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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1909

SENATE.

Monday, Feb. 22, 1909.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Colby of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, "An Act to separate Sheridan plantation, so-called, from the town of Ashland in the county of Aroostook," came from the House, by that branch referred to the committee on towns. On motion by Mr. Knowlton of Piscataquis, this bill was tabled for printing pending reference.

Bill, "An Act establishing the salary of the county attorney for the county of Knox," came from the House, by that branch referred to the committee on salaries and fees. On motion by Mr. Staples of Knox, this bill was tabled.

Bill, "An Act to exempt certain public bonds from taxation," by the Senate passed to be engrossed on Feb. 17, as amended by Senate Amendment A, was returned from the House, by that branch passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A and as further amended by House Amendment A. On motion by Mr. Wheeler of Cumberland, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed. On his further motion, House Amendment A was adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended by Senate Amendment A and House Amendment A was passed to be engrossed.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Enforcement Commission for the year 1908. On motion by Mr. Mullen of Penobscot, the same was referred to the committee on temperance.

A communication was received, transmitting the report of the inspectors, wardens and subordinate officers of the Maine State prison for 1908. On motion by Mr. Walker of Hancock, the same was referred to the committee on State prison.

A communication was received, transmitting House Joint Resolution No. 7 of the 11th Legislative Assembly of the state of South Dakota. On motion by Mr. Hastings of Oxford, the same was referred to the committee on judiciary.

House Bills Read and Assigned.

Resolve making an appropriation for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to wild lands for the purposes of taxation. (House Amendment A adopted in concurrence.)

An Act to extend the charter of the Somerset Trust Co.

An Act to extend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge.

Resolve in favor of the town of Howland in Penobscot county.

Resolve providing for the repair of the highway in Washington plantation and Perkins plantation in Franklin county.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Hastings of Oxford: Bill, An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to civil cases.

Education.

By Mr. Wymann of Washington: Petition of Harrison Wallace and 50 others of Milbridge in favor of amendment to Section 80, Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State aid to academies.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Petition of W. Levi Hamm and 15 others of Cary for the passage of An Act enlarging the powers of railroad commissioners.

Also: Petition of L. E. Cooper and nine others of Smyrna Mills, for same.

Also: Petition of Charles E. Hathaway and eight others of Medway for same.

Also: Petition of Reuben Keene and three others of Cooper for the transferable mileage bill.

Also: Petition of John S. Calkins and 16 others of West Lubec for same.

Also: Petition of J. P. Weston and five others of Silver Ridge plantation for same.

Also: Petition of Allen J. Brown and nine others of Smyrna Mills for same.

Also: Petition of Hector Dubey and 13 others of Allegash plantation for same.

Also: Petition of Eugene Hale and eight others of Medway for same.

Also: Petition of T. S. Heal and 26 others of Lagrange for same.

Also: Petition of John M. Brown and 24 others of Eagle Lake for same.

Also: Petition of W. B. Farnham and 11 others of Blanchard for same.

Also: Petition of John Wilcox and 13 others of Cary for same.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Remonstrance of John Wilcox and 14 others of Cary against any increase of salaries for Aroostook county officials.

Taxation.

The following bill was presented, under suspension of the rules:

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Bill, An Act creating the Maine Forestry District and providing for protection against forest fires therein. On motion by Mr. Knowlton of Piscataquis this bill was passed for printing, pending reference.

Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Eaton of Washington: Petition of John A. Francis and 67 others of Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians asking for special examination of their accounts with the State of Maine.

Placed on File.

By Mr. Milliken of Aroostook: Petition of John F. Ackerson and one other of Silver Ridge plantation for State and county aid for bridges.

Also: Petition of J. Irving Wilcox and 16 others of West Lubec for same.

Also: Remonstrance of R. B. Young and 28 others of Linneus against same.

Also: Petition of W. B. Farnum and nine others of Blanchard for same.

Also: Petition of Clinton Soule and nine others of Smyrna Mills for same.

Also: Petition of William H. Hen-

derson and 17 others of Allegash plantation for same.

Also: Petition of George C. Stewart and eight others of Medway for same.

Also: Petition of Henry M. Ellis and 27 others of Lagrange for same.

Also: Petition of John M. Brown and 35 others of Eagle Lake for same.

By Mr. Irving of Aroostook: Petition of B. O. Noyes and 48 others of Caribou in favor of a law defining and regulating the practice of optometry.

