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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

SENATE.

Monday, Feb. 25, 1907.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kearney of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, An Act to authorize and empower the city of Old Town to own, maintain and operate a lighting, heating and power plant. This bill came from the House referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. PUTNAM of Aroostook: Mr. President. At this time I wish to object to the reception of that bill by the Senate, and, if necessary, to move that the Senate non-concur with the House in its action in receiving that bill. Early in this session the Senate passed an order limiting the time for the reception of private and special legislation to Feb. 19. One week before that time expired the Senate voted unanimously not to extend that time. All parties in the State had six weeks' notice that private and special legislation was not to be introduced after Feb. 19, and I must say that if we wish to conclude our labors here by April 1, it will be necessary to adhere to that order as passed, and not let the bars down to admit private and special legislation. I have here a letter from our former secretary of State, the Hon. Nicholas Fessenden, with which he encloses a bill for private and special legislation, and in which he asks me to introduce this bill under suspension of the rules, and to have it passed. I shall return it to him, telling him that it is impossible to comply with his request, as this Senate and House have passed this order limiting the time for the reception of private and special legislation to Feb. 19, and that we will not let down the bars and let in a flood of private and special legislation.

I hope the Senate will not admit this bill passed by the House and sent down here for concurrence.

Mr. STAPLES of Knox: Mr. President, I heartily concur with the senator

from Aroostook in regard to this matter. We have very much and very important legislation which will take us to the last week in March, if we have nothing more. I, too, have received, in the last few days a number of important bills from citizens of this State, who asked me to introduce them. I have replied that I could not do it because the Senate had concluded not to receive any private and special legislation after Feb. 19. I heartily concur with the senator from Aroostook. I think we have all we can attend to. I hope the Senate, by a unanimous vote, will set down on this bill and stop any more private legislation. I want everybody to have their rights, but it seems to me there has been time enough to present private and special legislation.

On motion by Senator Putnam of Aroostook the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House Bill Read and Assigned.

An Act to incorporate the Kezar Falls Water Company.

The following communication was received and referred to the committee on banks and banking.

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

I have the pleasure to herewith transmit the report of the bank examiner for the State of Maine.

Very respectfully, etc.,

A. I. BROWN,
Secretary of State."

The following petitions and resolves were presented and referred:

Insane Hospitals.

By Mr. Brown of Kennebec—Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane hospital.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Parkhurst of Penobscot—Petition of Addison B. Lorimer and 39 others, citizens of Bangor, for the enactment of a law to prevent prize-fighting.

Taxation.

By Mr. Bailey of Somerset—Petition of E. E. McFarland and 29 others for school mill tax bill.

Also—Petitions of Byron E. Lindsay and 37 others: of Joseph Rand and 13

others; of L. T. Merrill and 20 others; of John A. Holmes and 9 others; of Percy A. Ricker and 6 others; of B. F. Clark and 42 others; of A. P. Turner and 29 others; of John T. Nutter and 40 others for same.

Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Bailey of Somerset—Protest of 55 members of Brooklyn Grange against removal of State capital.

Also—Protest of 123 members of Amherst Grange against removal of State capital; of 234 members of Garland Grange against removal of State capital; of 166 members of Camden Grange against same.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Mills of Hancock it was ordered, that the secretary of the Senate prepare and cause to be printed under his supervision and direction 255 copies of the Journal of the proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

Read and Assigned.

An Act to incorporate the Northern Water Company.

Resolve, in favor of the Maine State Sanatorium Association.

An Act to prevent desertion and non-support of families.

An Act to amend Chapter 123 of the Public Laws of 1905, entitled An Act for the protection of children.

An Act to provide for the care and education of the feeble minded.

An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to agricultural societies.

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

An Act to change the name of Widows' Island.

Resolve in favor of the re-establishment, where necessary, of the boundaries of the lots reserved for public uses in the several plantations and unincorporated places.

Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys.

An Act to authorize and empower Fleetwood Pride, his associates and assigns, to erect, construct and main-

tain piers and booms in Pleasant river and in its east and west branches.

An Act to incorporate the Cupsuptic Stream Improvement Company.

An Act to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste into Higgins stream and tributaries, in the counties of Somerset and Piscataquis.

An Act to incorporate the Magalloway River Improvement Company.

Resolve in aid of navigation on Sebect lake.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Hastings for the committee on judiciary on Bill, "An Act relative to expert evidence," reported that same ought not to pass. Report accepted.

