered, the House concurring, that the Committee on Federal Relations have printed, pending consideration, the bills now before them, ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands in Hancock county.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Washington, it was,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses be authorized to employ a stenographer to assist said committee during the session.

Read and Assigned.

An Act to increase and fix the salary of the Assistant Librarian.

An Act to ratify and confirm the consolidated mortgage made by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company. On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, this bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to authorize the town of Boothbay Harbor to construct a bridge across the harbor in said town.

An Act to incorporate the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company

An Act to amend the charter of the Maine General Hospital.

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

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to ratify and confirm the consolidated mortgage made by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company.

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.

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 and Aroostook Railroad Company.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Staples of Knox submitted the following order, and moved its passage, under permission of the Senate, out of order.

Ordered, The House concurring, that this Legislature extend an invitation to Hon. Martin Dodge, director of the Office of Public Roads, and President Morse of the Inquiries Department of Agriculture of Washington, D. C., to address the Legislature of Maine on Thursday evening, Feb. 5, and that Representatives' Hall be obtained for that purpose. And that two members of the Committee on State Lands and State Roads be delegated to proceed to Concord, N. H., and present a formal invitation to come to Maine and address the Legislature in joint session.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President, I desire to say in explanation of this order, that I hold in my hand certain correspondence which Governor Hill has had with President Morse of the Inquiries Department, and the Hon. Martin Dodge, in regard to coming to Maine to speak to the Legislature upon the question of good roads. Governor Hill is very desirous that they come here and address the session of this Legislature, and suggested to me that, as they speak to the joint session of the New Hampshire Legislature, in Concord, tomorrow afternoon, Representatives' Hall be engaged and they be invited to come here next Thursday evening to address the Legislature in joint session. I therefore, in pursuance of his request and at his suggestion, present this order.

The order received a passage,

On motion by Mr. Buck of Hancock, Bill, 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.

On motion by the same Senator, petition of E. P. Emerson and 30 others for aid to screen Alamoosook Lake, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator, the petition was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 4, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.