

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

SENATE.

Thursday, February 19, 1903.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Aroostook, the Senate non-concurred with the House in referring petition of F. P. Grant and 23 others of Fort Fairfield, for the enactment of a law making the raising of highway money in cash and labor optional with towns, to the Committee on Legal Affairs; and on the further motion of the same Senator, the said petition was referred to the Committee on Ways and Bridges.

At this point Senator Staples of Knox was called to the chair and presided.

On motion by Mr. Titcomb of York, the Senate non-concurred with the House in referring the following petitions and remonstrances to the Committee on Temperance, viz:

Petition of Ashley St. Clair and 42 others of Calais, in favor of resubmission.

Petition of A. C. Landers and 50 others of Bangor, for same.

Petition of A. J. Skidmore and 17 others of Liberty, for same.

Petition of Solon S. Cahill and 47 others of Brunswick, for same.

Petition of Samuel Knight and 60 others, for same.

Remonstrance of Ernest W. Cressey and 45 others of Groveville, against same.

Remonstrance of R. W. Kittredge and 47 others of North East Harbor, against same.

Remonstrance of R. W. Grindle and 21 others of Mt. Desert, against same.

Petition of W. A. Alden and 93 others of Portland, in favor of resubmission.

Petition of Harry A. M. Bush and 51 others of Millinocket, for same.

Petition of Benjamin Wolfe and 74 others of Portland, for same.

Petition of Guy W. Goding and 39 others of Oakland, for same.

And on further motion of the same Senator, said petitions and remonstrances were placed on file.

Bill, An Act providing for the better protection of the big game and forests of the State, by requiring non-residents to procure a license to hunt, came from the House having been re-committed to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game by that branch. On motion by Mr. Clark of Hancock the bill was tabled.

At this point the President resumed the chair.

Read and Assigned.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company."

An Act to amend Chapter 486 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the city of Westbrook.

An Act to authorize the Bodwell Water Power Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

An Act to authorize the Orono Pulp and Paper Company to generate, use and sell electricity.

An Act to authorize the Penobscot Chemical Fibre Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes relating to the State Reform School.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Resolve in favor of the dairying interests of the State of Maine.

An Act to incorporate the Forest Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act extending sundry existing statutes to Street Railroads.

An Act to enlarge the powers of street railroads in taking lands.

An Act to incorporate the Camden and Liberty Railway.

An Act to incorporate the Union Trust Company of Saco, Maine.

An Act to incorporate the Central Trust Company. On motion by Senator Burns of Cumberland, this bill was amended by Senate amendments "A" and "B," as follows: Senate amendment "A," amend Section 1 by striking out the name of Herbert T. Brown in line 2, and inserting in place thereof the name Herbert J. Brown. Senate amendment "B," amend Section 3, by inserting

after the word "negotiate" in the eighth line of said section, the word "purchase." On further motion by the same Senator, the bill as amended, took its second reading, and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act authorizing and empowering Samuel W. Hanscom of Reed Plantation, county of Aroostook, to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river.

An Act authorizing and empowering Joseph C. Patchell of Reed Plantation, county of Aroostook, to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river.

An Act to extend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

An Act to abolish Chapter 282, Public Laws of 1868, relating to taking fish in Frenchman's Bay except by the ordinary process of fishing with hook and line. This bill came from the House with House amendment "A," amend by striking out the figures "282" in the title, and by inserting in place thereof, the figures "582." House amendment A adopted in concurrence. Bill, as amended, read and assigned.

An Act relating to the taking of lobsters within three miles of the islands of Matinicus and Criehaven, during the months of August and September, in each year.

An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 202 Public Laws of 1889 entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of the judge and register of probate and county commissioners of Waldo county."

Resolve in favor of Bernhard Pol of Bangor, to reimburse him for taxes paid through error.

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 376 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by Chapter 479 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 to enable the Maine Lake Ice Company to increase its capital stock. On motion by Mr. Clark of Hancock, this bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to incorporate the Lily Water Company.

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

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Wilson of Washington: Bill, An Act to authorize the Narraguagus River Water Power Company to generate, use, transmit and sell electricity.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset: Resolve in favor of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Guernsey of Piscataquis: Bill, An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes relating to the stipend paid from the State treasury to agricultural societies.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. Clark of Hancock: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Public Laws of 1899 establishing a naval reserve as a part of the National Guard of the State of Maine.

