

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1911

**HOUSE.**

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Miner of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

A communication was received from the State auditor transmitting his biennial report for the fiscal years ending December 31, 1909, and December 31, 1910, and on motion of Mr. Ames of Norridgewock the report was tabled for printing.

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

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Files of Gardiner: An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1907 relating to State Auditor.

By Mr. Trafton of Fort Fairfield: An Act to amend Section 23 of Chapter 114 relating to poor debtor.

By Mr. Colby of Bingham: An Act relating to the registration and use of motor vehicles and the licensing of persons operating the same.

By Mr. Murphy of Portland: An Act granting additional powers and privileges to the Peakes Island Corporation.

Also An Act to correct and protect helpless, neglected and offending children.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Goodwin of Biddeford: An Act to authorize York Light and Heat Company to acquire additional properties.

By Mr. Perkins of Kennebunk: An Act to authorize the Mousam Water Company to increase its capital stock and extend to Fortune's Rocks.

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: Resolve in favor of the Maine Children's Home Society.

**Education.**

By Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent: Resolve in favor of Madawaska Training School for lighting system.

**Military Affairs.**

By Mr. Hogan of Portland: An Act to amend Chapter 206 Public Laws of

1909 entitled "An Act to consolidate and revise the Military Laws of the State of Maine."

**Ways and Bridges.**

By Mr. Stinson of Woolwich: An Act regulating the construction of fences along the public ways.

By Mr. Waldron of Portland: An Act to repeal Chapter 404 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909 relating to the reconstruction of Portland Bridge.

By Mr. Kelley of Boothbay: An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a bridge over flats and tidewaters in Back River in the town of Boothbay.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Hodgkins of Damariscotta: Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 32 or the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 181 of the Public Laws of 1907 relating to the taking of black bass in Damariscotta Lake so-called, in the county of Lincoln.

Also petition of James E. Mulligan and 76 others, residents of Lincoln county, asking for the passage of an act providing for free fishing for black bass in Damariscotta Lake and the right to ship them out of the State.

By Mr. Austin of Phillips: Bill, An Act to extend the close time on caribou and to provide for a close time on bull moose.

By Mr. McAllister of Burnham: An Act relating to taking fish from trout brook in the towns of Burnham and Pittsfield.

By Mr. Emerson of Island Falls: An Act to prohibit trout fishing in Alder Brook in the towns of Island Falls and Hersey in Aroostook county, and in Dyer Brook in the towns of Island Falls, Dyer Brook and Merrill Plantation in Aroostook county.

By Mr. Sawyer of Dexter: Petition of W. A. Bumps and 28 others for enactment of a law to prohibit ice fishing in Lake Wassookeag, Dexter, Maine.

By Mr. Goodwin of Biddeford: An Act to prohibit the hunting of ducks and other water fowl in Saco Bay.

**Indian Affairs.**

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

### **State School for Boys and Industrial School for Girls.**

By Mr. Clearwater of Hallowell: Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls, for water supplies.

Also resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls, for repairs and permanent improvement.

Also Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls, for Maintenance and Efficiency.

Also Resolve in favor of the Industrial School for Girls, for land and new buildings.

### **Temperance.**

By Mr. Davies of Yarmouth: Petition of Mrs. J. S. Blake of Yarmouth and 100 others against resubmission.

Also remonstrance of the officers of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union against resubmission.

### **Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Shea from the committee on elections, to which was referred the matter of the contested election of John A. Peters of Ellsworth and Harvard C. Jordan of Ellsworth, reported as follows: Whole number of votes, 887; Harvard C. Jordan has 441; John A. Peters has 446.

The report was accepted.

### **Orders of the Day.**

Mr. Davies of Yarmouth presented the following order and moved its passage:

Ordered, That the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express transportation for packages and department reports in a sum not exceeding five dollars for each member and officer thereof, and that such transportation be furnished and expended under the direction of the State library department.

On motion of Mr. Williamson of Augusta the order was laid on the table and tomorrow morning assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Auburn the House took a recess until 11.45 o'clock.

### **After Recess.**

Mr. Strickland of Bangor introduced a communication from the State treasurer transmitting his official bond, and

on further motion by Mr. Strickland it was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Strickland, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Moxie Dam Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on interior waters.

