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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

HOUSE.

Thursday, February 6, 1913.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stanley of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation of savings banks.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on banks and banking, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on taxation in non-concurrence.

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

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Baker and Spencer Brook Dam and Improvement Company.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Mooers of Ashland: An Act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company.

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: An Act relating to An Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Old Town."

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot: An Act to incorporate the Bluehill Water Company.

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: An Act to amend Chapter 459 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901.

By Mr. Peaks of Dover: An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Barrows Falls Light & Power Company.

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: An Act to establish in Androscoggin county a county farm for inebriates. (Tabled for printing pending its reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn).

By Mr. Clark of New Portland: An Act to repeal portion of Chapter 409 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, permitting certain plantations to assume the maintenance of their roads and bridges.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: An Act relating to the charter of the city of Bangor. (Tabled pending its reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Gallagher).

By Mr. McFadden of Lubec: An Act to authorize the extension of a wharf in tide waters in the town of Lubec, county of Washington.

By Mr. Crowell of Bangor: An Act to encourage and promote the building and use of tuberculosis hospitals in cities and towns. (Tabled for printing pending its reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn).

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Brewer Water Company.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: An Act to safeguard the unwary public against certain nuisances. (Tabled on motion by Mr. Harman).

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: Petition of Mrs. George E. Woodman and 25 others of Portland in favor of women's suffrage; also petition of Charlotte J. Thomas and 20 others of Portland for same; also petition of Helen Lamson Elwell and 25 others of Portland for same.

By Mr. McBride of Mount Desert: Petition of Mary A. Carroll of Southwest Harbor and 29 others for same.

By Mr. Richardson of Canton: Petition of Mrs. Grace Stanley and 25 others for same.

By Mr. McBride of Mount Desert: Petition of Helen E. Kelly and 22 others for same.

By Mr. Smith of Auburn: Petition of M. E. Bray and 15 others for same.

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: Petition of Bessie M. Rupert and 20 others for same.

By Mr. Nute of Wiscasset: Petition of Clara C. Meer and 16 others of Nobleboro for same; also petition of Samuel W. Hanceck and 27 others of Nobleboro for same.

By Mr. Winchenbaugh of Waldoboro: Petition of Mrs. Eva Studley and 15 others for same.

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: Petition of Hon. Harry L. Webber and 18 others in favor of county farm for inebriates in Androscoggin county.

By Mr. Swett of Bath: Petition of Mary E. Campbell and 32 others of Bath in favor of woman's suffrage.

By Mr. Pendleton of Searsport: Petition of Augustus Stevens and 28 others of Troy in favor of same; also petition of John M. Nickerson and 19 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Smith of Auburn: Petition of A. C. Peaslee and 24 others in favor of same; also petition of George C. Wing and 59 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Emerson of Island Falls: Petition of M. D. Estes and 24 others others of Island Falls in favor of same.

By Mr. Peterson of New Sweden: Petition of N. A. Wessell and 36 others of Stockholm for change in the jurisdiction of the Northern Arrostook municipal court.

By Mr. Jenkins of Wales: Petition of Elbridge O. Porter and 17 others requesting that the law be changed in regard to cruelty to animals.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Kelleher of Waterville: An Act to amend Section 8 of Chapter 325 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: An Act to establish a municipal court in the town of Readfield.

By same gentleman: An Act to incorporate the Readfield Chamber of Commerce.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: An Act to authorize Hernando E. Allen to erect a wharf at Starboard in the town of Machiasport.

By Mr. Tyron of Pownal: An Act to incorporate the Bustin's Island Village Corporation in the town of Freeport, Maine.

By Mr. Johnson of Brownfield: An Act to amend Chapter 217 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, increasing the limits of the Porter-Kezar Falls Village Corporation. (Tabled for printing pending reference

to the committee on motion by Mr. Johnson.)

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Swett of Bath: An Act relating to the superintending school committee of the city of Bath.

By same gentleman: An Act to provide a charter for the city of Bath.

By Mr. Thombs of Lincoln: An Act to amend Chapter 153 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to Old Town municipal court.

