

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

SENATE.

Tuesday, February 24, 1903.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bradeen of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session, read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Read and Assigned.

An Act relating to the Rockland Public Library.

An Act to incorporate the Knox County General Hospital.

An Act to amend Chapter 613 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, entitled "An Act to establish the Western Hancock Municipal Court."

An Act to amend the charter of the Northport Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting.

An Act to incorporate the Union Power Company. (House amendment A, amend by inserting in the last line of Section 1, after the word "purposes" and before the word "in," the words 'not including lighting' adopted in concurrence).

An Act to incorporate the Union Gas Company.

An Act relating to the duties of Secretary of State.

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 67 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes and to amend Section 87 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of the Treasurer of State.

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

An Act to amend paragraph 1, Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Revised

Statutes relating to property exempt from taxation.

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

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

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

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

An Act to repeal Sections 14 and 17, Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to 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 the raising and lowering of ways.

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

An Act to repeal Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, except Sections eleven and twelve, relating to watch and ward in towns.

An Act to repeal Sections 1 to 35 inclusive, 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 38 of the Revised Statutes relating to bounties on silk and beet sugar.

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 the inspection of nails.

An Act to repeal Section 30 and Section 31 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 relating to lost goods and stray beasts.

An Act relating to Houses of Correction.

An Act relating to Work Houses.
 An Act to incorporate the Merrill Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Smith Cemetery Association, Palermo, Waldo county, Maine.

An Act to amend Chapter 296 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the employment of superintendents of schools.

Resolve in favor of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes. This resolve having been introduced in the Senate, and by that body referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs was sent to the House. The House non-concurred with the Senate, and referred the resolve to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, the Senate receded from its action, and concurred with the House in its reference to said last named committee.

Bill, An Act to change the name of St. Agatha, in the county of Aroostook, to Cleveland, in the Senate passed to be engrossed and sent to the House, was returned from the House, indefinitely postponed. On motion by Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook, the Senate receded, and concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing the bill.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Wing of Androscoggin: Bill, An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Auburn.

By Mr. Buck of Hancock: Bill, An Act to repeal chapter 102 of the public laws of 1895.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset: Bill, An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 267 of the public laws of 1893 relating to the time of filing certificates of election of electors for President and Vice-President.

By Mr. Staples of Cumberland: An Act conferring additional powers upon Proprietors of Union Wharf, incorporated by special act of the legislature. Approved Feb. 9, A. D. 1856.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset: Bill, An Act to construe and continue in force Chapter 106 of the private and special laws of 1891 relating to the election of a school committee and Superintendent of schools for the town of Skowhegan.

By Mr. Rankin of York: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Wells Telephone Company.

By Mr. Buck of Hancock: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Dudley of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to provide for the protection of trees and shrubs from injurious insects and diseases.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Petition of Frank Robinson and 155 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of John B. Foster and 73 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of E. L. Stafford and 34 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of James F. Kimball and 10 others, log operators on the West Branch in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of Charles J. McLeod and 15 others log operators on the West Branch in favor of the Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of Edward Stetson and 121 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of Bodwell Water Power Company and others, owners of Developed Power Plants on Penobscot River in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of F. G. Webber and 23 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of Joab W. Palmer and 34 others of Bangor in favor of the Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of Charles W. Johnson and 17 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of Charles E. Freed and 78 others of Bangor in favor of Millinocket Bill.

Also: Petition of O. Stewart and 94 others of Old Town in favor of Millinocket Bill.

By Mr. Burleigh of Aroostook: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Fish River Improvement Company.

By Mr. Guernsey of Piscataquis: Resolve in aid of navigaton on Moosehead Lake.

Also: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Piscataquis Reservoir Dam Company.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Clark of Hancock: Resolve relating to screening Long Pond outlet, Plantation 32.

By Mr. Guernsey of Piscataquis: Petition of H. W. Atwood and 60 others in favor of repeal of the law closing streams flowing into Sebec Lake to fishing.

