

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

SENATE.

Tuesday February 5, 1907

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Herrick of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills Read and Assigned.

An Act to extend the Charter of the Matagamon Manufacturing Company.

An Act to amend section forty-five of chapter four of Revised Statutes, relating to Registration and Licensing of Dogs.

An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of North or Varnum's Pond. House Amendments A and B adopted in concurrence. On motion by Senator Rice of Franklin, Senate Amendment A was adopted, as follows: "Amend Section three Line two, by adding after the word 'thereof' the words: 'or deposited within eight rods thereof'" and as amended the Bill was read and assigned.

An Act to amend Section 96 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insurance Agents and Brokers.

The following Bills, Petitions and Resolves were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Hastings of Oxford: Bill "An Act to make valid the organization of the Middle Intervale Telephone Company, and to legalize its acts and doings.

By Mr. Putnam of Aroostook: Bill "An Act to incorporate the Washburn Electric Company."

Also Bill "An Act to incorporate the Northern Aroostook Electric Company."

Also Bill "An Act to incorporate the Central Aroostook Electric Company."

Also Bill "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 117, of the Revised Statutes, relating to Witness Fees before Referees, Auditors or Commissioners."

Also Bill "An Act to amend Section 45, Chapter 66, of the Revised Statutes,

relating to the appointment of Appraisers of Estates of Deceased Persons."

Also Bill "An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 69, of the Revised statutes, relating to the appointment of Appraisers of Wards' Estates.

By Mr. Merrill of Cumberland—Protest of Mrs. M. P. Frank et als. against the proposal to impose the obligation of suffrage upon the woman of this state."

Also: Remonstrance of Elinor S. Moody against granting suffrage to women.

By Mr. Libby of Waldo: Bill "An Act relating to the support of the poor by counties and the establishment of county poor-houses or poor-farms." On further motion by the same senator the bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Bill "An Act relating to the use of railroad passes by State Officials."

By Mr. Heseton of Kennebec: Bill "An Act to amend Section 17, Chapter 80, Revised Statutes, relating to the power of County Commissioners to make temporary loans."

By Mr. Mills of Hancock: Petition for better protection of deer on Swans Island.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Barrows of Penobscot: Petition of B. Porter, M. D., of Newport, and 23 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Petition of Dr. J. A. Jordon, of North Haven, and 40 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Resolve providing for the screening of Medomak Pond or Lake so-called, in Washington in the county of Knox.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Curtis of Cumberland it was,

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be allowed to the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds for a

public hearing, February 13, 1907, at 2 P. M.

On motion by Mr. Heselton of Kennebec it was,

Ordered that the Official Reporter of the Senate be authorized under the direction of the President to employ such assistance as may be necessary for the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record.

Also:

Ordered, the House concurring that the Official Reporter of the Senate be allowed same amount for assistance in the preparation and completion of the Legislative Record as at the last Session, which was referred to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Mr. Heselton of Kennebec introduced and moved the passage of the following Order,

Ordered, that the Secretary of the Senate inquire of the Commissioner of Insurance when he will have the information called for of him and his Department by the Senate Order dated January 28, 1907, ready for the use of the Senate; and report the answer of the Commissioner to the next session of this Senate.

Mr. PUTNAM of Aroostook: I would like to have the order read again. (The order was thereupon re-read) I move that the order lie upon the table at the present time. I will say, for the information of the senator from Kennebec, that I talked with the Insurance Commissioner a day or two ago and he informed me that to obtain the information called for by that Order, would take the best girl he had in his office at least fourteen days to prepare.

Mr. HESELTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, I will state that all I desired was to ascertain whether we would receive this information during this session of the Legislature, or whether it would go over to the next session of the Legislature. The information given by the Senator from Aroostook, gives me the impression that it may be received during the last part of the present session of the Legislature; and, if that is true, I shall prepare an Order to furnish the Insurance Com-

missioner with abundant help so that he can give us this information in order that we may act upon it during this session of the Legislature.

Mr. PUTNAM: I would say, Mr. President, that I have no personal interest in the matter except with a casual talk with the Commissioner. I asked him when this information was to be given to the Senate and he said: From the progress his clerk had made then that it would take at least ten days, if not longer, to furnish it. I think it will be furnished during the coming week; and I have no desire to delay the Senate Order at the present time.

Mr. HESELTON: Of course, Mr. President, I appreciate that this motion is not debatable, but the information coming from the senator from Aroostook leads me to understand that his information is obtained only from a casual conversation which he had with the Commissioner. There can be no harm then in ordering the Secretary to inquire of the Commissioner and obtaining a definite answer as to the length of time we may be obliged to wait for the Commissioners to act. Therefore I trust that the Order will have a passage.