By Mr. Jennings of Garland: An Act relating to the Good Templar's hall in the town of Dexter, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Brewer."

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Maine Mission for the Deaf.

By Mr. Marston of Skowhegan: Resolve in favor of Steward & Blunt of Skowhegan, Maine.

Education.

By Mr. Harper of Gorham: An Act authorizing the trustees of the Western State Normal School to take land for school purposes.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the purchase of text books for schools. (Tabled for correction in title on motion by Mr. Harman.)

By Mr. Harper of Gorham: Resolve in favor of the Western State Normal School at Gorham for the purchase of acquiring of land.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: Petition of G. T. Hedgman and 41 others of Camden in favor of teacher's pension bill.

By Mr. Elliott of Thomaston: Petition of E. Marie Brown of Thomaston and 14 others in favor of same; also petition of W. J. Jameson of Thomaston and 36 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Leary of Hampden: Petition of F. M. Hammond and 43 others of Hampden in favor of same.

By Mr. Clark of New Portland: Petition of Vestie R. Williams and 19

others of Jackman Plantation in favor of same.

By Mr. Quinn of Millinocket: Petition of Beulah M. Averill and four others of East Millinocket in favor of same; also petition of Charles E. Merrill and eight others of Patten in favor of same; also petition of W. H. Gilbert and 16 others of Millinocket in favor of same.

By Mr. Farnham of Bath: Petition of Charlotte L. Buck and 34 others of Woolwich in favor of same.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Kelleher of Waterville: An Act to regulate the size and construction of caboose cars.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: An Act to incorporate the Livermore and Augusta Street Railway.

By Mr. Swift of Augusta: An Act to extend the charter of the Farmington and Augusta Railway Company.

By Mr. Leader of Lewiston: An Act relative to air brakes on electric railroad cars. (Tabled for printing pending reference on motion by Mr. Leader.)

By Mr. Spencer of Berwick: Resolve to determine and establish the liability of the Portland and Rochester Railroad Company, its lessees and successors in interest, for the future repair and maintenance of Horne's bridge, so-called, with approaches thereto, in the town of Lebanon, in the county of York.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance.

By Mr. Price of Richmond: An Act to establish a board of appeal on fire insurance rates. (Tabled for printing pending reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Price.)

By Mr. Richardson of Canton: An Act to amend Sections 41 and 42 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the organization of insurance companies. (Tabled for printing pending reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Richardson.)

By Mr. Bucklin of Warren: An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to taxing insurance companies not authorized to do business in Maine. (Tabled for printing pending reference to the commit-

tee on motion by Mr. Richardson of Canton.)

By Mr. Farnham of Bath: An Act relating to the admission of foreign insurance companies, and amending Section 78 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes. (Tabled for printing pending reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Farnham.)

Banks and Banking.

By Mr. Irving of Caribou: An Act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relative to mortgages in savings banks. (On motion by Mr. Irving the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was referred to the committee, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.)

Agriculture.

By Mr. Swett of Bath: Resolve in favor of Herbert W. Cutting of Phippsburg, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: Resolve in favor of Kennebec County Agricultural Society, with statement of facts.

State Lands and Forest Preservation.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: Resolve to dedicate Crooked Island, so-called, in Great Pond, in the town of Rome, county of Kennebec, to the public use of the inhabitants of the State of Maine. (Tabled for printing pending reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips.)

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Twombly of Enfield: An Act to authorize Enos Sawyer, Jr., of Seboeis Plantation to maintain booms, stop and sort logs and lumber in Seboeis Stream, Seboeis Plantation, Pownsbet county.

By Mr. O'Connell of Milford: An Act to repeal Chapter 315 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 entitled "An Act to incorporate the Madunkeunk Dam and Improvement Company."

By Mr. Roberts of Waterboro: An Act relative to the taking of the waters of Little Ossipee Lake, in the town of Waterboro.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. McFadden of Lubec: An Act to grant Bion M. Pike authority to maintain a ferry between Lubec, North Lubec, Eastport and Campobello.