State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Resolve in favor of the re-establishment, where necessary, of the boundaries of the lots reserved for public uses in the several plantations and unincorporated places.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln, it was, Ordered, the House concurring, that 1000 copies of bill entitled An Act to provide for the ownershp and maintenance of highway bridges by the State and the several counties, with statement of facts annexed, be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, it was: Ordered, that the secretary of the Senate prepare and cause to be printed under his supervision and direction four hundred copies of the proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

Mr. Staples of Knox, presented the following order, and moved that the same have a passage, viz.:

Ordered, That the State treasurer be requested to furnish for the use of the Senate the amount, yearly, that it has cost to run the State government of Maine from 1880 to, and including 1902. On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Somerset, this order was laid on the table.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Wing for the committee on judiciary, on Bill, An Act to amend An Act

to incorporate the Portland Widows' Wood Society, reported same in new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass. Report accepted. Tabled for printing under the joint rules.

The same senator, for the committee on library, on resolve in favor of the Maine State Library, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Mr. Manley, for the committee on judiciary, on Bill, An Act relative to the election of road commissioner in the town of Bar Harbor, reported same ought not to pass. On motion by Mr. Guernsey of Piscataquis, the bill was laid on the table. The last named senator submitted a minority report on the same bill, and on his motion, the same was laid on the table.

Mr. MANLEY of Kennebec: I would like to inquire of the senator from Piscataquis, how long he desires to have the matter tabled?

Mr. GUERNSEY of Piscataquis: Mr. President, I desire to take it from the table tomorrow morning.

Mr. Guernsey, for the committee on judiciary, on the order of the Legislature relating to Bill, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, reported that same be referred to the next Legislature by request of the petitioners. Report accepted.

The same senator, for the same committee, on Bill, An Act to provide blanks and stationery for the Dover Municipal Court, reported that same be referred to the Piscataquis County Delegation. Report accepted.

Mr. Goodwin, for the Somerset County Delegation, on Bill, 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 at Skowhegan, in said county, reported same in new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Messrs. Oakes, Maddocks, Burleigh, Howes, Gagnon and Knowlton, for the committee on ways and bridges, on Bill, An Act to maintain large bridges

by the county and State, reported same in new draft, under title of Bill, An Act to provide for the ownership and maintenance of highway bridges by the State and several counties, and that it ought to pass. On motion by Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln, the bill was tabled pending the acceptance of the report.

Messrs. Lowe and Jones for the same committee, on the same bill reported same ought not to pass; and, on motion by Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, the same was tabled, pending printing.

Messrs. Maddocks, Burleigh, Howes, Gagnon, Oakes and Knowlton for the committee on ways and bridges, on Bill, An Act to maintain large bridges by the county and State, reported accompanying resolve: Resolve making appropriations for the maintenance of State and county bridges. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, the report was tabled, and on the further motion of the same senator the resolve was also tabled for printing, pending the acceptance of the report of the committee.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to extend the charter of the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to amend An Act incorporating the trustees of the Coburn Classical Institute.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act concerning Attorneys at Law.

An Act to enlarge the powers of the Railroad Commissioners over street railroads.

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

An Act to grant additional powers to the Vickery Realty Company.

An Act to legalize the doings of the Crosbyville chapel at Bangor, Maine.

Finally Passed.

Resolve for State Pension.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Clark of Hancock, Senate document No. 37, An Act to correct an error in Chapter 79 of the Public Acts and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator, the vote whereby the bill was passed to be en-

grossed, was reconsidered. On the further motion of the same Senator the Senator non-concurred with the House in the adoption of House amendment A; and on his further motion, the bill was amended by Senate Amendment A, amend by adding to the title of said bill, after word "statutes" 'allowing divorces in states provided libellee resides therein,' so that as amended said title shall read as follows: 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 allowing divorces in States provided libellee resides therein. As amended the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Clark of Hancock, Senate Document No. 128 was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same Senator the Senate concurred in its recommittal to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Order relating to invitation to Hon. Martin Dodge and President Moore to address the Legislature was taken from the table; and on further motion of the same Senator, the Senate concurred in its indefinite postponement.

On motion by Mr. Wing of Androscoggin, the Senate adjourned to meet on Wednesday, February 25, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.