### **In Convention.**

At 12 o'clock the Senate and House met in joint convention in Representatives' hall. The journals of both branches relating to vote for United States senator having been read, Senator Staples of Knox presented the following order:

Ordered, that Hon. Charles F. Johnson of Waterville be and hereby is declared duly elected senator in Congress for the term of six years beginning on the fourth day of March A. D. 1911; and further ordered that the secretary of the convention forthwith inform the Governor of the election and declaration thereof by the Legislature of Hon. Charles F. Johnson of Waterville as senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the fourth day of March A. D. 1911.

The order received a passage.

Thereupon Hon. Charles F. Johnson was declared elected to the Senate of the United States.

Mr. HERSEY of Houlton: Mr. President, I think I voice the feelings of both branches of this Legislature when I request, through you, that Senator-elect Johnson from the State of Maine should at this time have the privilege of addressing the Legislature of Maine.

(Applause.)

Mr. Johnson thereupon entered the hall and was greeted with applause.

The PRESIDENT: The Senator-elect. (Applause.)

Senator JOHNSON spoke as follows:

Mr. President and Members of the 75th Legislature: The high honor which you have conferred upon me is fully appreciated, and I should be guilty of the basest ingratitude if I did not at the first opportunity acknowledge my obligations to those who

have made it possible. But I realize that you have not made an election to the important office of United States Senator for the purpose of conferring the honor, however distinguished, as a personal compliment, but that you have by it called me to the public service as your servant, not only for this State but for the nation.

I may be pardoned if at this time I allude to what no doubt is in the minds of all, and I trust our friends in the minority in this Legislature will not deem me guilty of any impropriety if I allude to the fact, of which we are all conscious, that the scene here today is memorable, because it is 60 years since a member of the party to which I belong has been elected to this important office by a Legislature of the State of Maine.

I have no doubt our friends will gladly forgive me this, if they deem it an impropriety, if I can assure them that it will not happen again for 60 years. (Laughter) But I must remind my friends especially of the legal fraternity in this Legislature, that the statute of limitations bar all promises after six years (laughter and applause), and any assurance that I might make would of course be barred likewise. When Hannibal Hamlin, whose name is linked in history with that of the immortal Lincoln, received at the hands of the Legislature of this State his commission in 1851, being the last Democratic United States Senator elected from this State, great questions requiring the thought and the care of the statesmen of that period confronted the nation, leading to the irrepressible conflict; but today questions as momentous, although not presenting the brutal and revolting aspects of human slavery, are before us. Special privilege with its increasing demands, its brazen assumption of power, must be met by those who believe that all legislation should be framed so as to afford equal protection to those who should be equal beneficiaries of it.

I cannot promise, nor do you expect, that I shall bring to this high office

the great ability of the long line of illustrious men who have preceded me, and whose names have become household words in the nation, bringing glory not only to themselves but to our State, but you have a right to expect of me honesty of purpose, devotion of duty and loyalty to Maine; and this I can promise.

Behind me are the great names in our history, and before me the impenetrable future, and as I gaze upon it, doubt and distrust arise in me, but my courage and hope are awakened and will be upheld by the thought that I have had your confidence and the confidence of the people of Maine. Born upon her soil, educated in her schools, knowing the life of her citizens in all walks of life, appreciating their ideals, their patriotism, their loyalty to each other, I shall carry with me as your representative in the high office to which you have been pleased to call me, more than all else, love of Maine and a determination to protect her interests and promote the welfare of her citizens. (Applause.)

For the confidence which you have so generously bestowed. I thank you, and through you I thank the citizens of Maine. I owe much to Maine. Maine has a right to expect much of me. But knowing the generosity of her citizens I knew that she will expect zealous care in protecting her interests and this is the only return which she seeks. And having this before me as my guerdon of hope I can say to you that I go forth with a determination to see that her interests are protected and that ever before me, sustaining and encouraging me, will be the thought that I have your confidence. I thank you sincerely." (Long continued applause.)

The purpose for which the convention was called having been accomplished, on motion of Senator Donigan of Somerset the convention was dissolved and the Senate retired.

#### In the House.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Hartland, Adjourned.