By Mr. O'Connell of Milford: Resolve in favor of Ephraim C. Baldi, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: Resolve in favor of the towns of Castine and Penobscot. (Tabled pending receipt of statement of facts on motion by Mr. Ricker.)

By same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Verona. (Tabled pending receipt of statement of facts on motion by Mr. Ricker.)

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: Resolve in favor of the town of Grafton for repair and permanent improvement of highways. (Tabled pending receipt of statement of facts on motion by Mr. Goodwin.)

By Mr. Franck of St. Agatha: Resolve in favor of a highway bridge over the St. John river between Madawaska and Edmunston, New Brunswick.

By Mr. Mooers of Ashland: Resolve in favor of repairing the covered bridge over the St. John river between Madawaska and Edmunston, New Brunswick.

By Mr. Mooers of Ashland: Resolve in favor of repairing the covered bridge in the town of Ashland, Aroostook county. (Tabled pending receipt of statement of facts on motion by Mr. Mooers.)

By Mr. Clark of New Portland: Resolve in favor of the Plantation of Lexington, in Somerset county.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot: Resolve in aid of a road around Chick Hill, in the towns of Amherst and Clifton.

By Mr. Benn of Hodgdon: Resolve in favor of the town of Amity, accompanied by petition. (Tabled pending receipt of statement of facts on motion by Mr. Benn.)

By Mr. Emerson of Island Falls: Petition of W. H. Bates and 13 others in favor of bridge across the Mattawamkeag river.

By Mr. Franck of St. Agatha: Petition of Remi A. Daigle of Madawaska and 72 others in favor of international bridge between Madawaska and Edmunston, New Brunswick; also, petition of Fleurent Sanfacon and 53 others of Grand Isle for same; also petition of J. Bouchard of St. Agatha and 24 others for same; also petition of E. R. Michaud of Frenchville and 21 others for same.

By Mr. Clark of New Portland: Petition of A. H. Chase and 38 others in favor of resolve in aid of building bridge across Sandy Stream, in Lexington Plantation.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: An Act to prohibit the taking of mink and muskrat in certain waters in the towns of Bucksport and Orland.

By same gentleman: An Act to regulate fishing in Upper Patten pond in the town of Orland, with petition of W. S. Conary and 18 others regarding same.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: An Act to regulate ice fishing in Lake Maranacook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop, Kennebec county.

By Mr. Clark of Portland: An Act to regulate fishing in Lovewell's pond, so-called, in Fryeburg.

By Mr. Marston of Skowhegan: An Act to amend Chapter 407 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to ice fishing in Lake George, in Canaan, in Somerset county.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: An Act to close Androscooggin lake, situated in Wayne, Kennebec county, and in Leeds, Androscooggin county, to all ice fishing.

By the same gentleman: An Act to permit the taking of white perch in Lake Maranacook, in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop, Kennebec county.

By Mr. Gardner of Whiting: Resolve in favor of screening Gardner's lake, so-called, situated in Washington county. (Tabled pending receipt of statement of facts on motion by Mr. Gardner.)