Mr. Deasy for the committee on judiciary on Bill, "An Act to amend Chapter 94 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled 'An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Sebago lake,'" submitted same in new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee on Bill, "An Act in relation to the Frontier Steamboat Co." reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Page for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on "Resolve for an appropriation for carrying on the work for the State Survey Commission," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Rice for the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition of A. C. Vanner and others of Washington, for a close time on trout fishing in Branch stream and Hersey brook, situated in said Washington in Knox county, submitted Bill, An Act to regulate fishing in Branch stream and Hersey brook in the town of Washington in county of Knox, and that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on petition of John Chadwick and others of Rangeley and vicinity, for a law to regulate fishing in the Richardson and Beaver ponds in the county of Oxford, submitted Bill, "An Act to regulate fishing in the two west Richardson ponds, the two east Richardson ponds and the two Beaver ponds in the county of Oxford," and that it ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on petition of J. S. Allen and

others, for a law to prevent the putting of sawdust and other mill waste into Bear river, Oxford county, submitted Bill. "An Act to prohibit the throwing of sawdust and other mill waste into Bear river, or any of its tributaries, lying within the towns of Newry and Grafton in the county of Oxford," and that the same ought to pass.

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

Majority and minority reports of the committee on temperance on "Resolve for an amendment to the Constitution by abrogating and annulling Article 26, being the amendment to the Constitution adopted on the 8th day of September, in the year of Our Lord 1884, relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquor, and being the fifth amendment to the amended Constitution" were submitted. The majority report that the same ought not to pass, signed Hastings, Mills, Perkins, Waldron, Irving, Dow, Libby. The minority report, that the same ought to pass signed Brown, Newbert, Pooler. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox said reports were tabled and Thursday, Feb. 28, assigned for their consideration.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to incorporate the Sagadahoc Trust Co.

An Act to enable cities to assess taxes for street sprinkling.

An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Lake Nokomis.

An Act to further define State printing.

An Act for the protection of gray squirrels and black squirrels, so called.

An Act to amend the charter of the Gardiner Trust Co.

Resolve to encourage the utilization of tidal and sea power in the State of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

An Act to grant certain powers to the Northeast Harbor Water Co.

An Act to make valid the organization of the Middle Intervale Telephone Co., and to legalize its acts and doings.

An Act to incorporate the Penobscot Bay Electric Co.

Resolve for payment of premium on bonds of clerks in State treasurer's office.

An Act to abolish the January term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Hancock.

An Act to change the time of holding the January session of the court of county commissioners for Hancock county.

An Act relating to the Bar Harbor & Union River Power Co.

An Act to amend Chapter 310 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905 incorporating the State Loan Co.

An Act to set off a portion of the town of Starks and annex the same to the town of Norridgewock.

Resolve in favor of the Saint Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Caratunk Power Co.

An Act to incorporate the town of Bowerbank.

An Act to authorize the Somerset Railroad Co. to extend its railroad from Northwest Carry in the town of Seboomook westerly and northerly to the Canadian line by one or more routes, and to authorize other railroad companies to purchase its franchise and property.

Passed to Be Enacted.

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

An Act to preserve the purity of the source of water supply for the village of Buckfield and to protect the public health.

An Act to prohibit the deposit of certain waste substances in the waters of the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag stream or its tributaries.

An Act to amend Chapter 277 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, amending An Act to establish a municipal court for the town of Brunswick.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 166 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887 as amended by Chapter 303 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905 relating to Fort Fairfield corporation.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of the Webber Hospital Association.

Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolve in favor of Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of Augusta City hospital.

Resolve in favor of Maine Children's Home Society, Augusta.

Resolve in favor of Deaconess' Home Association at Bangor.

Resolve in favor of navigation of Lewia, Long and Bil lake.

Resolve in favor of the town of Bowdoinham.

Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian township, Washington county.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Putnam of Aroostook Senate Document No. 28, Bill, in relation to West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company, was taken from the table and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on interior waters.

On motion by the same senator Senate Document No. 129, Bill to incorporate Penobscot Driving and Improvement Company, was taken from the table and on his further motion was referred to the same committee.

On motion by the same senator Senate Document No. 132, Bill to incorporate Maine Title Guaranty Company, was taken from the table and on his further motion was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by the same senator Senate Document No. 133, Bill to amend An Act to incorporate Penobscot East Branch Log Driving Company, was taken from the table; and on his further motion was referred to the committee on interior waters.

Senator Putnam stated that he took these several bills from the table and moved their reference to committees at the request of Senator Parkhurst of Penobscot in the absence of that senator.

On motion by Mr. Putnam of Aroostook the order relating to the time when the commissioner of insurance shall report on matters covered by the orders, was taken from the table and on further motion by that senator the same was indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Heselton of Kennebec the report of insurance commissioner on matter covered by the order of January 28, 1907, was taken from the table and on his further motion was referred to the committee on salaries, together with the accompanying communication.

On motion of Mr. Garcelon of Androscoggin the Senate adjourned.