

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

of the

Seventy-Third Legislature

of the

State of Maine.

1907.

SENATE.

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.

On motion by Mr. Simpson of York "Resolve for appropriation of \$5000 to be expended by the treasurer and trustees at the Insane hospital at Augusta and to increase the wages of employes in and about said hospital" was tabled.

House Bills Read and Assigned.

An Act relating to the perfecting of record of titles to real estate, was read and assigned.

Bill, An Act to provide for the ownership and maintenance of highway bridges by the State in the several counties, which was indefinitely postponed by the Senate; and by the House passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment A was returned to the Senate, the House insisting on its action and asking for a committee of conference. On motion of Mr. Parkhurst of Penobscot the Senate voted to insist and to join the committee of conference. The President stated that he would later announce the committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Bill, An Act to incorporate the Winter Harbor and Eastern Railway Company, which was passed to be engrossed on Feb. 8, was returned from the House by that branch passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment A. On motion by Mr. Irving of Aroostook the bill and amendment were tabled.

The majority and minority reports of the committee on shore fisheries on Bill, "An Act for the better protection of shore fishing within the town of Yarmouth in the county of Cumberland" were submitted. The majority being that the same ought not to pass signed Messrs. Wyman, Foss, Simpson, Baldwin, Peacock, Thomas, Hibbard, Farnham, Herrick. The minority report being that the same ought to pass signed Mr. Oram. In the House

the minority report was substituted for the majority report and the bill as amended by House amendment A was passed to be engrossed. On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc the reports were tabled and Wednesday March 13 assigned for their consideration.

The committee of conference on the matter of the disagreeing action of the two Houses on the Sebago lake bench mark reported that the committee are unable to agree. The report itself, ought not to pass, which was accepted by concurrence in the House, also was returned to the Senate. The committee were discharged.

The following petitions and bills were presented and referred:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Simpson of York—Petition of the Berwick Women's Club of South Berwick.

By Mr. Irving of Aroostook—Petition of Katherine M. Hanson and 11 others of Houlton.

By Mr. Clarke of Lincoln—Petition of the Brush and Thimble Club of Portland.

By Mr. Tartre of York—Petition of the Thursday Club of Biddeford.

By Mr. Heselton of Kennebec—Petition of the 20th Century Club of Gardiner.

By Mr. Mills of Hancock—Petition of Lavinia M. Richardson and 14 others of Great Pond.

By Mr. Proctor of Cumberland—Petition of the Fortnightly Club of Yarmouth.

By Mr. Foss of Cumberland—Petition of Florence S. Driscoll and 51 others of Portland.

By Mr. Stearns of Penobscot—Petition of the 19th Century Club of Bangor. Severally for 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.

Temperance.

By Mr. Hastings of Oxford—Bill, "An Act to amend Section 26 of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, relative to city and towns liquor agencies.

Read and Assigned.

An Act to regulate fishing in Washburn pond and tributaries.

Resolve providing for the screening of Medomak pond or lake, so called, in Washington, in the county of Knox.

An Act to incorporate the Stonington Electric Light and Power Company.

Resolve for the purpose of erecting a fish hatchery in Somerset county.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, relating to organization of corporations.

Resolve in favor of the town of Newport, county of Penobscot and State of Maine.

On motion by Mr. Barrow of Penobscot this resolve took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to extend the charter of the City Trust Company of Bangor, Me., and to change the name of said company.

Reports of Committees.

The PRESIDENT—I will say to the senators, in relation to the matter of adjournment that there are quite a number of the senators who wish to be at the town meetings on Monday and it is understood that any adverse reports will be held by the secretary of the Senate and clerk of the House until Tuesday morning. Favorable reports will be printed; so that no one will be at a disadvantage.

Mr. Mills for the committee on legal affairs, on Bill, "An Act to prevent fraud in the sale of eye glasses" reported that legislation is inexpedient.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to provide for keeping of passenger lists in the offices of certain steamboat companies" reported that legislation is inexpedient.

Mr. Simpson for the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on reports of the trustees and principal of the Maine School for the Deaf from Dec. 31, 1904, to Dec. 3, 1906, reported that the same be placed on file.

Mr. Tartre from the committee on railroads and expresses, on Bill, "An Act in relation to the Mount Desert Transit Company," reported that the same ought not to pass.

Mr. Stearns for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, on Bill, "An Act to amend Section 108, 111, and 112 of Chapter 49 of the Re-

vised Statutes, relating to credit insurance and title insurance," reported ought not to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to establish a law uniform with other states relative to insurance policies," reported that same ought not to pass.

Subsequently on motion by Mr. Heselton of Kennebec the Senate reconsider the vote whereby the report was accepted. The same senator moved that the bill be accepted for the report and on his further motion the motion to substitute the bill for the report was tabled, and Tuesday, March 12 assigned for its consideration.