By Mr. Marston of Skowhegan: Petition of Myron Maxim of South Paris

and 61 others to repeal Chapter 153 of the Public Laws of 1911, being An Act to prohibit the use of gang hooks, so-called, when fishing in the inland waters of the State; also petition of C. B. Richardson and 20 others of Strong for same; also petition of Fred Clark and 43 others of Carraunk for same; also petition of B. E. Perry and 87 others of Greenville for same; also petition of M. W. Pray and 87 others of Gardiner for same; also petition of Dennis W. Stanley and 37 others of Sebago Lake for same; also petition of Joseph Mountain and 26 others of Dexter for same; also petition of J. A. Bryson and 43 others of Portland for same; also petition of C. A. Pendagast and 33 others for same; also petition of Drew Chaplin and 17 others of Belfast for same; also petition of I. C. Kidder and 20 others of Peru for same; also petition of W. C. Helt and 29 others of Hanover for same; also petition of H. R. Teague and 54 others of Madison for same; also petition of C. H. Hoxie and 44 others for same; also petition of W. T. Small and 35 others of Stoneham for same; also petition of E. M. Woodman and others of Fairfield for same; also petition of B. F. Porter and 43 others of Anson for same; also petition of W. W. Woodbury and 43 others for same; also petition of L. M. Sanborn and 28 others for same; also petition of W. A. Shepard and 22 others of Bar Mills for same; also petition of Phillip O. Conley and 25 others for same; also petition of A. L. Hoyt and 28 others of South Windham for same; also petition of R. R. Smith and 29 others of Bangor for same; also petition of Joseph D. Bridgman and 30 others of Westbrook for same; also petition of A. R. Pilley and 52 others of Brooks for same; also petition of A. W. Leonard and 65 others of Oakland for same; also petition of John Sadler and 43 others of Guilford for same; also petition of Clifton L. Davis and 205 others for same.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Farnham of Bath: Petition of H. W. Alexander and 190 others of Cundy's Harbor, requesting that the present 10½ inches governing the length of lobsters remain unchanged.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland: Petition of Simeon A. Skillings of Portland and 148 others, in regard to measurement of lobsters.

By Mr. Winchenbaugh of Waldoboro: Petition of Oren McLain and 22 others of Bremen asking for repeal of Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to catching of smelts between the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sea and shore fisheries.

By Mr. McBride of Mount Desert: Remonstrance of Robie M. Runnill and 20 others against any change of the scallop law; also remonstrance of George W. Lunt and 13 others of Tremont against same.

By Mr. Farnham of Bath: Petition of George W. Fuller and 157 others requesting that the present laws governing lobsters be so amended as to prohibit the shipment of lobsters out of the State from June 15th to September 1st.

Counties.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Petition of J. K. Collins and 11 others of Isle au Haut asking that the town of Isle au Haut be set off from Hancock county and annexed to the county of Knox.

Towns.

By Mr. Irving of Caribou: An Act to incorporate Cannon Plantation.

By Mr. Folsom of Sanford: Petition of Daniel H. Johnson and 21 others, voters of the Northerly District of the town of Sanford, in favor of the bill to divide the town of Sanford and incorporate the town of Springvale; also petition of Samuel C. Pelletier and 41 others for same; also petition of Frank T. Shackley and 33 others for same; also petition of Walter C. Remick and 37 others for same; also petition of George W. McDonald and 31 others for same; also petition of Thomas H. Makin and 36 others for same; also petition of Howard Frost and 37 others for same; also petition of Edmund G. Murray and 28 others for same; also petition of Edward P. Ross and 58 others for same; also petition of George E. Shute and 39 others

for same; also petition of Elmer E. Wentworth and 34 others for same; also petition of Charles S. Pierce and 68 others for same.

Claims.

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: Resolve in favor of Annie L. Bassett.

By Mr. Boland of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

By Mr. Cook of Vassalboro: Resolve in favor of A. K. Mason.

Pensions.

By Mr. O'Connell of Milford: Resolve in favor of James R. Hunton of Milton.

By Mr. Peacock of Readfield: Resolve in favor of Henrietta S. Hodgdon of Readfield.

By Mr. Peaks of Dover: Resolve in favor of Annie Jones.

Library.

By Mr. Jennings of Garland: Resolve to authorize and provide for purchase of the history of the town of Garland.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Marston of Skowhegan: An Act relating to the compensation of the county treasurer of Somerset county.

By Mr. Peaks of Dover: An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 119 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to the compensation of county attorneys.

By Mr. Brennan of St. George: An Act to amend Chapter 119 of the Public Laws of 1905 relating to the compensation of county attorneys.

By Mr. Marston of Skowhegan: Petition of S. T. Lawry and 20 others in favor of increasing the salary of the treasurer of Somerset county from \$400 to \$600; also petition of D. D. Stewart of St. Albans and five others in favor of same.

By Mr. Farnham of Bath: An Act relating to the compensation of the county attorney of Sagadahoc county.

York County Delegation.

