

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

**HOUSE.**

Friday, January 10, 1913.

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phalen of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution changing September election to November.

This resolve came from the Senate in that branch referred to the committee on legal affairs in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference of the resolve to the committee on legal affairs.

From the Senate: An Act to regulate the use of Songo Lock by steamboats, vessels or other boats.

This bill came from the Senate in that branch referred to the committee on interior waters, and was tabled on motion by Mr. Kimball of Bridgton.

From the Senate: Resolve in aid of navigation on Sebago lake.

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From the Senate: Resolve declaratory of certain amendments to the constitution of Maine.

This resolve came from the Senate having been in that branch read twice under a suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, the rules were suspended, the resolve received its first and second reading and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that a joint select

committee of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House be appointed to investigate the causes of the high price of coal at the present time and during the past year in this State, and to report fully thereon to this Legislature; said committee shall have power to summons witnesses, examine books, papers and documents, and shall be attended by the Attorney General as counsel in conducting its hearings.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the time for the reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Friday, January 31, 1913, and that all such petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next Legislature; and that the clerk of the House cause notice of this order to be published in all daily and weekly papers in this State until January 25, 1913.

This order came from the Senate amended as follows:

"Amend order fixing date limiting reception of petitions and bills for private and special legislation by striking out the date therein named, Friday, January 31, and substituting therefor the date, Wednesday, February 5."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Mr. JONES of China: Mr. Speaker, in presenting this order in the House it was my intention that we should have some date fixed in which to limit the time of the reception of all petitions and bills for private and special legislation, and taking into consideration the requests of people who should need to present petitions for such purposes, I deemed it only proper that we should set the time as January 31st. In the Senate the order was tabled. After some consideration there and in conversation yesterday with the Senator from Oxford they said the time had invariably been set ahead, and in order to expedite the matter and that we might come to an early adjournment if possible, that when the lid was once put on it should

stay, we concluded that if the time was set at February 5th that it should stop there. I coincided with his remarks perfectly, and this amendment is attached and I agree with the amendment perfectly; and therefore I hope the amendment will be adopted and that we as representatives in this House will try and live up to the requirements of that order. I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that the amendment be adopted in concurrence.

The amendment was adopted and the order received a passage as amended in concurrence.

From the Senate: Report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs on approval of the official bond of Joseph W. Simpson, treasurer of State, elected for the fiscal years 1913 and 1914, reporting that the same be approved by the Legislature and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

The House voted to accept the report and approve the bond in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn it be to meet Monday afternoon, January 13th at 4.30 o'clock.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

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

#### Judiciary.

By Mr. Clark of Portland: An Act to ratify and confirm certain proceedings and by-laws of the Brazil Railway Company.

By Mr. Morncau of Lewiston: An Act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston. (Tabled for printing pending its reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Scates of Westbrook.)

By same gentleman: An Act in relation to the superintendent of streets of the city of Lewiston.

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Wheeler of South Paris: An Act to extend the charter of the South Paris Light, Heat & Power Company.

By Mr. Thombs of Lincoln: An Act

to extend the charter of Ithiel C. Blackman for maintenance of ferry across the Penobscot river between Lincoln and Chester in the county of Penobscot.

#### Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Clark of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Assistant Messenger, Mail Carrier, First Folder, Doorkeeper and Pages of the 75th Legislature for attendance at the organization of the 76th Legislature.

By Mr. Trimble of Calais: Resolve in favor of William McGuire.

By Mr. Brown of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of the Northern Maine General Hospital.

#### Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Taylor of Topsfield: Resolve in favor of Indian Township, for the permanent construction of roads and bridges.

By Mr. Twombly of Enfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Howland.

By same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the towns of Enfield and Howland.

#### State Lands and Forest Preservation.

By Mr. Trimble of Calais: Resolve waiving a forfeiture of the public lots in the north half of Township No. 27, Washington county, eastern division.

#### Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Mason of Raymond: Petition of E. E. Jordan and 64 others, residents of Raymond and vicinity, asking that a portion of chapter 352 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, which prohibits ice fishing in Panther Pond, so called, in the town of Raymond, be repealed.

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Bragden of Sullivan: An Act to regulate the taking of smelts in the waters of Egypt Bay, Franklin Bay, Taunton Bay and river in the towns of Hancock, Franklin and Sullivan in Hancock county.

By same gentleman: Petition of Hollis Staples and 110 others of Sullivan, relating to same.

By same gentleman: Petition of E. W. Billings and 43 others of Franklin, relating to same.

By same gentleman: Petition of E. E. Abbott and 24 others of Hancock, relating to same.

**Kennebec County Delegation.**

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: An Act to amend section one of chapter 151 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to clerk hire in the Registry of Probate of Kennebec county.

**Orders.**

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of South Paris, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the members and officers of the Legislature be furnished with express transportation for all 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.

**Reports of Committees.**

Mr. Descoteaux for the committee on labor, on bill, An Act to amend chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 46 of the Public Laws of 1907, and chapters 70 and 257

of the Public Laws of 1909, relative to the employment of women and children, reported the same for printing and that it be re-committed to the committee on labor. (Tabled for printing and 500 extra copies ordered printed, on motion by Mr. Descoteaux.)

**Orders of the Day.**

From the Senate: An Act to amend the charter of the Portland Gas Light Company.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on judiciary, and in the Senate it was referred to the Portland delegation in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Clark of Portland, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference of the bill to the Portland Delegation.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins of Wales, Adjourned until Monday afternoon, January 13, 1913, at 4.30 o'clock.