Mr. Barrows for the committee on pensions, on "Resolve in favor of Lydia M. Turner, of Readfield, in the county of Kennebec," reported same ought not to pass.

Mr. Brown for the committee on temperance, on Bill, "An Act to authorize the manufacture and sale of denatured alcohol," reported that the same be referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Deasy for the committee on judiciary, on Bill, "An Act to incorporate Dr. King's Hospital," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Winthrop Spring Company," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to prevent the pollution of the waters of Cobbosseecontee, Great pond," Jamies pond Sanborn pond, Purgatory ponds, Pleasant pond, and Cobbosseecontee river," submitted same in new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hastings for the same committee on Bill, "An Act in relation to public landings" reported same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, relating to corporation," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend Chapter 15 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905, relating to Lake Mequa-

set," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Union River Storage Company," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend Section 108 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to political caucuses," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Castine and Brooksville Ferry Company," reported same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Saint John River Driving and Improvement" submitted the same in new draft under title of "An Act to incorporate the Upper St. John River Improvement Company."

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend the charter of the Milo Water Company," submitted the same in new draft under the same title.

Mr. Clarke for the committee on legal affairs on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Suburban Water District, of Farmington, Me.," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Mills for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to regulate the use of a certain road in the town of Readfield," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committees, on Bill, "An Act legalizing acts of the town of Stonington," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend an act to enlarge the powers of the Carabassett Stock Farms," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to confer additional powers and privileges upon the People's Ferry Company," submitted same in new draft under the same title.

Mr. Staples for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend the charter of the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Ferry Company," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to provide for sewerage in the town of Stockton Springs," reported the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act relating to Eastport Electric Light Company," and Pembroke Poer Company," submitted same in new draft under same title.

Mr. Tartre for the committee on railroads and expresses, on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Caribou and Washburn Street Railway," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee on Bill, "An Act to amend Section 30 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 127 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to railroad branch tracks," reported same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee on Bill, "An Act to incorporate the Ocean and Northern Railway Company," submitted same in new draft under the same title.

Mr. Irving for the same committee on Bill, "An Act to extend the charter of Camden and Liberty Railway," reported that the same ought to pass.

The same senator for the same committee on Bill, "An Act to provide for amendments to articles of association filed under Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, relating to street railroads," reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Stearns for the committee on interior waters, on Bill, "An Act additional to Chapter 174 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company," submitted same in new draft under same title.

Mr. Deasy for the committee on library on "Resolve providing for publication of index of Private and Special Laws," reported that same ought to pass.

The foregoing reports were accepted and bills and resolves ought to pass were tabled for printing.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act authorizing the agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians to remove any of the distressed poor of

that tribe to either reservation within his agency limits.

An Act authorizing Webster plantation to build and maintain its roads and bridges and to raise money for that purpose.

An Act to set off a part of the town of Steuben in the county of Washington and annex it to the town of Mil-bridge in said county.

An Act to incorporate the Society of the Sisters of Wisdom.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 166 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled "An Act creating the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation," as amended by Chapter 303 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905.

An Act granting Charles H. Scott the right to maintain a ferry across Egge-moggin Reach in Hancock county.

An Act to amend Chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled "An Act to establish a municipal court in the town of Searsport."

An Act relating to sales of land for taxes to be incorporated places.

An Act to incorporate the Wilton Village Corporation.

An Act to incorporate the Bean's Corner and Dryden Telephone Co.

An Act to incorporate the Searsport Electric Co.

An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 61, Revised Statutes, relating to the returns of births, marriages and deaths.

An Act to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Trust Co.

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

An Act to authorize Penobscot River Railroad Co. to locate across Lake Megunticook and other waters.

An Act to amend Section 53 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment of damages done by dogs or wild animals to domestic animals.

An Act to incorporate the Commonwealth Trust Co.

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

An Act to incorporate the Knox Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the Investment Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the North Jay Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the Kennebunk Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the Penobscot Trust Co.

An Act to incorporate the West Farmington Water District.

An Act to amend an Act passed at the present session of the Legislature entitled "An Act to make valid certain doings of the town of Danforth in the county of Washington.

An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 58 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 67 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Buckfield Village Corporation.

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, relating to costs on petition for partition of real estate.

An Act to amend the city charter of the city of Saco.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport Street Railway Co.

An Act relating to improvements on Stratton brook in the township of Wyman in the county of Franklin.

An Act to authorize the building of piers each side of the draw in the Ruth-erford's Island bridge in the town of Bristol.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 140 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to the salary of public officers and compensation of members of the government.