By Mr. Waterhouse of Kennebunk: Petition of Leroy Haley and 27 others, relating to clerk hire of the clerk of courts of York county.

Orders.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, it was

Ordered, That the committee on judiciary be allowed the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives during the afternoon of February 20th next for a public hearing on bill, An Act to repeal Chapter 151 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, creating the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland and his successors a corporation sole.

Mr. Scates of Westbrook presented the following order:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint select committee of three from the Senate and seven from the House be appointed, and unless the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company or such of its employes as are now engaged in a strike shall, before Thursday, February 13th, 1913, submit their controversies to arbitration, and unless, pending such submission, both parties to the controversy shall use all reasonable endeavors to enable said railroad to fully resume its traffic, said railroad and said employes, through the labor organizations representing them, shall be summoned to appear before said committee forthwith; and in case said parties are then unwilling to submit their controversies to arbitration and endeavor to resume traffic as aforesaid, said committee shall proceed forthwith to investigate the causes of such suspension of traffic and the merits of said controversy, and report to the Legislature by bill or otherwise on or before February 20th, 1913. Said committee is hereby authorized to employ counsel and experts, compel the attendance of persons and the production of books and papers which it deems necessary.

Mr. SCATES of Westbrook: Mr. Speaker, I wish to say just a word in regard to this order. Last Tuesday I had such an order as that prepared, and was requested to present it by people from Aroostook county; but I heard read a bill which I thought covered the same matter, and consequently I refrained from introducing the order. I have examined the bill since that time, a copy of which I think you will find in your records as House Document No. 132, and I will just read a part of it:

"When by reason of disputes, strikes or lock-outs between employers and employes of any public utility a cessation of the work, or a suspension of the supply of any of the necessary public service for which such public utility is intended to furnish, is occasioned thereby to any section of the State, depending upon such utility, the commission"—the commission! And it goes along and provides that either the employer, the employee or the public may petition the commission, the commission may investigate and it may report to the Governor and Council. The Governor may then order the employes to go to work. The commission may do this.

Now, I have examined the Act pretty thoroughly, and I fail to find anywhere a line or a word in that Act creating such a commission, or referring to any such commission already created. I apprehend, however, that that may have been left out by mistake. What the commission may be, I don't know. Judging from the wording of the Act, I apprehend that it may refer to a public utilities commission, which may be created by this Legislature, or may not. But I will assume that it was through an error. It seems to me as though a matter as important as this, and dealing with such an important matter as this, should be more carefully drawn.

I notice further along in the copy of the bill it says:

"Wilful refusal by any employee, after notice received by him from the Governor as provided, to return to and continue in his position as workman in said public utilities shall be a misdemeanor."

Now I wish to say that I have consulted able lawyers upon this matter, and they say that section cannot be enforced. I think my friend from Presque Isle (Mr. Smith) will agree with me upon that proposition; and as a result, so far as a layman can observe, that act might be enacted in the most solemn manner, it might be signed by the Executive, it might have affixed to it the great red seal of the State with beautiful blue ribbon attached to it, and it would not be worth the cost of the ink on the Governor's pen.

I wish to call the attention of the House to some telegrams that I have

received from people in Aroostook county, showing the condition as these people see it existing in Aroostook county, and from the newspaper reports the condition in Piscataquis county are fully as serious as they are in Aroostook county. Many of these people I do not know, but I have asked about them from some of the representatives from Aroostook county, and they say these men are among the most important business men and firms in Aroostook county.

Here is a telegram which I have received signed by a certain firm at Mars Hill: "Help out Aroostook; perilous conditions; force immediately passage of emergency bill compulsory arbitration of all disputes between public service corporation and employes; strike already caused untold loss; if continued means ruin."

I have another from Limestone, as follows: "Alarming transportation conditions in Aroostook; immediately urge passage of an emergency bill for compulsory arbitration of corporation labor dispute with an imprisonment clause for either side for refusing to arbitrate; if present railroad conditions continue it will be ruinous to us." This telegram is signed by 11 firms from Limestone.

