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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1909

SENATE.

Friday, Feb. 5, 1909.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Oxford, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday, February 8, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon. This Order was subsequently returned from the House, that branch concurring in its passage.

The President announced the appointment of the following House members of the Committee on Public Health:

Messrs. Gilbert of Litchfield, Lombard of Bridgton, Ludgate of Sherman, Beyer of Portland, Moulton of Cumberland, Weld of Old Town and Cook of Unity.

Bill, "An Act to create the office of State Commissioner of Publicity and define his duties," came from the House, by that branch referred to the committee on Judiciary. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, this bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

"Petition of F. P. Stevens and 115 others of Presque Isle in favor of the Hall bill regarding transferable railroad mileage.

Petition of O. J. Kendall and seven others against the passage of the B. & A. rebate tax bill.

Petition of F. H. Harthorn and 16 others against same.

Remonstrance of F. L. Cunningham and 30 others of Thorndike against bill for abatement of taxes on the B. & A. railroad; remonstrance of J. A. Adams and 28 others of Unity against same, came from the House, by that branch referred to the committee on Railroads and Expresses. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, the same were placed on file, the committee having reported in the premises.

"An Act to consolidate and revise the Military Laws of the State of

Maine" came from the House, by that branch referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. On motion by Mr. Baxter of Cumberland this Bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

"An Act to set off a portion of the town of Berwick and annex the same to the town of South Berwick," came from the House, by that branch referred to the committee on Towns. On motion by Mr. Gowell of York this bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

House Bills Read and Assigned.

An Act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895.

An Act to amend the charter of the City of South Portland.

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Resolve providing for assistance in rebuilding the East Branch bridge in the town of Oakfield.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of the Senate prepare and cause to be printed, under his supervision and direction, three hundred copies of the Journal of the Proceedings of the present session of the Senate.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Remonstrance of I. E. Seavey and 4 others of Sherman against the Act prohibiting the use of automobiles in certain towns.

Also: Remonstrance of Charles C. Joy and 8 others of Sherman against same.

By Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec: Bill, An Act to shorten the time required for bringing suits to quiet title to real estate.

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Bill, An Act relating to the duties of Sheriffs.

By Mr. Mullen of Penobscot: Bill, An Act creating the office of State Industrial commission.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Mullen of Penobscot: Bill, An

Act to amend Chapter 42 of the laws of 1907, relating to the prevention of desertion and non-support of families.

By Mr. Donigan of Somerset: Bill, An Act to establish uniform terms of installing telephones in railroad depots in Somerset County.

On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox this bill was tabled for printing, pending reference.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Irving of Aroostook: Petition of A. H. Damon M. D. of Limestone and 32 others for Resolve in favor of Maine State Sanatorium Association. Placed on file.

By Mr. Howes of Somerset: Petition of George F. Barrett of Canaan and 25 others for Resolve in favor of same. Placed on file.

By Mr. Staples of Knox: Petition of Literary Club of Rockland and others for same. Placed on file.

By Mr. Hastings of Oxford: Petition of Llewellyn A. Wadsworth of Hiram and 19 others for same. Placed on file.

By Mr. Eaton of Somerset: Resolve in favor of I. W. Gilbert, Secretary of the Committee on Insane Hospitals.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Emery of Franklin: Bill, An Act relating to change of names of railroads and other corporations.

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Baxter of Cumberland: Bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Investment Trust Company.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Hastings of Oxford: Petition of J. C. Billings and 25 others of Bethel, asking the passage of the Resolve for \$50,000, for the fishing interests of the State.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Emery of Franklin: Petition of C. F. Chandler and 75 others of Phillips, in favor of Donigan Bridge Bill.

Claims.

By Mr. Colcord of Waldo: Resolve in

favor of Town of Searsport, with Statement of facts.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Bill An Act to amend Chapter 174 of the Public Acts of 1905 relating to the compensation of sheriffs.

Public Health.

