

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-First Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

SENATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1903.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Read and Assigned.

An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Sebago Lake. On motion by Mr. Staples of Cumberland, this bill took its second reading, under suspension of the rules, and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to legalize the doings of the town of Williamsburg.

An Act to repeal the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 544 of the Special Laws of 1899, relating to the Bangor Street Railway.

An Act to extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company.

An Act extending the charter and changing the name of the Van Buren Trust and Banking Company.

An Act to amend Section 129 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes relating to officers and corporators of savings banks.

An Act to amend Chapter 215 of the Resolves of the State of Maine of 1897, relating to tuition of students in agriculture at University of Maine.

An Act in relation to the Hancock County Railway Company.

Resolve in favor of the town of Sanford.

An Act to amend Chapter 301 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Portland Widows' Wood Society, as amended by Chapter 145 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879.

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.

Bill, An Act relating to the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot. This bill was passed to be engrossed in the Senate, then reconsidered, and amended, and passed

to be engrossed as amended, and sent to the House. In the House, House amendment A was adopted, which was adopted by the Senate in concurrence. The bill as amended, was passed to be engrossed.

Bill, An Act to increase the salary of the county attorney of Oxford County. In the Senate, referred to the Oxford County Delegation. The House non-concurred in the reference, and referred the bill to the committee on salaries. On motion by Mr. Philbrook of Oxford, the bill was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of Matthias Cullinan of Belfast, Maine. This resolve came back from the House, with a committee of conference joined on the part of the House, consisting of Messrs. Swett of Portland, Davis of Waterville and Libby of Mechanic Falls.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented under suspension of the rules, and referred:

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Gardner of Penobscot: Bill, An Act to incorporate the Patten Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Public Charities and State Beneficiaries.

By Mr. Randall of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of Maine Division of International Sunshine Society.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, it was, Ordered: That a commission, consisting of five members of the present Legislature, be appointed by the Governor, to investigate the amount of salaries paid to the several State and county officials, whose salaries at the present time are determined by the Legislature.

Said commission is hereby given authority to summon witnesses, so as to obtain all necessary information, and are to report to the next Legislature, by bill or otherwise, a fair and reasonable compensation to be paid said officials with provisions that all fees pertaining to the several offices, be paid to the State or county treasurers as may be decided in each case.

Said commission to be paid a reasonable compensation for services and expenses, as may be decided by the next Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln, it was, Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted the Committee of Ways and Bridges to hold their meeting this day at three o'clock.

Report of Committees.

Mr. Morse, for the Committee on Pensions, on petition of Lewis C. Whitten and 66 others, praying that Cyrus Hurd of Carmel be granted a pension of eight dollars a month, reported that petitioner have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Guernsey, for the Committee on the Judiciary, on Bill, An Act to authorize the building of a dam at the outlet of Sebec Lake, reported same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

The same Senator, for the same committee, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Private Laws of 1866, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Co., as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, 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. Wing, for the same committee on Bill, An Act to relieve the town of Boothbay Harbor from the duty of building, repairing and maintaining roads, streets and ways in the Isle of Springs, 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. Clark, for the Committee on Legal Affairs, on Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

The same Senator, for the same committee, on Bill, An Act to grant certain powers to the Hancock county trustees of public reservations, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Wilson for the Committee on Education, Resolve in favor of Central Maine State Normal School at Dexter, reported that same be referred to the next Legislature. Report accepted.

At this point Mr. Gardner of Penobscot was called to the chair and presided.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act authorizing the city of Rockland to accept donations of money and property to establish and maintain a free public library in Rockland, and to accept conveyances of land for a site therefor.

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.

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 25 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 amend the Merrill Trust Company.

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

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

An Act relating to the salary of the Register of Probate for the county of Penobscot.

At this point the President resumed the chair.

Passed to be Enacted.

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

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

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 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 486 of the private and special laws of 1889, relating to the city of Westbrook.

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

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

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

An Act to incorporate the Camden and Liberty Railway.

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

An Act to incorporate the Forest Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An Act to incorporate the Central Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate the Kineo Trust Company.

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

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

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

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 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 to amend section 41 of chapter 77, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Supreme Judicial Court.

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

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

An Act to amend section 14 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the width of the location of Railroads.

An Act extending sundry existing statutes to Street Railroads.

An Act for the protection of Railroad signals.

An Act to abolish chapter 582, public laws of 1868, relating to taking fish in Frenchman's Bay except by the ordinary process of fishing with hook and line.

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.

Finally Passed.

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

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

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

Resolve in relation to extra pay of Maine volunteers in the War with Spain.

Resolve in favor of Allagash road.
Resolve in favor of Mary C. Rankin, widow of Orlenzo K. Rankin late of Company K, First New England Regiment, Mexican War.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Maddocks of Lincoln, Majority report of Committee on Ways and Bridges on bill to provide for ownership and maintenance of highway bridges, previously tabled by him for assignment, was specially assigned for Tuesday, March 3, 1903.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Penobscot, the minority report of the same committee on the same matter, previously tabled by him was assigned for Tuesday, March 3, 1903.

On motion of Mr. Staples of Knox, bill, An Act to amend chapter 236 of the public laws of 1893 relating to the taking of lands or other property by railroads, was taken from the table. The pending question was the second reading of the bill. The bill took it's second reading, and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Goodwin of Somerset the Order relating to cost of State Government from 1880 to 1902 was taken from the table; and on further motion of the same senator, the order was passed.

On motion of Mr. Pike of Washington, the Senate adjourned to meet on Thursday, February 26, 1903, at ten o'clock A. M.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, An Act to correct an error in Chapter 79 of the Public Laws of 1899 and to amend Section 2 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, came from the Senate, with House amendment A rejected and amended by Senate amendment A.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Bangor the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Barker, House amendment A was then rejected, and on further motion by the same gentleman Senate amendment A was adopted.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Lamb of Randolph: Remonstrance of voters of Pittston against amendment of East Pittston Village corporation relating to division of highway money.

By Mr. Drew of Portland: Bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry Company.

By Mr. Peaslee of Upton: Bill, An Act additional to the act creating the Rumford Falls municipal court.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Oakes of Auburn: Bill, An Act additional to Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes relating to public drains and sewers.

By Mr. Peaslee of Upton: Bill, An Act in regard to assault on officers.

By Mr. Clarke of Nobleboro: Bill, An Act authorizing Frederick J. Merrill of Damariscotta to construct a tide wheel in tide waters of the Damariscotta river.

By Mr. Oakes of Auburn: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 429 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 entitled