I have another telegram from Easton, as follows: "Force a change in the alarming transportation conditions in Aroostook by immediately urging the passage of emergency bill for arbitration of all disputes between all corporations and employes; penalty fine for agitators; imprisonment imposed for leaders of either side if arbitration is refused; strike has already caused us untold loss, and if continued will ruin us."

I have another telegram from Fort Fairfield, stating as follows: "Compulsory arbitration all disputes between public service corporations and employes; penalty fine for corporation; imprisonment for leaders on either side if arbitration refused; to help Aroostook utmost dispatch must prevail."

These are some of the telegrams which I have received from Aroostook county. My friend here from Houlton (Mr. Putnam) has just called my at-

tion to a copy of the Aroostook Times, published, yesterday, and here is a part of an editorial: "Several attempts have been made during the past week by various committees to induce the railroad officials to agree to arbitrate the differences with their employes, but all these have failed as President Todd absolutely refuses to listen to any plea from the long-enduring public of Aroostook county." Further along in the editorial it says: "Towns all along the lines of the road are actually in a serious condition, and in order that supplies be procured teams have been put into service and long hauls are being made to provide the necessities of life. The loss of wages to striking employes are growing larger daily, the loss to the railroad is enormous, but all these are small compared to the irreparable damage to Aroostook county and the loss to the shippers of Aroostook, which, unless something is done immediately to settle the strike, will mean disaster to this section."

Now, there is the condition. Upon one side is a labor monopoly or a labor trust, and on the other side is a capitalistic trust, and between the two the great business of the people of Aroostook county and Piscataquis county has got to suffer. This order provides that the labor agitators and the corporations have one week in which to do something. If at the end of the week they have not done anything then this Legislature is to investigate the conditions as they exist there, and summons those people to appear before it here at Augusta. What this Legislature needs is the facts; that is what we want, and then we can act. It must be remembered that the Legislature of Maine is still in existence, and is still the authority in the State of Maine.

Mr. IRVING of Caribou: Mr. Speaker, it is not my purpose at this time to speak either in favor or in opposition to the order which has been presented, but I wish to call the attention of the House to the bill which has been referred to, House Document No. 132, which I do not consider should be a subject of discussion at this time. This bill is now before the judiciary

committee, a committee which I regard as amply able to correct any errors that may appear in the bill. My purpose is to call the attention of the House to the fact that there exists a committee on arbitration and conciliation, to which was referred the phrasing of the bill. The proponents of the bill do not regard it as perfect; and in fact, while some attorneys have asserted that the clause referring to a misdemeanor may not be constitutional, yet other eminent attorneys have expressed the opinion that it may be so amended as to conform with the Constitution.

Mr. AUSTIN of Phillips: Mr. Speaker, several members of the House were absent when the gentleman from Westbrook (Mr. Scates) presented the order, and would it take too much of the time of the House to have the order read again?

(The Speaker read the order.)

Mr. O'CONNELL of Milford: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the order is constitutional or whether the bill referred to is constitutional, but I do know that this Legislature has the right and ought to listen to the appeals from the people of these counties. In the Bangor Daily Commercial of yesterday, I read the following item: "C. A. Powers is hauling by teams 40,000 barrels of seed potatoes from Limestone, Easton, Fairmount, Maple Grove and other stations along the B. & A. to the Canadian Pacific Railway station, this village. The expense is large, but the loss would be great if he should not be able to meet his contract."

I want to say that we have a member in this Legislature, who has 10,000 barrels of potatoes, and he has boxed in 27 box cars at a cost of \$50 a car, and he is hauling his potatoes a distance of three miles further than he has before.

I have a letter from Van Buren, stating that the St. John Lumber Company cannot start up because they cannot get cars, notwithstanding the papers tell us that the strike is all

settled and that freight is moving and potatoes are moving in Aroostook.

