

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

Seventy-Second Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1905.

SENATE.

Thursday, January 19, 1905.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kerney of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following bills, petitions and resolves were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Furbish of Franklin: Bill, an act to extend the charter of the Rangeley Water Company.

By Mr. Randall of Cumberland: Bill, an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Foreside Water Company."

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Morse of Waldo: Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Winterport Ferry Company.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Resolve in favor of the Deaconess Home Association of Bangor, Penobscot county, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Brown of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of marking the grave of the late Governor Hunton.

By Mr. Morse of Waldo: Petition of F. Palmer and 10 others of the town of Monroe in favor of Waldo County General Hospital.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Furbish of Franklin: Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Rangeley Trust Company.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Shackford of Washington: Bill, an act to amend section 44 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taking of smelts.

Also, petition of E. E. Scamman and 12 others relative to the taking of smelts in Franklin bay.

Mr. Staples of Knox introduced bill, an act to provide for the care and education of feeble minded children. On motion by that senator the bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

Mr. Morse of Waldo introduced the following:

Resolutions Relative to the Improvement of the Postal System.

Whereas, a reclassification of mail matter on the reasonable basis of the service rendered is a matter of the greatest importance to the business interests of this commonwealth;

Whereas, an extension of the system of carrying merchandise in the United States mail would be of great benefit to, and is desired by, the people of this State, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States are hereby earnestly requested to use every effort to secure the quick enactment of legislation that will at once remedy the evils of the present system of mail classification, and will give to the American people the best merchandise post in the world.

Resolved, that we request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to support the bill prepared by the Postal Reform League, which bill provides for the consolidation of third and fourth class mail matter and the extension of the present parcel post's weight limit from four to eleven pounds, with minimum rate of five cents on pound parcel and maximum rate of twenty-five cents on eleven pound parcel.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, Postmaster General and to our members of both houses of Congress and to Boies Penrose, chairman of the Senate Postoffice and Post-road Committee and to Jesse Overstreet, chairman of the House Post-office and Post-road Committee.

MR. MORSE: Mr. President: This seems to be a step in the right direction to accommodate the people; and I introduce this resolution; and move that the same be tabled for printing. The motion prevailed.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Androscoggin, it was, ORDERED, that when the Senate and House adjourn, the House concurring, that they adjourn to meet at nine o'clock A. M., Friday, January 20th.

The President subsequently announced that the House concurred in the passage of the foregoing order.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Allen for the special committee of the Senate on the report of Kendall M. Dunbar, Secretary of the Senate on all past rulings and precedents of the Senate and the House, reported that said report be accepted and that 2000 copies of the same, with the Rules of the Senate and the Rules of the House and the Joint Rules be printed and bound in a suitable and substantial manner under the direction of Kendall M. Dunbar. Report of committee accepted.

Mr. Simpson for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on Order directing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerks of committees with postage stamps necessary for the transaction of their business not exceeding ten dollars for each committee, reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Potter for the committee on library on Resolve appropriating the sum of \$200 for extra clerk hire in the State Library, reported same ought to pass.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Potter of Cumberland, Senate Document No. 8, Report of commissioners on uniformity of law for the State of Maine, was taken from the table.

Mr. POTTER: Mr. President: The general subject matter of this report is already before the judiciary committee; and I move that the report be referred to that committee. The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Somerset, Resolve in favor of Frank B. Pennell, with statement of facts, was taken from the table; and on the further motion of the same senator the Resolve was referred to the committee on claims.

On motion by Mr. Simpson of York, House bill relating to an appropriation in favor of Maine School for the Deaf, was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator, the Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference of said bill to the committee on education; and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Senate Document No. 6, Report of the committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a home for the feeble minded, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the Report was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Ayer of Kennebec the Senate adjourned to meet on Friday, January 20, at nine o'clock A. M.