

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

SENATE.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1903.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Cashmore of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

At this point Mr. Clark of Hancock, was called to the chair and presided.

Read and Assigned.

An Act concerning Attorneys at Law. An Act to legalize the doings of the Crosbyville Chapel at Bangor, Maine.

An Act in relation to the election of the members of the school committee of the city of Portland.

At this point the President resumed the chair.

An Act in relation to the salaries of the justices of the supreme judicial court. On motion by Mr. Currier of Franklin, this bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve providing for the compensation of steamboat inspectors for the years 1900, 1901 and 1902.

An Act to enlarge the powers of the railroad commissioners over street railroads.

An Act to change the name of the town of St. Agatha, in the county of Aroostook, to Cleveland.

Senate document No. 37, An Act to correct an error in Chapter 79 of the Public Acts of 1899, and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, having passed to be engrossed in the Senate and sent down to the House, was returned from the House with House Amendment A, adopted by that branch, as follows: Amend by inserting before Section 1, the following title: An Act allowing divorces provided libellee resides in the State. On motion by Mr. Clark of Hancock, this bill was laid on the table.

An Act to incorporate the town of Castle Hill, in the county of Aroostook.

An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating

to the width of the location of railroads.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, Senate Document No. 64, An Act to amend Chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1901, entitled "An Act providing for State roads and for the improvement thereof, was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

An Act to incorporate the Kineo Trust Company.

Resolve for the purpose of operating fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish and for the protection of fish.

Resolve in favor of Matthias Cullnan of Belfast.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the year of 1903 and 1904.

An Act to authorize the county of Piscataquis to negotiate a loan for temporary purposes.

Resolve in favor of Allagash road.

An Act to repeal Sections 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes relating to inquests in cases of suspected incendiarism.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform School.

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 the annual report of the labor commissioner.

Very Respy, your Obdt. Servt.,

(Signed) BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

which was referred to the committee on labor.

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

I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report of the commissioner on inland fisheries and game.

Very respy, your obdt. servt.,

(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:

Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Mr. President, Sometime ago I presented a bill for An Act to ratify the mortgage of the Fish River Railroad. It was referred to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses and reported favorably by them, acted upon by the Senate and House, and then signed by the Governor and became a law of the State. It is Senate bill No. 25. I now wish to call the attention of the Senate to a clerical error. It now reads: "The mortgage of the Fish River Railroad, made by the Fish River Railroad Company to the Central Trust Company" etc.; and the parties,—the Fish River Railroad Company desire to have it read: "City Trust Company," and the only way, at present, to remedy the error is to put in an enabling act; and I now wish to submit a bill for An Act to amend An Act entitled "An Act to ratify the mortgage of the Fish River Railroad" approved Feby. 11, 1903. On motion by the same Senator, this bill took its several readings under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed, without reference to a committee.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Wing of Androscoggin, Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn.

Also, Bill, An Act in relation to the discharge of debtors in cases now pending in Insolvent Courts.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset: Bill, An Act to amend Sec. 4 of Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1895 in relation to State Tax Sales.

By Mr. Libby of Kennebec: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 422 of the private and special laws of 1901 relating to the East Pittston Village Corporation.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Bill, An Act to repeal Chap. 159 of Laws of 1895 relating to State Printing.

By Mr. Rankin of York, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Wells Electric Light and Power Company.

Education.

By Mr. Burns of Cumberland, Bill, An Act to abolish the office of Superin-

tendent of school committee in certain towns.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, Bill, An Act to amend Section 29 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes relating to the term of office of superintendents of schools.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Dudley of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to authorize the Aroostook Valley Railroad Company to purchase or lease the property and franchises of the Presque Isle Electric Light Company.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln: Bill, An Act to renew and extend the charter of the Boothbay Harbor Banking Company.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Union Trust Company of Bangor, Maine.

Also, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Tyler-Fogg Trust Company.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Morse of Waldo, Resolve in favor of a Maine Soldier's Monument at the Andersonville, Georgir, National Cemetery.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of the State Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maine, with statement of facts.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, Bill, An Act to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the causes of floods and overflows of rivers and water courses, and water storage, and to make recommendations for preventing floods and the storage of water, etc.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, Bill, An Act to authorize the navigation by steam, of Eagle Lake and the connecting lakes, in the county of Aroostook.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, Petition of Hermon Cook and 24 others of Chapman plantation in favor of leaving the raising of highway money optional with towns.

