

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-First Legislature**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE.**

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1903.

**SENATE.**

Friday, February 27, 1903.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Certain petitions and remonstrances relating to resubmission of the prohibitory amendment came from the House referred by that branch to the Committee on Temperance. The Senate non-concurred in such reference, and on motion by Mr. Dudley of Aroostook the same were placed on file.

**Read and Assigned.**

An Act to increase the capital stock of the Ticonic Foot Bridge Company.

An Act to authorize the town of Bucksport to retire its bonded indebtedness, and issue new bonds.

An Act amendatory to Section 6 of Chapter 495 of the Special Laws of 1885, entitled "An Act to incorporate the People's Ferry Company."

An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to examination and certification of teachers.

An Act to amend Chapter 273 of the Public Laws of 1885 relating to holding teachers' convention.

An Act to amend the charter of the Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath Street Railway. (House amendment A adopted in concurrence.)

An Act to provide blank books and stationery for the Dover Municipal Court.

Resolve to provide means for examination of claims for State pensions.

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."

An Act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn, and to provide a board of public works.

An Act to amend Chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1901 entitled "An Act providing for State roads and for the improvement thereof."

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

**Indian Affairs.**

By Mr. Buck of Washington: Resolve in favor of rebuilding the House of the Sisters of Mercy at Peter Dana's Point, within the jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

**Revision of the Statutes.**

By Mr. Goodwin of Somerset: Bill, An Act relating to suits in equity to quiet title.

Also: Bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes relating to insolvency.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Dudley for the committee on agriculture, on Bill, An Act for the protection of trees and shrubs from injurious insects and diseases, reported same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Morse, for the committee on pensions, on Bill, An Act in aid of the soldiers of the Aroostook War, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing, under the joint rules.

Mr. Morrison for the committee on military affairs, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 159 of the public laws of 1901, providing for the retirement of commissioned officers of the militia or the National Guard of the State of Maine, reported same ought to pass. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 242 of the public laws of 1889, reported that 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 amend Section 1 of Chapter 249 of the public laws of 1901, reported that 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 amend Chapter 266 of the public laws of 1893, as amended by Chapters 128 of the public laws of 1899 and 167 of the public laws of 1901, relating to the militia, 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 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, reported that 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 testimonials of honorable service to soldiers who served in the War with Spain, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Rankin for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 285 of the public laws of 1901, entitled An Act providing for State roads, and for the improvement thereof, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Read and assigned.

Mr. Burns for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Bill, An Act establishing the salary of the county attorney for the county of Kennebec, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Guernsey for the committee on judiciary, on Bill, An Act to authorize the Boston Excelsior Company to locate booms in Sebec river, reported that same be referred to the committee on interior waters. Report accepted.

Mr. Manley for the committee on judiciary, on Bill, An Act to authorize municipalities to make contracts for water, gas and light, 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. Burns for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Resolve in favor of establishing a modern fish hatchery and feeding station at Sebago lake, reported same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Pierce for the committee on legal affairs, on Bill, An Act to incorporate the Liberty Water Company, reported

that the 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 extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Company, reported that same ought to pass. Report accepted. Bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Goodwin for the committee on revision of the statutes, to whom was referred report of John A. Morrill, commissioner to revise the statutes, reported the following bills, and that the same ought to pass. Said reports were severally accepted, and the bills accompanying same were tabled to be printed under the joint rules, viz:

An act to repeal Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Chapter 61 of the revised statutes relating to the rights of married women.

An Act to repeal Section 36 of Chapter 63 of the revised statutes relating to examinations before judges of probate.

An Act to authorize executors and administrators to provide for the perpetual care of burial lots.

An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the revised statutes and Chapter 143 of the revised statutes relating to the appointment of guardians for persons insane.

An Act relating to the authority of courts over guardians ad litem or next friend.

An Act relating to the acknowledgment of deeds.

An Act relating to the waiving of the provisions of wills by widows.

An Act to amend Chapter 94 of the public laws of 1887, relating to agricultural societies.

An Act relating to the attachment of partnership property.

An Act to repeal Section 16 of Chapter 78 of the revised statutes, relating to duties of county commissioners.

An Act to amend paragraph five of Section 62 of Chapter 81 of the revised statutes, relating to property exempt from attachment and execution.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 86 of the revised statutes as amended by Chapter 157 of the public laws of 1892, relating to trustee suits.

