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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

SENATE.

Wednesday, February 6, 1907.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McCombe 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 Kittery Water and Light Company.

An Act to authorize the Portland Wharf and Land Company to erect and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Casco Bay in the city of South Portland.

An Act to repeal Chapter 403 of the Private and Special Laws of Maine, 1903, entitled "An enabling act for the annexation of the city of South Portland to Portland."

An Act to authorize a bridge in the town of Edgecomb.

An Act to amend Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of South Portland," as amended by Chapter 138 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905.

An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 241 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled "An Act to supply the town of Lisbon with pure water."

An Act additional to Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes.

An Act to authorize the city of Lewiston to issue its bonds to the amount of \$174,000 to pay its bonds now outstanding and maturing in the year 1907.

An Act additional to Chapter 420 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled "An Act to incorporate the New Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company."

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

An Act to better protect the lobster industry within two miles from the shore of Monhegan island between the first day of June and the 25th day of November of each year.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Winter Harbor Trust Company.

An Act to authorize the Southwest Harbor Water Company to buy, generate, sell and distribute electricity.

An Act to amend Section 12, Chapter 117 of Revised Statutes, relating to fees of jurors.

An Act to regulate fishing in that part of Sebago lake known as Songo river, also in Crooked river in the county of Cumberland.

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

An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 65 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Bath Trust Company."

An Act to amend the charter of the Swan's Island Telephone & Telegraph Company, Chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1903.

An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at the mouth of Molunkus stream.

An Act creating certain islands in the town of Harpswell, county of Cumberland and State of Maine into a voting district.

An Act to regulate fishing in Indian pond, so-called, in Township 1, Range 8, W. B. K. P., Franklin county, known as "Lowelltown."

An Act to ratify, confirm and make valid the organization of the Dixfield Light and Water Company.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain lands in the town of Crystal.

Resolve in favor of repairing the road between Patten and Grand Lake.

Resolve to appropriate \$250 to screen Sabbatus pond, in the county of Androscoggin.

The following communication was received:

"To the President of the Senate:

"Agreeable to the Order of your Honorable body dated January 29, 1907, I hereby present a detailed statement in accordance with that order.

"(Signed) I. K. STETSON."

Mr. HESELTON of Kennebec: Mr. President, as the hearing upon this matter occurs tomorrow before the

committee on education I move that this communication be referred to that committee.

The motion prevailed.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Deasy of Hancock: Bill, "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes relating to organization of corporations.

By Mr. Putnam of Aroostook: Petition of Maintenance of Ways Union of Houlton.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Page of Somerset: Petition of W. S. Stinchfield of Skowhegan and others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

By Mr. Rice of Franklin: Petition of L. F. Dolloff of New Sharon and 26 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

By Mr. Barrows of Penobscot: Petition of Dr. A. C. Strout of Garland and 10 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

By Mr. Putnam of Aroostook: Petition of F. A. Thuriough of Houlton and 25 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

Also: Petition of Citizens of Smyrna for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

By Mr. Wyman of Washington: Petition of J. A. Walling of Milbridge and 28 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association.

By Mr. Curtis of Cumberland: Petition of George Eliot Club of Portland urging an appropriation for a State of Maine Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, and the reproduction of the Home of Longfellow as the Maine State Building.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Moore of Saco: Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company."

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Irving of Aroostook: Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Ashland Trust Company."

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Irving of Aroostook: Bill,

"An Act to amend the charter of the Caribou Water, Light and Power Company."

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Theriault of Aroostook: Resolve in favor of a bridge on the St. John river at Van Euren.

By Mr. Barrows of Penobscot: Petition of W. H. Mitchell and 17 others of Newport in favor of An Act to provide for State Ownership of Bridges.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Page of Somerset: Bill, "An Act relating to Beaver."

By Mr. Ayer of Kennebec: Petition of Frank J. Durgin and 23 others, citizens of Somerset county, praying for an appropriation for the erection of a fish hatchery in Somerset county, with Resolve and Statement of Facts.

By Mr. Hastings of Oxford: Petition of E. R. Davis and 48 others, residents of Paris and vicinity, in the county of Oxford, praying for a law to prohibit all ice fishing in Twitchell pond and Round pond, in Greenwood, also in North pond, in Woodstock, in said county of Oxford. Also for a law to prohibit fishing in the tributaries to Round and North ponds.

By Mr. Page of Somerset: Petition of Daniel Hancock and 13 others, citizens of Somerset county, praying for an appropriation to establish a fish hatchery and feeding station in Somerset county.

Also: Petition of C. S. Adams and 15 others, residents of Jackman and vicinity, in the county of Somerset, praying for the passage of a law to regulate the taking of fire arms upon the wild lands of the State in close season.

Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Page of Somerset: Remonstrance against removal of Capitol from Augusta.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Stearns of Penobscot: Petition of Stationary Firemen's Union of Millinocket in favor of the Initiative and Referendum.

Also: Petition of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Makers' Union of Millinocket in favor of the Initiative and Referendum.

Also: Petition of Carpenters' Union

of Millinocket in favor of the Initiative and Referendum.

Also: Petition of Federal Trades' Union of Millinocket in favor of the Initiative and Referendum.

Also: Petition of Luther J. Folsom and 17 others of Millinocket in favor of the Initiative and Referendum.

Reports of Committee.

