

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

OF THE

**Seventy-Second Legislature**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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1905.

**SENATE.**

Friday, February 3, 1905.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Washington, bill "An act to amend sections 13 and 124 of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mill fund and school tax" which came from the House referred in that branch to the committee on taxation, was tabled for printing, pending reference.

**House Bills Read and Assigned.**

An act to incorporate the Island Falls Water Company.

An act to amend section 113 of chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to the number of trustees of the State Normal School.

The report of the committee on legal affairs, on bill "An act to repeal section 15, chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, relating to bounties on porcupines" was returned from the House, that branch refusing to concur with the Senate, and insisting upon its action, and requesting a committee of conference.

Mr. Pike of Washington thereupon moved that the Senate insist and that a committee of conference on the part of the Senate, be appointed.

Mr. STETSON of Penobscot: Mr. President: It would seem to me that this matter has been thoroughly discussed in both branches, in regard to the advisability of abolishing the law. If a committee is appointed and they fail to agree, it means that the bill to abolish the act will be defeated in its passage; and that, for the next two years, unless another bill is put in, the State will continue to pay an amount probably as large as it has paid the last two years as a bounty on porcupines. It seems to me it is an important matter, and that it should call for the serious attention of every senator present; and I hope the motion will not

prevail, and that a committee will not be appointed.

Mr. GARDNER of Penobscot: Mr. President: I heartily concur in the remarks of my colleague, Senator Stetson; and I would call the attention of the Senate to the fact that, if I am correctly informed, each week we delay in the repeal of the porcupine law costs the State of Maine \$400, and there have been no protests except from one county against the repeal of this act. It is a well-known fact that all over the State it was considered a mistake to pass this law in the first place. A committee of this legislature, selected for the purpose of considering such matters, has duly considered the subject matter of this bill, and have reported to the legislature that this act should be repealed. I therefore think, waiving all matters of courtesy and matters which are trivial in the way I see it, we should attend to the duties for which we are here, and recognize the action of the ten men constituting the committee who have reported on this bill, advising the repeal of this act. Any delay or any opposition to the acceptance of this report is in the line of obstruction. I trust this Senate will concur with the House, with the result that the report of the committee shall be accepted. I therefore move that the Senate recede and concur with the action of the House. I make this motion with no disrespect to the Senator from Washington.

The question being put upon the motion of the Senator from Penobscot, that the Senate recede and concur with the House, the motion prevailed. The pending question being upon the acceptance of the report of the committee on legal affairs on bill "An act to repeal section 15 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to bounties on porcupines that the same ought to pass" said report was accepted. The bill was thereupon read and assigned.

The following communication was read:

"To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

In compliance with the order of the Legislature of 1903, as per resolves of 1903, chapter 110, to wit: Resolves

providing for the collection of information in regard to the large bridges within the State; we transmit herewith a tabulation of all information we have received relating to said bridges.

(Signed) F. M. SIMPSON,  
OTIS HAYFORD,  
GEORGE POTTLE,  
Board of State Assessors."

On motion by Mr. Bailey of Somerset, the foregoing report was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

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

#### Judiciary.

By Mr. Potter of Cumberland: Remonstrance of George C. Shaw Co. and 16 others from Portland, against change of law relating to trustee process.

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Sturgis of Cumberland: Petition of Sewall T. Fowler and 12 others, praying for a special committee to investigate the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law in Cumberland county.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Bill, "An act to amend chapter 266 of the public laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 128 of the public laws of 1899 and by chapters 159 and 167 of the public laws of 1901 and chapter 73 and 212 of the public laws of 1903, relating to the militia." On motion by the same senator the bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

#### Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Stetson of Penobscot: Bill, "An act to extend the charter of the Pushaw Lake Railway."

#### Claims.

By Mr. Randall of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of the city of Portland for reimbursements for amounts spent for the relief of soldiers' families during the war with Spain.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Furbish of Franklin: Resolve for the purpose of completing the fish hatchery and feeding station of the Rangeley lakes.

Also: Remonstrance of F. N. Beale and fifteen guides, farmers and busi-

ness men of Phillips against repeal of the law protecting deer in unorganized towns and plantations.

Also: Remonstrance of Grant Fuller and 124 others, guides, farmers and business men of Eustis and adjoining plantations, against same.

On motion of Mr. Furbish of Franklin, the rules were suspended, and the following communication received:

"To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

I have the honor to herewith transmit the 28th Report of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

Yours very respectfully,  
(Signed) BYRON BOYD,  
Secretary of State."

#### Orders.

On motion by Mr. Irving of Aroostook, it was: Ordered, the committee on banks and banking are directed to inquire into the expediency of enacting a general law for the organization and regulation of trust and banking companies; and report by bill or otherwise.

#### Read and Assigned.

An act to enable the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Company to construct and maintain a wharf at the foot of Long lake in the town of Naples.

An act to change the name of the Sanford Light and Water Company, and to enlarge its powers.

An act to extend the charter of the Lincoln County Street Railroad.

An act to extend the franchises of the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington Railroad Company.

An act to extend the charter of the Maine Midland Railroad Company.

An act to amend section 17, chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railways.

An act relating to Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad Company.

#### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Clark, for the committee on judiciary, on bill, "An act relating to recorders and clerks of municipal and police courts," reported that same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Potter, for the committee on judiciary, on bill, "An act to confirm the organization of the Oldtown Elec-

tric Company, to change its name to the Bangor Railway and Electric Company and to authorize it to acquire the properties and franchises of the Public Works Company, the Bangor, Orono and Oldtown Railway Company and the Bangor, Hampden and Winterport Railway Company, and to confer certain powers upon said Bangor Railway and Electric Company," reported same ought to pass, in new draft, under same title. Report accepted.

Mr. Staples, for the committee on legal affairs, on bill, "An act to extend the charter of the Columbia Falls Water and Electric Light Company," reported that same ought to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the committee on telegraphs and telephones, on bill, "An act to authorize the Northern Telegraph Company to extend its lines along the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad, and to increase its capital stock," reported same ought to pass. Report accepted.

#### Passed to be Engrossed.

Resolve appropriating money for the support of traveling libraries.

An act relative to the Winter Harbor Gas and Light Company.

An act relating to fishing in the tributaries of Webbs pond above Goodwin Bros.' mill dam in Carthage, county of Franklin.

Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Belfast.

On motion by Mr. Irving of Aroostook, bill, "An act to incorporate the Stockton Springs Trust Company," was tabled pending its second reading.

Mr. IRVING: I make this motion to table the bill as I think it is necessary to draw up an amendment.

An act to incorporate the State Trust Company.

On motion by Mr. Irving of Aroostook, bill, "An act to incorporate the Houlton Trust Company," was tabled, pending its second reading.

#### Passed to be Enacted.

An act to authorize the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad to locate across tide waters of Passagassawaukeag river.

An act to authorize the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company to

locate and build its road across an inlet of Cape Jellison Harbor.

An act to authorize the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company and the Bangor Investment Company to build wharves and piers in and near Cape Jellison Harbor.

An act to authorize the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company to lease or sell its railroad to the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company.

An act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to guarantee the first-mortgage bonds of the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad Company.

#### Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Pike of Washington, "Resolve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls," was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Senate non-concurred with the House in referring the foregoing resolve to the committee on education, and the same was referred in the Senate to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Also, on motion by the same Senator, "Resolve to provide for expenses of the Maine Industrial School for Girls," was taken from the table.

On further motion by the same Senator, the Senate non-concurred with the House in referring the foregoing resolve to the committee on education, and the same was referred in the Senate to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Knowlton of Penobscot, the Senate adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 7, 1905, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.