I have here a letter from Old Town, and I will read just one section of it. "The B. & A. train had to stop in front of the Commercial House, yesterday, and unload their passengers. The M. C. R. R. would not allow the engineer to run down to the station, not because he was a strike breaker but because he did not know enough to stop at a red signal. You know the electric crossing on Main street that Fred Lovejoy tends. That was against him and clear for an electric car, and he went by as unconcerned as could be. Would have been nice if an electric had been going over then."

In this letter I also find the following: "You don't see anything of that nature in the papers but you do see that Mr. Virgin says 'The engineers are all competent and have passed a rigid examination.' Guess all the examination was, was this:

Q. What is that?

A. That is an engine.

Q. You are right, and have passed a satisfactory examination."

I want to say gentlemen, that the people of Aroostook county should be listened to by this Legislature. If this strike continues until this Legislature adjourns they have no other court to which to appeal. We are sent here for this purpose, and if this order or this bill is not constitutional, we are not to blame. They are suffering up there, and they are sending telegrams and letters, and let us pass one of these measures. If we do that we will have the satisfaction of knowing that the people of Maine whom we represent will know that we have done our duty.

Mr. DURGIN of Milo: Mr. Speaker, just a word. So far in the controversy between the strikers and the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company we have heard but very little about any section that has suffered or is suffering, excepting the county of Aroostook; but I want to say that the county of Piscataquis is suffering as much through this strike as the county of Aroostook. I have one client, the American Thread Company,

employing 700 men. Within the next 40 days it will be necessary for that company to move 1000 carloads of birch from Patten to Milo, and during the last two weeks they have moved down, I think, some 30 or 40 carloads.

Now, this is a serious matter. We have some potato resources in the county of Piscataquis that are dependent upon this road, and we are more dependent upon the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad in a way than the county of Aroostook, because they have the Canadian Pacific Railway by means of which they can transport much of their produce; that railroad only touches our county, and the Maine Central Railroad touches at another point. And so I say that we in Piscataquis county, and the people over there, are wondering if there is any vitality left in this Legislature, or if there is enough vitality left to compel that great corporation and those people to get together and arbitrate their differences. And if they won't, then they want to know if we cannot in some way make them. I don't know very much in regard to the merits between this order and the bill which has been referred to, but in behalf of the people of my county I want something done if it is possible, so that the great general public shall not be held up any longer and suffer as they have, unnecessarily, on account of this strike.

The question being on the passage of the order,

The order received a passage.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sanborn from the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to create the Strong Water District.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to legalize the doings of the stockholders of the Aberthaw Construction Company.

Mr. Reuel W. Smith from the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to establish a board of State Park Commissioners, and to define its powers and duties.

Mr. Waterhouse from the same committee, reported in a new draft "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to ratify and con-

firm certain proceedings and by-laws of the Brazil Railroad Company.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to the town of Caribou.

Mr. Gordon from the committee on claims, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Danforth.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Rosseau from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Springvale Aqueduct Company.

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

Mr. Smith from the committee on judiciary, on resolve in favor of electing United States senators by direct vote of the people, reported "ought not to pass, the subject matter being covered by Senate Document No. 2, which has been reported 'ought to pass'."

Mr. Durgin from the same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to authorize Mayfield Plantation to build and maintain its road and bridges, and to raise money for the same.

Mr. Smith of Patten from the same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act relating to Chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, concerning liens.

Mr. Stearns from same committee reported "ought not to pass" on bill, an Act for the better protection of trust funds of churches and other religious societies.

The reports were accepted.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

An Act to create the Cherryfield Water District.

An Act in relation to the Lincoln county jail.

An Act to repeal Chapter 340 of the

Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to highway in Readfield closed to automobiles.

Mr. WHEELER of Paris: At the request of the gentleman from Readfield, Mr. Peacock, who has been called from the House, I wish to move that pending the third reading of this bill it be laid upon the table and that it be assigned for one week from today.

The motion was agreed to.

Resolve in favor of repair of bridges in the town of Dresden.

Resolve in favor of repair of bridges in the town of Addison.

Resolve in favor of C. R. Hall and George S. Lowell.