Mr. SEWALL of Sagadahoc: Mr. President, I know, in fact, that the Senator from Kennebec wishes to act fairly, and I would not have mentioned it, but the Insurance Commissioner—I suppose because I came from his county—stated to me just what he did to the senator from Aroostook; and, perhaps having spoken to me in that way, I should be derelict if I did not give that information to the Senate.

I should be very glad to vote with the Senator from Kennebec to give the Insurance Commissioner all the clerk hire he needs, because I agree with him that the Order is a useless one unless we are to have a report upon it in time to act at this session, and I wish the senator from Kennebec would introduce the other Order and withdraw this one. I sympathize with the purposes but with the real difficulty, and the Insurance Commissioner having made a statement to me, I should

feel bound to vote with the Senator from Aroostook.

Mr. HESELTON: Mr. President, if I may be pardoned for speaking again on this matter—The purpose of the introduction of the Order may have been accomplished by the mere presentation of the order and that is we have some knowledge now how long we may be obliged to wait for this information and taking into consideration the statements of the Senator from Aroostook and the Senator from Sagadahoc, I believe the result worked to accomplish has been effected and therefore I will second the motion of the Senator from Aroostook that the Order lie upon the table.

The Senate thereupon voted that the Order be tabled.

Read and Assigned.

RESOLVE in aid of navigation on Moosehead Lake.

An Act to incorporate the Island Telephone Company. On motion by Mr. Deasy of Hancock this Bill took its second reading under suspension of the rules and was passed to be engrossed.

Resolve for buoys and lights on the Rangeley Lakes.

An Act to extend the charter of the Houlton and Danforth Electric Railroad Company.

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

An Act to make plain the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, relating to extradition.

An Act to create a lien on manufactured staves and laths.

An Act to extend the charter of the Houlton and Woodstock Electric Railroad Company.

An Act to grant certain powers to the Mount Desert Transit Company.

An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes, and Section 7 of Chapter 68 of the Public Laws of 1905. On motion by Senator Brown of Kennebec this Bill was amended by Senate amendment A as follows by adding to the title of said Act, the following words: "relating to the regulation sale of commercial fertilizers."

An Act in relation to the Hancock

County Railway Company and the Mount Desert Transit Company.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act for the Protection of Deer in the town of Isle au Haut, in the county of Hancock.

An Act to authorize the Great Northern Paper Company to own and operate mills in any county in the State and to hold stock in the Northern Maine Power Packet Company.

An Act authorizing the Milo Lumber Company to erect piers and booms.

An Act to amend Chapter 115, Section 3, and Chapter 131, Section 13, of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to Private Detectives.

An Act to amend the charter of the North Branch Dam Company.

An Act to incorporate the American Trust Company.

An Act to renew and extend the charter of the Hamilton Trust Company.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc. Bill, "An Act to amend Chapter 222 of the Private and Special Laws of the year of 1903, entitled 'An Act to authorize extensions of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad in Aroostook, Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties'" was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.

Passed to Be Enacted.

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 and Searsport Railroad.

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

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc. Bill, "An Act to authorize the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company to purchase the Schoodic Stream Railroad, was laid upon the table pending its passage to be enacted.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Hancock. Bill, "An Act to amend Section 17 of

Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Measurement of Lobsters," which came from the House, referred in that branch to the Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries, was tabled for printing pending reference in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Simpson of York the Senate voted to reconsider its action whereby it referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Bill, "An Act to authorize the Atlantic Shore Line Railway to discontinue its operations on the Ferry across the Piscataquis River, in certain instances." On further motion by the same senator the Bill was tabled for printing.

On motion of Mr. Theriault of Aroostook, Bill, "An Act creating a State Board of Charities and Corrections," was taken from the table and on further motion by the same senator the same was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Penobscot the report of the Committee on Interior Waters on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Enchanted Stream Dam Company," that the same ought not to pass, was taken from the table and on further motion by the same senator the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Barrows of Penobscot the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 5, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Lawton of South Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The Bill relating to the Wilson Stream Dam Company, comes from the Senate referred to the Committee on Interior Waters in non-concurrence

On motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls the House receded and concurred with the Senate in its reference.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

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

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

An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 203 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883 entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the Portland Trust Company.'

Resolve for State Pension.

Resolve in favor of Lydia A. Cummings of Rockland, county of Knox.

Resolves providing for the Preservation of Regimental Rolls in the Adjutant General's office.

Resolves in relation to Extra Pay of Maine Volunteers in the war with Spain.

The following Petitions, Bills, etc., were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Spear of South Portland, Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Municipal Light and Power Co.;" Bill, "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes." (Tabled on motion of Mr. Milliken of Island Falls); Bill, "An Act to amend Section of 57 Chapter 29 the Revised Statutes." (Tabled on motion of Mr. Milliken); Bill, "An Act additional to Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of South Portland;'" Bill, "An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of South Portland.'"

By Mr. Safford of Kittery—Bill, "An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes of 1903." (Tabled on motion of Mr. Milliken); Bill, "An Act to amend Section 44 of