Also: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 266 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by Chapters 126 of the Public Laws of 1899 and 167 of the Public Laws of 1901 relating to the militia.

Also: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 159 of the Public Laws of 1901, providing for the retirement of the commissioned officers of the militia or the National Guard of the State of Maine.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Manley for the Committee on the Judiciary, on petition of L. J. Pratt of Yarmouth, relative to cutting timber from wild lands, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Libby, for the Committee on Education, on Bill, An Act relative to the employment of superintendents of schools by cities and towns, reported ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Goodwin, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes reported the following bills, which were tabled for printing under the joint rules, viz:

An Act to repeal Sections 21, 22, 46, 66 and 70 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of Treasurer of State and Secretary of State.

An Act to repeal Section 2 of the Revised Statutes and to amend Section

67 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of the Treasurer of State.

An Act to repeal Section 30 and Section 35 of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes relating to firearms.

An Act to repeal Sections 40, 42 and 128 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to railroads.

An Act to amend Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 335 of the Public Laws of 1885, and to repeal conflicting statutes relating to the election of collectors of taxes.

An Act to amend Section 83 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to tax sales.

An Act relating to lost goods and stray beasts.

An Act relating to work-houses.

An Act relating to the duties of Secretary of State.

An Act relating to houses of correction.

An Act to amend Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to tax sales.

An Act to repeal Section 201 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to tax sales.

An Act to repeal Section 200 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Section 10 of Chapter 70 Public Laws of 1895 relating to tax sales.

An Act to repeal Sections 14, 17, Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of county treasurers.

An Act to repeal Section 9 of Chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes relating to the practice of medicine and surgery.

An Act relating to the dedication of streets.

An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Public Laws of 1887 relating to assessment of damages resulting from raising and lowering of ways.

An Act to repeal Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes relating to pounds and empounding beasts.

An Act to repeal Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes relating to watch and ward in towns.

An Act to repeal Sections 39, 40 and 41 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes relating to returns by assessors.

An Act to repeal Sections 1-35, inclu-

sive of Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes relating to the inspection of pork and beef.

An Act to repeal Sections 58 and 59 of Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes relating to bounties on silk and beet sugar.

An Act to amend paragraph 1, Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to property exempt from taxation.

An Act to repeal Sections 7-22 inclusive of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of pot and pearl ashes and inspection of nails.

Mr. Titcomb, for the committee on Banks and Banking, on bill An Act to incorporate the Merrill Trust Company, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Burleigh, for the committee on interior waters, on Bill, An Act to create the Spectacle Pond Reservoir Dam Company, reported same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Portland.

An Act for the protection of railroad signals.

An Act to amend Chapter 271 of the Private and Special laws of 1901 relating to the Lincoln Electric Railway Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 236 of the Public Laws of 1893 relating to the taking of land and other property by railroads. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, this bill was laid on the table.

An Act to extend the charter of the South Portland Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Sanford Trust Company.

An Act to authorize the Augusta, Winthrop and Gardiner Railway to supply electricity in the towns of Winthrop and Manchester.

An Act for the better protection of shell fish within the town of Georgetown.

An Act to amend Chapter 346 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook."

An Act to amend Chapter 97, Section 3 of the Revised Statutes relating to bastard children and their maintenance.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act additional to and amendatory of Chapter 54 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of Benjamin Smith of Appleton in Knox county.

Resolve in favor of Nellie E. Flinders of Liberty.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, the vote whereby House bill No. 60, An Act to amend Chapter 52 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the salary of the register of probate for the county of Penobscot, was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and on further motion by the same senator, Senate Amendment A, inserting after fifteen, the word hundred, in Section 1 of said Act, so that said Section shall read as amended, "From and after January 1, 1895, the register of probate for the county of Penobscot shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, etc., was adopted; and the bill, as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, House document 65, An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the law of the road, was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the vote whereby said bill was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and on his further motion the bill was recommitted to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned to meet on Friday, February 20, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 19, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

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

An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 41 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.

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 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, 45, 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.

An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to the width of railroad locations.

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

An Act to incorporate the Kineo Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the town of Castle Hill.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Allen of Sanford: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Sanford Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Pettengill of Rumford: Bill, An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1903.

Also: Resolves providing for a temporary loan for the year 1903.