Also, petition of G. B. Cook and 14 others of Chapman Plantation in favor of same.

Also, Petition of Geo. W. Richardson and 37 others of Mapleton, in favor of same.

Also, petition of Geo. H. Wood and 37 others of Mapleton, in favor of same.

Also, petition of F. A. Webber and 30 others of Castle Hill in favor of same.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Clark of Hancock, Bill, An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 30 of the R. S. as amended by Chapter 42 of the public laws of 1899 and the public laws of 1901, Chapter 258, relating to close time for game birds. By Mr. Burns of Cumberland, Remonstrance against allowing ice fishing in Little Sebago Lake signed by Henry L. Cheney and 54 others.

By Mr. Buck of Hancock: Remonstrance of J. M. Bray and others against screening Alamoosic Lake in Orland.

By Mr. Staples of Cumberland, Remonstrance of S. Weymouth and 53 others against ice fishing in Little Sebago Lake in the towns of Gray and Windham.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, Remonstrance of A. E. Douglas and 24 others against a license on hunters.

State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Gardner of Penobscot, Bill, An Act authorizing the town of Millinocket to purchase, and the land agent to sell and convey, certain of the lands reserved for public uses in Indian Township No. 3 in the county of Penobscot.

Temperance.

By Mr. Titcomb of York: Remonstrance of Rev. E. C. Hall and 47 others of Kittery, against resubmission of the prohibitory amendment.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: An Act to repeal Section 15 of Chapter 27 and all laws amendatory thereto relating to State Liquor Commissioner.

Passed to be Engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Ebenezer O. Gerry.

Resolve in favor of Mary C. Rankin.
Resolve in relation to extra pay of Maine volunteers in the war with Spain.

An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Supreme Judicial Court.

An Act to incorporate the Mapleton and Presque Isle Railroad Company.

An Act amendatory to Chapter 507 of the private and special laws of 1889, entitled, "An Act to establish the Dover Municipal Court," as amended by Chapter 196 of the private and special laws of 1899.

An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 42 of the public laws of 1899 as amended by Chapter 326 of the private and special laws of 1901, relating to fishing through the ice in Thompson Pond.

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1895 creating the Rumford Falls Village corporation.

An Act to amend An Act entitled "An Act to ratify the mortgage of the Fish River Railroad" approved Feby. 11, 1903.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Gardner of Penobscot, the order relating to the University of Maine, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same Senator, the order was amended by Senate Amendment A. Amend by substituting in the second line the word 'furnish' for the word "obtain," and word 'information' for the word "benefit," and by adding the words 'amount of' before the word "salary" so that the order, as amended shall read as follows: Ordered, that the trustees of the University of Maine be instructed to furnish for the information of the members of the Legislature, the amount of salary and perquisites received by the President, professors and instructors and all other attaches, including clerks, stenographers and typewriters, and all others drawing compensation at the university of Maine, giving each individual separately, and the duties of each. Also the number of students attending the college from out of the State and how many are paying their tuition annually; also how many are pursuing the Classical Course of study in said College, and report the same as soon as practicable to the Legislature. And the order as amended was passed.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Androscoggin, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Androscoggin Log Driving Company was taken from the table, and on the further motion of the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 18, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. A. W. Bradeen of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The petitions in favor of establishing a fish hatchery at Sebago lake, which in the House were referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, came from the Senate placed on file. On motion of Mr. Foss of Hancock the House receded and concurred with the Senate in its action.

Three petitions for close time on rabbits, which in the House were referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, came from the Senate referred to the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries.

Mr. STOVER of Brunswick: Mr. Speaker, In the performance of my duty as a member of this House I had the honor to present these petitions. They were received into this House with a titter of laughter which was at least obnoxious to the petitioners, but they were referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game, and went to the Senate for concurrent action. That dignified body refused to concur, and jokingly sent the petitions to the committee on public charities and State beneficiaries. Now, Sir, these petitioners are honorable men and they are worthy of proper treatment in this House; and I move that the House insist on its action and that a committee of conference be appointed.

The motion was agreed to, and the chair appointed Messrs. Stover of Brunswick, Drew of Portland and Eaton of Calais.

Bill, An Act to increase and fix the salary of the assistant librarian, which was passed to be enacted in the House, came from the Senate referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs. On motion of Mr. Dudley of Augusta, the votes were reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, and it was then referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs under the joint rules.