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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1911

HOUSE.

Thursday, January, 19, 1911.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Dunnack of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Two resolves in favor of Aroostook Central Institute, which had been referred in the House to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, came from the Senate, that branch non-concurring with the House in its action and referring the resolves to the committee on education. The House receded from its former action and referred them to the committee on education in concurrence.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An Act relating to equity procedure.

By Mr. Dutton of China: An Act to amend the Act incorporating Kennebec Water District.

By Mr. Jordan of Portland: An Act to establish in Cumberland county a farm for inebriates.

By Mr. Russell of North Berwick: An Act to amend Section 13 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to fees of witnesses.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Dunn of Brewer: An Act to authorize the Bangor Railway and Electric Company to take water from Brewer pond and its tributaries. (Tabled for printing pending reference, on motion of Mr. Strickland of Bangor.)

By Mr. Colby of Bingham: An Act to permit the plantation of Highland to assume the maintenance of its roads and bridges.

By Mr. Doyle of Millinocket: An Act to amend Section 95 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes of 1903, as amended by Chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 170 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to notice of injury to Casualty Insurance Companies.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Hartwell of Old Town: Re-

solve in favor of the Old Town hospital.

By Mr. Morse of Belfast: Petition of William B. Swan and 54 others in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine.

Education.

By Mr. Allen of Jonesboro: Resolve in favor of the Washington State Normal school.

Also Resolve in favor of the Washington State Normal School for furnishings.

By Mr. Colby of Bingham: An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to conveyance of school children.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Emery of Sanford: An Act to extend the charter of the Sagamore Insurance Company.

By Mr. Dutton of China: An Act to allow gasoline engines to be used in farm buildings.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Williamson of Augusta: An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Baker and Spencer Brooks Dam and Improvement Company.

Also, An Act to extend the charter of the Parlin Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

State Lands and State Roads.

By Mr. Otis of Rockland: Resolve to provide for the completion of old plans of towns in Knox county.

By Mr. Pinkham of Lincoln: Resolve in favor of repairing Mattawamkeag bridge.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Morse of Waterford: An Act to prohibit the use of automobiles and motor vehicles on one of the ways of the town of Waterford.

By Mr. Colby of Bingham: Petition of C. A. Judkins and 25 others for the building of a bridge across Moose river near its mouth.

Also petition of Joseph Morrow and 9 others for the building of a bridge across Moose river near its mouth.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Clark of Portland: Resolve for the introduction of Hungarian

partridge in the State, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Perkins of Mechanic Falls: Petition of John A. Buckley and 124 others for an open time for ice fishing on Snow pond so called, one of the chain of Belgrade lakes in Kennebec county.

Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Bowman of Vinalhaven: An Act to provide for a close time on scallops.

By Mr. Small of Machiasport: Petition of C. B. Thurlough and 75 others from Cutler, asking for a close time on lobsters on Cutler's waters.

Counties.

By Mr. Harmon of Stonington: Petition of G. L. Noyes and 315 others of the town of Stonington, asking to be set off from Hancock county and annexed to Knox county.

Insane Hospital.

By Mr. Strickland of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane hospital, 1911.

Also resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane hospital, 1912.

Also resolve in favor of Eastern Maine Insane hospital, for buildings, 1912.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Colby of Bingham,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the taxation committee be instructed to inquire into the advisability of imposing a tax upon interest bearing deposits in the national banks, and report by bill or otherwise.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Strickland from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reported in a new draft a resolve in favor of L. Ernest Thornton, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on resolve in favor of Patrick Hayes.

Mr. Kelliher from same committee reported in a new draft resolve in favor of Chapin Lydstone, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported in a new draft resolve

in favor of Clyde B. Scribner, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hastings from same committee reported in a new draft resolve in favor of Joseph Dixon, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Mallet reported in a new draft resolve in favor of James A. Chase, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hastings from same committee reported ought not to pass on resolve in favor of Joseph H. Dixon, first fold-e.

The reports were accepted and resolves ordered printed under joint rules.

Mr. Shea from the House committee on elections, to which was referred contested election in the class towns of Bluehill, Trenton, Surry, Hancock and Lamoine, reported as follows: Total number of votes cast, 394; Frank L. Hodgkins has 444; Otis Littlefield has 450.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Shea then presented a resolution that it was the judgment of the House that Otis Littlefield of Bluehill is entitled to membership in the House as representative from said class and to the seat recently occupied by Frank L. Hodgkins.

The resolution was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Williamson of Augusta the order relating to expressage was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the order was given a passage.

Mr. Shea of Eden announced the attendance of Mr. Littlefield and was charged with the duty of conducting him to the Governor and Council for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths necessary to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

Mr. Shea subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

Mr. Mace of Great Pond presented the following order:

Whereas, the State House commission in rearranging the State House, removed the battle flags of Maine regiments from a prominent place in the rotunda which they have long oc-

cupied and placed them in a room on the fourth floor of the State House where they are not easily accessible to public view, and whereas it is the sense of this Legislature that those flags cannot be too often seen or too prominently placed, recalling as they do the brave deeds of the soldiers of Maine, be it ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and Council procure forthwith proper cases for these flags and restore them to their place in the rotunda of the State House.

Mr. MACE said: Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature: I wish to say a few words in regard to this order. The members of this Legislature, coming here from different parts of this great State, representing varied industries and the needs of all her citizens, on questions of policy or financial matters or partisan politics, sometimes differ; but on this resolution, looking around upon your faces, knowing that you are all actuated by the same patriotic motives and love of country, that you revere the names of those brave men who left their homes, their families and all the associations which were so dear to them and risked their lives in the dangers of war and carnage—on this order I believe we are all agreed. The bodies of many of those men now lie buried on Southern battle fields, and we have great respect for and we honor those men who came back to us broken in health and crippled in limb and body, and we should make their declining days ones of unalloyed pleasure as far as we can and these emblems, representing as they do their sufferings, privations and courage should be placed in such a conspicuous position that the people of today and our children and our children's children may look upon those tattered emblems, bathed in the blood of those brave men who so nobly bore them aloft, and may gain the same inspiration to emulate the deeds of those brave heroes. It is the desire of the Chief Executive of this great State that this order should receive a passage, and I sincerely hope that there will not be a dissenting voice in this assembly

against the passage of the order.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hersey of Houlton, and the order received a passage.

On motion of Mr. McCreedy of Danforth, the rules were suspended and that gentleman introduced An Act asking for necessary legislation to prevent the throwing of waste into the Baskehegan stream, a tributary of the Mattawamkeag stream, together with two petitions for same.

On motion of Mr. Strickland, the bill was tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

The following order came down from the Senate:

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Monday, Jan. 23, 1911, at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

The order received a passage.

Mr. OTIS of Rockland: Mr. Speaker, if it is not too late I should like to interpose an objection to that order, and I would like to move an amendment to make the time 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is work that has got to be done some time. We have heard it said here this morning that there are no bills to be considered. Mr. Speaker, there never will be any bills to be considered if we don't stay here and fix them up. I know that there were bills that were in preparation yesterday and they could not be perfected so as to get here in time for this session. Now those bills, and I presume there are many of them, might come in today and action had upon them tomorrow, and if this order is passed there is one day gone, and it seems to me that it would be better to get those bills started and get them into the committees and get something doing than to go home every week in the middle of the week and let things hang. There is something to be done, I don't know what it is, but whatever it is let us stay here and do it. I move to reconsider the vote whereby that order received a passage.

The motion was lost.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Couture of Lewiston. Adjourned to Monday at 4:30 o'clock P. M.