An Act relating to the dissolution of attachments by filing bond.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes relating to duties payable by public officers.

An Act relating to the compensation of examining boards.

An Act to amend Section 21 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, and Chapter 225 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to fees of registers of deeds.

An Act to prevent injury to books and works of art.

An Act to repeal Sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Chapter 133 of the Public Laws of 1897 relating to pardons.

An Act relating to the commitment of the insane, and to abolish the right of appeal to Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

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

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act in relation to the trustees of Westbrook Seminary.

An Act in relation to the Police Court of the city of Rockland.

An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

An Act to set apart an annual Old Home Week.

An Act to amend Chapter 204 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 entitled, "An Act to establish a municipal court in the town of Westbrook."

An Act to extend the charter of the Sebasticook Manufacturing and Power Company.

An Act relative to the Clinton Electric Light and Power Company.

Resolve in favor of the city of Rockland.

Resolve in relation to completion of the fifth Revision of the General or Public Laws, and appointing a commissioner therefor.

An Act to incorporate the South West Harbor Banking and Trust Company.

An Act to amend Chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 as amended by Chapter 383 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Passadumkeag Log Driving Company."

An Act to authorize the erection of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at Jenkin's Cove.

An Act to incorporate the St. John River Toll Bridge Company.

An Act authorizing the Great Northern Paper Company to locate, erect and maintain piers and booms in Kennebec river.

An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Private and Special Laws of 1866, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company, as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899."

An Act to amend the charter of the Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Company.

An Act to grant certain powers to Hancock county trustees of public reservations.

An Act relating to the election of a road commissioner in the town of Boothbay Harbor.

An Act to cede jurisdiction of the State of Maine to the United States of America over so much land as has been or may be hereafter acquired for the public purposes of the United States.

An Act to relieve the town of Boothbay Harbor from the duty of building, repairing or maintaining roads, streets or ways in the Isle of Springs. On motion by Mr. Wing of Androscoggin this bill was amended by Senate amendment "A" "Section 1 of said Act is hereby amended by striking out the word "Association" in the last line of said section, after the words "Residents of said Isle of Springs," so that said section 1 as amended shall read as follows: Section 1. The Isle of Springs Association is hereby created a municipal corporation for the following purposes, viz: for the laying out, construction and maintenance of wharves, ways, sewers and sidewalks, and for furnishing and supplying water and lights for the use of the residents of said Isle of Springs," and as amended, the bill was passed to be engrossed.

An Act relating to the Camden Trotting Park Association. On motion by Mr. Alden of Kennebec, this bill was laid on the table, and Tuesday next assigned for it's consideration.

At this point the President resumed the chair.

#### Passed to be Enacted.

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

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

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Philbrook of Oxford, bill, An Act relating to increasing the sal-

ary of the county attorney of Oxford county, was taken from the table; and, on further motion by the same Senator, the Senate receded from it's reference to the Oxford County Delegation, and concurred with the House in referring same to the committee on salaries.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Washington, it was voted to adjourn, to meet on Tuesday, March 3, 1903, at four o'clock P. M.

## HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 27, 1903.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McKinnon of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Certain petitions for and remonstrances against resubmission came from the Senate, that body non-concurring with the action of the House in referring them to the committee on temperance and ordering them placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Waterville, the House receded and concurred with the Senate.

### Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Private and Special Laws of 1866, entitled An Act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company, as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899.

Resolve in relation to completion of the fifth revision of the General or Public Laws, and appointing a commissioner therefor.

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

### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Thompson of Orono: Bill, An Act defining and enlarging the duties of juries in trials of misdemeanors.

### Federal Relations.

By Mr. Sargent of Brewer: Petition of F. E. Ward and 12 others from South Brewer and vicinity for the national ownership of the anthracite coal mines and permanent municipal coal and wood yards.

### Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Cook of Casco: Petition of S. F. Jordan and 40 others of Casco, for free telephone lines and telephone connections.

By Mr. Ruggles of Carmel: Petition of Charles H. Blagdon and 45 others of Carmel for same.

By Mr. Dodge of Troy: Petition of Frank Clement and 25 others of Knox for same.

By Mr. Thornton of Ashland: Petition of Frank E. Tarr and 8 others of Mapleton for same.