On motion by Mr. Osgood of Androscoggin it was Ordered, That the committee on railroads and expresses be requested to inquire into the expediency of requiring all electric roads running five miles or more to place upon their cars toilets and report by bill or otherwise.

Read and Assigned.

An Act relating to returns of corporations.

An Act to amend Chapter 94 of the Private and Special Laws of 1905 entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Peaks Island Gas Co."

An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes relating to powers of railroad commissioners.

Resolve in favor of the town of Phippsburg.

Resolve in favor of the commission appointed to investigate the methods of scaling logs and lumber.

An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to the increase of capital stock of a railroad company.

An Act to renew and extend the charter of the Sebec Power Co.

Resolve providing for an epidemic or emergency fund.

An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes relating to the removal of unworthy attorneys.

An Act relating to the acknowledgment of deeds.

An Act to incorporate the Jonesport Central Railroad Co. On motion by Mr. Eaton of Washington this bill was tabled, pending its second reading.

An Act to amend and enlarge the corporate powers and purposes of the Greenville Light & Power Co. as amended by Chapter 244 of the Private and Special Laws of year 1905.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Hamilton for the committee on legal affairs, on bill, "An Act to provide for the attesting of public records, deeds and other instruments," reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Gowell, for the same committee, on bill, "An Act to extend the charter of the Stonington Electric Light & Power Co.," reported that same ought to pass.

Mr. Macomber, for the committee on banks and banking, on bill, "An Act to extend the charter of the Investment Trust Co.," reported that same ought to pass.

The same senator, for the same committee, on bill, "An Act to extend the charter of the Bethel Trust Co.," submitted same in new draft under same title.

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

Mr. Theriault, for the committee on ways and bridges, on "Resolve in favor of a highway bridge over St. John river, between Van Buren and St. Leonard's, N. B.," reported that the same ought to pass.

On motion by Mr. Donigan of Somerset this report was tabled, pending acceptance.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Eastern State Normal School at Castine. On motion by Mr. Hamilton of York this resolve was tabled.

An Act relating to the charter of the Hancock County Railway Co. On motion by Mr. Walker of Hancock this bill was tabled.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the registration of vital statistics.

Resolve in favor of Webster plantation in the county of Penobscot.

Resolve in favor of John M. Taylor.

An Act to regulate fishing in Saddleback stream, sometimes called Pease stream, in Franklin county.

An Act to regulate fishing in the tributaries to Little Sebago lake, Cumberland county.

Resolve in favor of Lewis Robbins of the town of Waldoboro.

An Act to amend Section 49 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to public schools.

Resolve in favor of Freedom Academy.

An Act to amend Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 26 and 30 of Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes relating to the regulation and sale of commercial fertilizers, commercial feeding stuffs and agricultural seeds.

Passed to Be Enacted.

An Act to provide for the purchase of a farm on which to conduct scientific investigations in orcharding.

An Act to amend Section 41 of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes relating to the duties of executors and administrators.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of I. W. Gilbert, secretary of the committee on Insane hospitals.

Reports of Committees.

On motion by Mr. Baxter of Cumberland, Senate Document No. 155, "An Act relating to special contracts between employers and employees," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator, the bill took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, Senate Document No. 183, "Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the East branch of the Penobscot river in the town of Medway," was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the bill took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Walker of Hancock, Senate Document No. 230, "An Act to amend Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes relating to apothecaries and the sale of poisons," was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Shaw of Kennebec, House Document No. 138, "An Act in relation to supplies furnished any

person or family while placed in quarantine by the Board of Health," was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator, the bill took its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton of York, Senate Document No. 191, "An Act to amend Section 115 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public schools," was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. Knowlton of Piscataquis this bill was amended by the adoption of Senate Amendment A, "Amend by striking out of the title the words 'public schools' and inserting therein instead the words 'appropriation for the normal schools.'"

On further motion by Mr. Hamilton of York the bill as amended was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton of York, House Document No. 107, "An Act regulating the duties of the commissioner of agriculture in relation to the

manufacture, transportation and sale of dairy products and their imitation," was taken from the table. On further motion by the same senator, Senate Amendment A was adopted. On further motion by the same senator the bill as amended was tabled.

On motion by Mr. Hastings of Oxford, Senate Document No. 206, "An Act to regulate fishing for black bass, white perch and smelts in the Belgrade Chain of Lakes, so-called, in the counties of Kennebec and Somerset," was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Boynton of Lincoln, Senate Document No. 220, "An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to better protection of sheep," was taken from the table; and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Warren of Cumberland the Senate adjourned.