Resolve in favor of preserving the life of the fish in the several fish hatcheries and for the temporary operation of the hatcheries and feeding stations for fish in this State and for the protection of fish, game and birds.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to amend Chapter 175 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to the enlargement of territory of the Wiscasset Electric Light & Power Company.

An Act relating to the Home for Aged Women, located at Portland.

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the superintendent of schools.

An Act relating to the relief of poor debtors.

An Act to amend Section 52 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compulsory school attendance.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Sprague of Islesboro, House Document 122, bill, an Act to authorize a union of towns in maintaining town farms, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Sprague the bill was referred to the committee on towns.

On motion by Mr. Richardson of Canton, House Document No. 144, bill, an Act relative to the direct election of delegates to National Conventions and to provide for the expression of preference for candidates for President and for Vice President of the United States, was taken from the table, and

on further motion by Mr. Richardson, the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Waterhouse of Kennebunk, House Document No. 127, bill, an Act in relation to practice in the supreme judicial court, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Waterhouse the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn, House Document No. 136, bill, an Act to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Smith the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn, House Document No. 137, bill, an Act to amend the charter of the city of Auburn, and to provide for non-political commission form of government, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Smith the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Jonesport, House Document No. 115, bill, an Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of vessels, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Dunbar the bill was referred to the committee on taxation.

On motion by Mr. Clark of Portland, House Document 134, bill, an Act to regulate the sale of morphine and other hypnotic or narcotic drugs, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Clark the bill was referred to the committee on public health.

On motion by Mr. Irving of Caribou, House Document No. 132, bill, an Act to regulate by arbitration strikes, lock-outs and disputes between employers and employes of public utilities, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Irving the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sherman of Eden, House Document No. 142, Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 369 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903 entitled "An Act to grant certain powers to the Hancock Trustees of Public Reservations," was taken from the table, and

on further motion by Mr. Sherman the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sherman of Eden, House Document No. 125, Bill, An Act to change the name of the town of Eden to the town of Bar Harbor, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Sherman the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bowler of Bethel, House Document No. 130, Bill, An Act to incorporate the Sheepscot Valley Conservation Power Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Bowler the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven, House Document No. 120, Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to scallops, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Boman the bill was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford, House Document No. 128, Bill, An Act to amend Chapter 163 of the Public Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 20 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to taxing soldiers and sailors, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Descoteaux the bill was referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion by Mr. Harman of Stonington, House Document No. 118, Bill, An Act relative to the venue of actions for or against inhabitants of Stonington, Deer Isle, Isle au Haut, Swan's Island, Long Island and all islands belonging thereto, was taken from the table and on further motion by Mr. Harman the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Harman of Stonington, House Document No. 121, Bill, An Act to amend the present law in regard to the measurement of lobsters, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Harman the bill was re-committed to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Goodwin of Mexico, House Document No. 133, Bill, An Act to authorize the towns of Mexico and Rumford, in the county of Ox-

ford, to purchase the toll bridge between said towns erected and owned by the Mexico Bridge Company, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Goodwin the bill was referred to committee on ways and bridges.

Special Assignment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will lay before the House as matter specially assigned for today:

Majority and minority reports A and B of the committee on towns, to which was referred Bill, "To divide the town of Boothbay and establish the town of Waverly," majority reporting "ought not to pass" and the minority reporting "ought to pass."

The question before the House is on the acceptance of either report.

Mr. Packard of Newburg moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. ROLFE of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I wish to offer an amendment to the bill, if it is in order at the present time.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state that at the present stage of the

parliamentary situation the amendment is not in order, the question before the House being the acceptance or disposition of the two reports of the committee.

Mr. ROLFE: Mr. Speaker, when the amendment may be in order I would ask the privilege of presenting the amendment.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will bear it in mind.

The question being on the motion that the minority report "ought to pass" be substituted for the majority report "ought not to pass,"

The motion was lost.

Mr. Violette of Van Buren moved that the majority report be accepted.

The motion was agreed to, and the majority report "ought not to pass" was accepted.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will inform the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rolfe, that the majority "ought not to pass" having been accepted, the amendment is not in order.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Jonesport,

Adjourned.