

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 21, 1913.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lusk of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Hodsdon of North Yarmouth: An Act relating to the salary of the judge of the Superior Court for the county of Cumberland.

By same gentleman: An Act to incorporate the Royal River Manufacturing and Power Company.

By Mr. McBride of Mount Desert: Petition of William H. Thurston and 14 others of the town of Tremont to open all roads in the town of Mount Desert which lie westerly of Somes' Sound to the travel of automobiles.

By Mr. Sherman of Eden: Petition of Morton E. Perkins and 22 others for same; of A. A. Lopaus and 15 others for same.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Churchill of Madison: An Act to provide for the licensing of firemen.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Kelleher of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

By Mr. Hogan of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind.

Education.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: Resolve in favor of the Eastern State Normal School at Castine.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: Resolve in favor of the Aroostook State Normal School at Presque Isle.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: An Act to amend Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1911, providing for the en-

couragement of industrial education.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: An Act to incorporate the Rumford Bridge Company.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Waterhouse of Kennebunk: Petition of Percy J. Dutch and 67 others of Kennebunk, relative to an act to prohibit ice fishing in Alewife pond in Kennebunk, in the county of York.

By Mr. Butler of Farmington: Petition of E. E. Richards and others for the enactment of a law permitting fishing for pickerel through the ice two days each week at Drury Pond, in the town of Temple, in Franklin county.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Mitchell of Kittery: An Act for the better protection of shell fish in the town of Kittery, county of York.

Placed on File.

By Mr. Haines of Fort Fairfield: Petition of William T. Spear and others for charter to build a railroad bridge between Van Buren and St. Leonards, New Brunswick.

Towns.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Remonstrance of Ernest H. Morrill and 13 others to the petition of H. N. Upton and others asking that a part of the town of Mason be set off and joined to the town of Bethel.

Towns.

By Mr. Maxwell of Boothbay Harbor: An Act to divide the town of Bristol and incorporate the town of South Bristol.

By same gentleman: Petition of W. C. Gamage and 17 others for the division of the town of Bristol and the incorporation of the town of South Bristol; of Irving Clifford and 19 others for same; of Elliott P. Gamage and 13 others for same; of A. T. Thorp and 12 others for same; of Merritt E. Thompson and 56 others for same; of A. P. Alley and 7 others for same; of Nelson W. Gamage and 11 others for same.

Library.

By Mr. Bowler of Bethel: Resolve in favor of the early York county deeds.

Taxation.

By Mr. Sherman of Eden: An Act to authorize cities and towns to appropriate moneys for advertising purposes.

Labor.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: An Act to regulate advertisements and solicitations for employees during strikes, lock-outs or other labor disputes.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Scates of Westbrook, it was

Ordered, that the committee on ways and bridges be granted the use of Representatives' Hall for a public hearing Thursday afternoon, January 23d.

On motion by Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, that the committee on roads and bridges be directed to consider the advisability of equalizing by State aid the burden of taxation for construction and maintenance of town and county highways in the towns throughout the State, on the basis of tax rate for those specific purposes, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Irving of Caribou, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the committee on taxation be and hereby is directed to investigate the subject of taxation of money invested in real estate mortgages, and to consider whether or not chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1911 should be repealed, and to report by bill or otherwise.

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

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that the clerk of the House be instructed to invite Mr. Herbert Myrick of Springfield, Massachusetts, to address the members of the Legislature on "Conservation" in Representatives' Hall at 7.30 P. M., on January 30th, 1913.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell of Newport, it was

Ordered, that the messenger of the House be and hereby is authorized and directed to forthwith provide and maintain suitable covered water jars or tanks conveniently located for the use of members of the House, including waste receptacles and tumblers, and that all the same be kept in a fairly sanitary condition.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Morison from the committee on ways and bridges, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the county commissioners of Franklin county for repair and permanent improvement of the highway in Jerusalem and Crocker Townships, in Franklin county.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the county commissioners of Franklin county for repair and permanent improvement of the highway in Letter E Plantation and Sandy River Plantation, in Franklin county.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the county commissioners of Franklin county for the repair and permanent improvement of the highway in Washington Plantation and Perkins Plantation, in Franklin county.

Mr. Kimball from the committee on claims, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of Fred A. Thurlough.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Peru.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of St. Agatha.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the counties of Somerset and Kennebec.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on

resolve in favor of the town of Paris.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Phillips.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Moscow.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Woodstock.

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

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of South Paris, House Document No. 6, order relative to House Document No. 742 of the 75th Legislature, was taken from the table.

Mr. WHEELER: Mr. Speaker, this is the order introduced by me on January 9th in relation to the public utilities documents which were lost from the files. I understand that those documents have been found, and of course they will be restored to the files; and under the arrangement by which the public utilities bill has been referred to a committee of the judiciary and legal affairs committees, acting jointly, a compromise that seems to be satisfactory to all concerned, I move that this order, House Document No. 6, be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of South Paris, House Document No. 11, bill, An Act to create the public utilities commission of Maine and define its duties, as taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Wheeler

the bill was referred to the committee of the Judiciary and legal affairs committees, acting jointly.

On motions made by Mr. Tryon of Pownal, House Documents Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, same being resolves in favor of the Maine School for Feeble-minded, were taken from the table, and on further motions made by Mr. Tryon, the several resolves were referred to the committees on school for feeble-minded.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of South Portland, House Document No. 17, bill, An Act to relieve the town of Southport from the duty of building, repairing or maintaining roads, streets or ways on Capitol Island, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Sanborn the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Wheeler of South Paris, House Document No. 4, bill, An Act to provide for the creation of drainage districts, the supervision of the construction of dams, and the control and regulation of storage reservoirs, as taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Wheeler the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Boland of Biddeford, House Document No. 19, resolve in favor of the Webber Hospital Association of Biddeford, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Boland the resolve was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

On motion by Mr. Newbert of Augusta, House Document No. 18, bill, An Act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of Maine by retiring teachers of long service with pensions, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Newbert the bill was referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Bowler of Bethel. Adjourned.