By Mr. Shaw of Kennebec: Resolve in favor of appropriating three thousand dollars for an epidemic or emergency fund to be used by the State Board of Health upon approval of the Governor and Council.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hastings, for the committee on Judiciary, on Order directing the Committee on Judiciary to inquire into the constitutionality and expediency of enacting a law providing for a tax upon lands in unincorporated places, to be applied for the protection and preservation of forests in such unincorporated places, reported that the same be referred to the committee on Taxation. Report accepted.

Mr. Looney for the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to extend the charter of the Matagamon Manufacturing Company" reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator from the same committee, on Bill, "An Act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as it was amended by Chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1907, in relation to the appointment of election clerks," reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Baxter for the same committee on Bill, "An Act to amend the charter of the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company Limited," reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Osgood for the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, on "Resolve in favor of St. Marie's General Hospital," reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Eaton for the same committee, on communication from the State Auditor, reporting claims, accounts and demands against the State, and remaining unpaid by reason of insufficient appropriation, submitted "Re-

solve providing for the payment of claims, accounts and demands against the State, accrued prior to January 1, 1909, and remaining unpaid by reason of insufficient appropriations."

Mr. Warren for the committee on Interior Waters, on Bill, "An Act to enable the Sebago Lake, Songo River and Bay of Naples Steamboat Company, to construct and maintain a wharf at the east shore of Sebago Lake, in the town of Raymond in the county of Cumberland," reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Howes for the committee on Library, on Resolves relating to the documentary history of Maine" reported that the same ought to pass.

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

Read and Assigned.

An Act for the removal of foreign paupers.

Resolve in favor of the Augusta City Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General Hospital.

An Act creating a State Board of Charities and Corrections. On motion by Mr. Gowell of York, this bill was tabled.

An Act to amend Sections 27 and 28 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes relating to Taxation.

Resolve providing for the payment of claims, accounts and demands against the State, accrued during the year 1908, on account of deficiency in appropriation for prevention and extinguishment of forest fires.

Resolve in favor of Bangor Children's Home.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Resolve in favor of J. W. Haines, Town Clerk of Dexter.

An Act to extend the charter of the Merchants' Trust Company.

Resolve in favor of David E. Knight, Town Clerk of Garland.

Resolve in aid of the Piscataquis County Historical Society. On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln, this bill was tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of L. M. Staples, Chairman Committee on Home for Feeble Minded.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 24 of the Public Laws of 1907, in relation to reports of hearings in vacation in law or equity.

An Act to extend the charter of the Central Aroostook Electric Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Washburn Electric Company.

An Act to extend the charter of the Northern Aroostook Electric Company.

An Act additional to Chapter 144 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the recovery of money improperly paid by the State for the support of Insane Paupers. On motion by Mr. Hamilton of York, this bill was tabled, pending its passage to be engrossed.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of Maine Institution for the Blind.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Oxford, Senate Doc. No. 73 "An Act relating to the extension of the Fryeburg Horse Railroad" was recalled from the Engrossing Department. On further motion by the same senator, the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered. On further motion by the same senator, Senate Amendment A, to Senate Doc. No. 73 amend by striking out Section "4" was adopted. On his further motion, the bill, as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Gowell of York, House Doc. No. 32. "An Act to authorize the Artesian Water Company to issue bonds" was recalled from the Engrossing Department. On further motion by the same senator, the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered. On his further motion, Senate Amendment A to House Doc. No. "32" amend by striking out Section "2" was adopted. On his further motion, the bill, as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Knowlton of Piscataquis, Senate Doc. No. 123, "An Act creating a lien on shovel handle blocks," was taken from the table. On

further motion by the same Senator, the same was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by the same Senator, Senate Doc. No. 125, "An Act to authorize and empower the Guilford Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Pis-

cataquis River" was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on Interior Waters.

On motion by Mr. Eaton of Washington, the Senate adjourned to meet on Monday, February 8, 1909, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.