

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Record**

of the

**Seventy-Third Legislature**

of the

**State of Maine.**

1907.

**SENATE.**

Monday, Jan. 28, 1907.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. White of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Aroostook the following order which came from the House passed by that body, was laid upon the table:

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the committee on salaries and fees be directed to investigate the expenditures of the various State departments for transportation, clerk hire and office sundries, and report by bill or otherwise. Ordered further that the committee have power to summon persons and papers and to employ a stenographer and any other assistance necessary for the performance of the duties with which the committee is charged.

**Read and Assigned.**

An Act additional to Chapter 49, Revised Statutes, providing for the transmission, to registers of probate, of the names of all qualified corporate surety companies.

An Act to legalize and make valid certain doings of the town of Danforth in the county of Washington.

An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, and to repeal Chapter 131 and 134 of the Public Laws of 1905. House amendment A to the foregoing bill adopted in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the Healy Asylum.

Resolve in favor of the Home for Friendless Boys.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General hospital.

The following communication was received and referred to the committee on Judiciary:

"Augusta, Me., Jan. 28, 1907.

"To the Honorable President of the Senate:

"I beg to transmit herewith the sixth biennial report of the commis-

sioners for the State of Maine for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States. The long and distinguished services of these commissioners together with the valuable work that has been accomplished during the session of the national conferences of the commissioners from the several states entitles these reports to a most careful consideration on the part of the Legislature of the State. And inasmuch as there has been an act relating to 'negotiable instrument' presented to your honorable body, which act embodies the views of the commissioners, I request that this report be referred to the Judiciary committee, and thus secure the particular attention of the Legislature.

Accompanying the report is a printed copy of the proceedings of the 15th annual conference of commissioners on uniform state laws and also the resolutions adopted by the divorce congress at Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1906, the address of the committee on resolutions appointed by that congress and the draft of a uniform law relating to the annulment of marriage and divorce. The subject of uniform divorce laws is at present engaging the attention of nearly all the states in the Union and is recognized as one of the great public questions of the day. I venture to hope therefore that its merits will secure a hearing before the Maine Legislature and that the provisions of the proposed law well might be a topic of earnest and careful debate.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed)

"W. T. COBB, Governor of Maine."

The following communication was referred to the committee on Labor:

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

"I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics for the State of Maine.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

A. I. BROWN, Secretary of State.

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

#### Judiciary.

By Mr. Deasy of Hancock—Bill "An Act to quiet the title of real estate."

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Clark of Lincoln—Bill "An Act to amend Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1905 entitled "An Act for the Protection of Children."

Also Bill, "An Act to prevent desertion and non-support of families."

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Clark of Lincoln—Resolve providing for the participation of the State of Maine in the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition of 1907, with statement of facts."

#### Temperance.

By Mr. Clark of Lincoln—Remonstrance against resubmission by W. H. Deering and 48 others of Waldoboro.

#### Labor.

Mr. Philoon of Androscoggin—Petition of the Aramaic Club of Auburn relating to the employment of minors in shops, mills, factories, etc.

#### Orders.

On motion by Mr. Heselton of Kennebec it was

Ordered, That the insurance commissioner at once furnish the Senate for the use of the Legislature an itemized and detailed statement of all expenditures of his department and of all public funds through his department for the year July 1, 1905, and also at once furnish an itemized and detailed statement of all money paid out and to whom paid and for what paid through his department since 1897 under the provision of Section 51 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes.

On further motion by the same senator it was

Ordered, That the treasurer of the University of Maine be directed to furnish the Senate as soon as practicable the names and individual salaries or compensations received by the president, professors, instructors and all attaches connected with the University of Maine for the year ending July,

1906; also furnish the names and individual salaries or compensations of all professors, instructors and attaches who have been employed at the said university since July, 1906; and if any of these parties have been employed to take the positions of others to designate the names of such person or persons, also to state the amount received for tuitions during the year ending 1906, particularly specifying the amount included in this sum which came from back tuitions and also state the number of students who attended said university in the year ending July, 1906, whose residence was outside of the State of Maine and give the amount received from those students for tuition during that year and also furnish a statement of the total receipts and expenditures for the year ending July, 1906.

#### Read and Assigned.

An Act to amend the charter of the Caribou Sewer Company.

An Act to incorporate the Ellsworth City Trust Company.

An Act to regulate the use of certain roads in the town of Mount Desert.

An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year of 1907.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to authorize the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company to purchase the Schoodic Stream Railroad.

An Act to ratify the mortgage and lease of the Schoodic Stream Railroad.

An Act to ratify the mortgage and lease of the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad.

An Act to extend the charter of the Merchants' Trust Company, and to change the name of some of the corporators.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Power Company.

Resolve in favor of H. H. Hastings, chairman of the committee on senatorial elections, in payment of witnesses', magistrates' and officers' fees and disbursement made by him in the election of senators in Kennebec county, for the Seventh senatorial district.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Millinocket Trust Com-

pany. (On motion of Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc Senate Amendment A was adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed. Said amendment was as follows: Amend Section 3 of Senate Document No. 30 by striking out all of section after the word "the" in the third line and inserting in place thereof the words "whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following," so the section as amended shall read as follows: "Sec. 3. Section 6 of Chapter 161 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:")

On motion of Mr. Brown of Kennebec the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Monday, Jan. 28, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Evans of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

### Senate Resolve on First Reading.

Resolve in favor of Lottie A. Robinson.

Resolve in favor of John D. Bubier.

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

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

### Judiciary.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Bill, An Act to extend the powers of the Canaan Power Co.

By Mr. Knowlton of Monson: Bill, An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 143 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the commitment of boys to the State school for boys; also Resolve in favor of the town of Monson.

### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Theriault of Fort Kent: Petition of municipal officers and 15 others of Hill Plantation to change name of Hill Plantation.

By Mr. Tucker of Wiscasset: Bill, An Act to provide for the cemetery funds in the town of Wiscasset.

By Mr. Barrows of Hampden: Bill, An Act to amend Section 108 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to caucuses.

By Mr. Folsom of Norridgewock: Bill, An Act to amend Section 31 of Chapter 143 of the Public Laws of 1903; also Bill, An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 143 of the Public Laws of 1903.

### Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Bill, An Act creating a State board of charities and corrections.

### Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Milliken of Island Falls: Petition of George Vincent and 47 others of Stockholm for the passage of the act providing for a transferable two-cent mileage on the Bangor and Aroos-