Mr. Mills for the Committee on Legal Affairs, on Bill, "An Act to extend the charter of the Lily Water Company, reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Page for the Committee on Banks and Banking, on Bill, "An Act to continue in force the charter of the Newport Trust Company, reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, An Act to amend Section 58, Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes relating to deposits by the State Treasurers reported in same in new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Same senator for the same committee on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Union Trust Company, reported same in new draft under title of 'An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Trust Company' and that it ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted and the several Bills were tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Barrows for the Committee on Pensions on Resolve in favor of Mary D. Turner reported that same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Putnam for the Committee on Judiciary on Petition of citizens of the towns of Lisbon, Webster, Durham, and others, for legislative investigation of alleged abuses perpetrated at Shiloh, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw and that further investigation is inexpedient. Report accepted.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Resolve in aid of navigation on Moosehead Lake.

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 9, Chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes relating to extradition.

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 33 of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes and Section 7 of Chapter 68 of the Public Laws of 1905.

An Act to prevent the pollution of North or Varnum's Pond, (as amended by House amendment A and Senate amendate A.)

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

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

An Act to amend Section 45, Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Registration and Licensing of Dogs.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Bill, "An Act to create a lien on manufactured staves and laths," was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Deasy of Hancock, Bill, "An Act in relation to Hancock County Railway Company and Mount Desert Transit Company," was tabled pending its passage to be engrossed.

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to amend the charter of the Security Trust Company.

An Act to extend the time of construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

An Act in relation to the employment of the custodians of elevators.

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

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Millinocket Trust Company.

An Act to change the name of the Maine Congregational Charitable Association.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mattenawcook Manufacturing Company.

An Act to incorporate the Ellsworth City Trust Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Belfast Banking Company.

An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water District.

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

An Act to incorporate the Maine Insurance Company.

An Act to establish and make uniform the compensation of the prison and jail inspectors.

An Act to incorporate the Shore Acres Water Company.

An Act to extend the time of construction of the Boothbay Railroad.

Bill, An Act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year of 1907 came up on its passage to be enacted.

Mr. Curtis of Cumberland moved that the Bill be tabled.

Mr. SIMPSON of York: Mr. President, I would like to ask the Senator from Cumberland if he will assign a day when he will take this matter from the table.

Mr. CURTIS of Cumberland: Mr. President, I find that two years ago I voted for something in the appropriation bill that I was not aware of which referred to the Insurance on the State Capitol. I find that in 1904 there was some five hundred thousand dollars insurance put on this building. There was no authority that I can find, by anybody; and a deficiency appropriation was put in in 1905 for six thousand dollars to pay for this; and that is why I desire to look over this Bill.

If the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs can assure me that there is nothing of that nature in this Bill, without my looking it over, I will be glad to withdraw my motion.

Mr. SIMPSON: I can assure the Senator that there is nothing of that nature in this Bill.

Mr. CURTIS: In that case I withdraw my motion.

The Bill was thereupon passed to be enacted.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of H. H. Hastings, chairman of the Committee on Senatorial Elections, in payment of witness-

es, magistrates and officers' fees and disbursements made by him in the election contest of Senators in Kennebec county for the seventh senatorial district

Resolve in favor of King's Daughters' Union of Bangor.

Resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Bar Harbor Medical and Surgical Hospital, located at Bar Harbor, Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for Blind.

Resolve in favor of the Girls' Orphanage in the city of Lewiston under the auspices of the Sisters of Charity.

Orders of the Day.

Under the suspension of the rules the following Bills and Petitions were presented and referred:

By Mr. Philoon of Androscoggin: Bill, "An Act to authorize the Auburn Water Commissioners to make a further issue of bonds, to be made for purposes of its incorporation, which was referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Also Bill, "An Act to amend Section 30, Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes relating to Inland Fisheries and Game, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1905, which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Ayer of Kennebec: Petition of H. B. Merry and 54 others, citizens of Somerset county, praying for an appropriation to establish a Fish Hatchery at some point in Somerset county, which was referred to the Committee on Inland Fish and Game.

By Mr. Bailey of Somerset, Bill, "An Act to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste into Higgins Stream and tributaries in the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis.

On motion by the same Senator this Bill was tabled for printing pending its reference to the Committee on Inland Fish and Game.

By Mr. Heselton of Kennebec, Petition of Gardner Litchfield and 15 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State

Sanatorium Association, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc, Senate Document No. 48 was taken from the table, the same being Bill, to amend Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to extensions of Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, the same having been tabled by that Senator February 5, pending its passage to be engrossed.

Mr. Sewall: Mr. President: In tabling that Bill I thought that the proposed extension might be effected by the disposition of my resolution, which is awaiting action by the Senate, as regards the rebate of State taxes and further expense to any railroads in the State. I am informed, however, that this particular amendment to the Private and Special Laws of 1903 relating to extensions of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad would not be involved in that connection, but that it is a short cut to enable the B. and A. Road to obviate getting around an exceedingly high grade; and with that explanation, which I assume is correct. I move that the Bill take its passage to be engrossed.

The motion prevailed and the Bill was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Tartre of York the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 6, 1907.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayes of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

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 Island Telephone Company.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Kelley of Farmingdale—Petition of Boot and Shoe Workers' Union of Hallowell in favor of the initiative and referendum; of W. T. Getchell and 19 others of Hallowell for same.

By Mr. Johnson of Waterville—Petition of Cotton Mule Spinners' Union of Waterville for same.

By Mr. Joy of Eden—Petition of Federal Labor Union of Eden; of Bricklayers and Mason's Union of Eden; of Painters and Decorators' Union of Eden; of Carpenters' Union of Eden; of Building Trades' Council of Eden—for same.

By Mr. Brown of Auburn—Petition of Boot and Shoe Workers No. 225 of Auburn for same.

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner—Petition of Edwin L. Bussell and 143 others of Gardiner for same.

By Mr. Frost of Lewiston—Petition of John Byrnes and 76 others of Lewiston for same.

By Mr. Cobb of Gardiner—Petition