An Act to incorporate the Strong Lighting and Improvement Company.

An Act to incorporate the West Bow-doin Cemetery Association.

An Act to amend Chapter 339 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 as amended by Chapter 5 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to the Winthrop Water and Drainage Co.

An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, relating to burying grounds.

An Act to authorize the removal of the bodies of deceased persons from the Hawkes cemetery, so-called, in the town of Windham.

An Act authorizing towns to maintain private burying grounds.

An Act to make valid the organiza-

tion of the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Company and to extend its charter.

An Act for the protection of ship-pers and butchers.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 262 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1903, entitled "An Act to authorize the Boston Excelsior Company to erect piers and booms in Sebec river."

An Act to incorporate the Northern Aroostook Electric Company.

An Act to incorporate the Central Aroostook Electric Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Waterville Gas and Electric Company.

An Act to authorize the Auburn Water Commissioners to make a further issue of bonds to be used for the purposes of its incorporation.

An Act relating to the Bluehill Water Company.

Resolve in favor of the Castine Normal School.

An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 117, of the Revised Statutes, relating to witness fees before referees, auditors or commissioners.

Resolve in favor of the town of Isle au Haut.

An Act to incorporate the Naples Water Company.

An Act to incorporate the Washburn Electric Company.

An Act to regulate ice fishing in Twitchell and Round ponds in Greenwood, and to close the tributaries to Round and North ponds in the county of Oxford.

An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes in relation to prize fights.

Resolve in favor of the Aroostook State Normal School.

An Act to amend Chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1879, as amended by Chapter 423 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, and by Chapter 125 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to the police courts of the city of Belfast.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal school at Gorham.

Resolve in favor of the city of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of town of Topsfield in Washington county.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison.

Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal school.

Resolve making appropriation for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

An Act organizing the Fairfield and Skowhegan Railway Company. On motion of Mr. Irving of Aroostook amendments A, B and C were severally adopted and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

An Act to incorporate the Penobscot Electric Power and Telephone Company. On motion of Mr. Simpson of York this bill was tabled.

An Act to revise the charter of the city of Westbrook. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, Senate amendments A and B were adopted; and, as amended, the bill took its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

An Act to provide for cemetery funds in the town of Wiscasset. On motion of Mr. Hastings of Oxford this bill was tabled.

An Act in relation to compensation for clerk hire in the office of the clerk of courts for the county of Androscoggin. On motion by Mr. Sewall of Sagadahoc this bill was tabled.

Resolve making appropriations for the Penobscot tribe of Indians. On motion by Mr. Parkhurst of Penobscot this resolve was tabled. Subsequently the same senator moved to take the resolve from the table and further moved the adoption of Senate amendment A.

Mr. PARKHURST—Mr. President, I desire to say regarding this amendment for the information of the Senate and in explanation of its purpose that the resolve in question makes the usual appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians and while it provides for the return to them of their interest funds and shore rentals, the habit has been to pass a portion of it on the shore rentals and interest to some specific objects. The committee in preparing their reports, acting in accordance with past usage, apportioned one thousand dollars from the shore rentals, which belonged to the Indians alone, for medicinal attendance. It is their desire that a portion should be taken from the shore rentals and a

portion from the interest fund and the amendment does not disturb the amount of the appropriation, but simply arranges for its distribution.

Senate amendment A was adopted and the resolve as amendment was passed to be engrossed.

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to abolish Fast day and to create Patriot's day.

An Act to provide an additional term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Oxford.

An Act to extend the powers and rights of the Brunswick Electric Light and Power Company.

An Act to incorporate the Magalloway River Improvement Company.

An Act to regulate fishing in the two West Richardson ponds, to two East Richardson ponds and the two Beaver ponds in the county of Oxford.

An Act to regulate fishing in Branch stream and Hasey brook in the town of Washington, county of Knox.

An Act in addition to Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the commitment of the insane.

An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to measurement of lobsters.

An Act to incorporate the Van Buren Light & Power Co.

An Act in relation to the Frontier Steamboat Co.

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."

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

Finally Passed.

Resolve for an appropriation for carrying on the work of the State Survey Commission.

Resolve in favor of a monument in memory of the soldiers of Maine who were at Valley Forge.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State library.

Resolve requesting delegation in Congress to oppose the consideration of pension agencies.

Resolve in favor of Margaret Jane Tibbetts of Hermon.

Resolve in favor of Betsey Storer of Mount Vernon.

Resolve in favor of the assessors of Moro plantation.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldeboro.

Resolve in favor of the town of Liberty for money paid out on account of State roads.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Oxford, Senate Document No. 143, "An Act to incorporate the Megalloway River Improvement Company," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator the bill was passed to be enacted.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington the Senate adjourned.