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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

HOUSE.

Monday, January 27, 1913.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Clark of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 154 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the Houlton municipal court.

In the House this bill was referred to the Aroostook county delegation, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on salaries and fees in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Putnam of Houlton, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 151 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to clerk hire of the register of probate of Kennebec county.

In the House this bill was referred to the Kennebec county delegation, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on salaries and fees in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Peacock of Readfield, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference.

From the Senate: An Act to regulate the salary of the register of probate for the county of Piscataquis.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on salaries and fees in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Durgin of Milo, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference.

From the Senate: An Act relating to the compensation of the clerk, deputy and assistant clerks of Cumberland county.

In the House this bill was referred to the Cumberland county delegation, and came from the Senate referred to the

committee on salaries and fees in non-concurrence.

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

From the Senate: An Act relating to the salary of the judge of the superior court for the county of Cumberland.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on judiciary, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on salaries and fees in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Hodsdon of North Yarmouth, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newport: An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of trial justices and justices of the peace.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell of Newport, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was referred to the committee on judiciary, and on further motion by Mr. Mitchell the bill was tabled for printing pending its reference to a committee.

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: An Act relating to the Diamond Island Association.

By Mr. Smith of Patten: An Act allowing a change in the location of a right of way.

By Mr. Peaks of Dover: Petition of John F. Sprague and 228 others in favor of bestowing upon women an equal right of suffrage with men.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: An Act for the better protection of blueberry lands.

By Mr. Sherman of Eden: An Act to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Eden to erect and maintain a wharf in tide waters.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: An Act repealing Section 3 of Chapter 300 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911 entitled "An Act granting H. L. Gooch

the right to maintain a dam on the East Machias River."

By Mr. Taylor of Topsfield: Petition for investigation of conditions caused by flowage on St. Croix River and building of a dam by the St. Croix Paper Company.

Education.

By Mr. Violette of Van Buren: Resolve in aid of a building at Van Buren College.

By same gentleman: Petition of trustees of Van Buren College for appropriation in aid of a building at said college, with accompanying resolve.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Smith of Fatten: Communication from Frank L. Robinson, in regard to causing woods and bushes to be cut from railroad rights of way at danger points.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Skillin of Hallowell: Petition of Charles S. Pope and eight others of Manchester, in favor of "An Act to provide for the conducting of investigations in animal husbandry by the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station."

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Scales of Westbrook: An Act to authorize the employment of county prisoners on highways.

By Mr. Franck of St. Agatha: Resolve in aid of the town of St. Agatha, accompanied by statement of facts.

By Mr. Smith of Fatten: Communication from Frank L. Robinson in regard to keeping highways free from rolling stones.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Petition of C. D. Turner and 39 others of Isle au Haut, asking for close time on deer in the town of Isle au Haut for a period of five years.

By Mr. Richardson of Canton: Petition of E. D. Robbins and 43 others to allow fishing through the ice in Pleasant, Labrador and Little Labrador Ponds in the town of Sumner, Oxford county.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Petition of W. B. Thurlow and 64 others of Stonington, asking for a close time on shooting sea birds from April to October.

Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve making appropriations for Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

By same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Peter J. Newell, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Claims.

By Mr. Durgin of Milo: Resolve in favor of the town of Milo to reimburse the said town for its expenses in supporting Mary Lovering and her three children, family of Frank A. Lovering, State charges, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Pitcher of Northport: Resolve in favor of the town of Belmont.

Towns.

By Mr. Cochran of Edgecomb: Remonstrance of Byron Giles and 206 others of Boothbay, against any division of the town of Boothbay.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Waterhouse from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to the Home for Aged Women in Portland.

Mr. Ricker from the committee on education, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the State superintendent of public schools.

By Mr. Bowler from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 52 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compulsory school attendance.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the superintendent of schools.

Mr. O'Connell from the committee on interior waters, reported in a new draft

and "ought to pass" resolve that the sum of \$150 in 1913 and \$50 in 1914 be appropriated for placing buoys in Lewy's, Long and Big lakes, in Washington county.

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

Mr. Cyr from the committee on interior waters, on bill, An Act to preserve the natural resources of the Kennebec valley and to present their diversion, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

The report was accepted.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

Resolve in favor of the town of Solon.

Resolve in favor of the town of Albion.

Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

Resolve in favor of the clerk, assistant clerk, messenger, assistant messenger, mail carrier, first folder, assistant folder, doorkeeper and pages of the 75th Legislature for attendance at the organization of the 76th Legislature.

Resolve in favor of aid in building highway bridge across Moose river in Jackman plantation, county of Somerset.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Security Company.

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.

An Act to incorporate the Sweetsir Orphan Asylum.

An Act to regulate the taking of smelts in the waters of Egypt bay, Franklin bay and Taunton bay and river, in the towns of Hancock, Franklin, Sullivan and Taunton in Hancock county.

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

An Act to amend Chapter 175 of the Private and Special Laws for the year 1912, relative to the Wiscasset Electric Light & Power Company enlarging its charter.

Passed to be Engrossed.

Resolve in favor of Letter E. Plantation and Sandy River Plantation, Franklin county, for the repair and

permanent improvement of highways.

Resolve in favor of the counties of Somerset and Kennebec.

Resolve in favor of the town of Paris.

Resolve in favor of the town of St. Agatha.

Resolve in favor of the town of Peru.

Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls.

Resolve in favor of the town of Phillips.

Resolve in favor of the town of Woodstock.

Resolve in favor of Fred A. Thurlough.

Resolve in favor of the town of Moscow.

Resolve in favor of Jerusalem and Crocker Townships, in Franklin county, for the repair and permanent improvement of highways.

Resolve in favor of Washington Plantation and Perkins Plantation, in Franklin county, for the repair and permanent improvement of highways.

Resolve in favor of the town of Island Falls.

From the Senate: Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled.

Whereas information has been received that the Treasury Department of the United States proposes the consolidation of the various Customs Districts of Maine into a single district, and

Whereas the area of Maine, equaling as it does, the rest of New England combined, with extended coast line and international boundary lines which are crossed by several trans-continental railroads present and proposed, and

Whereas proper Customs Service is impracticable without several districts, therefore be it,

Resolved, that our Senators and members of Congress in Washington are requested to use every effort to prevent this consolidation and secure sufficient time for proper presentation of reasons against it.

This resolution came from the Senate having been in that branch read twice and passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules.

In the House the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two

readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

On the motion by Mr. Ricker of Castine,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.