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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

HOUSE.

Friday, February 7, 1913.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hope of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Order in favor of the city of Saco, accompanied by statement of facts.

In the House this order was referred to the committee on claims, and came from the Senate read and passed without reference to a committee in non-concurrence. (Tabled pending action on the part of the House on motion by Mr. Mitchell of Kittery.)

From the Senate: An Act relating to the election of assessors for the city of Portland.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs, and came from the Senate referred to the Portland Delegation in non-concurrence.

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

The following order came from the Senate:

Ordered, the House concurring, that the committee on salaries and fees be directed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a special committee to sit during the recess and after adjournment of the present session; and to inquire into the amount of compensation received by all State and county officials whose salaries are determinable by the Legislature, and to report to the next Legislature such amounts as will make the salaries of said officials equitable throughout the State.

In the Senate this order was passed and sent down for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, the order was tabled for printing.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the House adjourns it be to meet Monday afternoon, February 10th at half past four o'clock.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: An Act prohibiting certain forms of prostitution and for the competency of certain evidence at the trial thereof. (Tabled for printing pending its reference to the committee on motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn.)

By Mr. Wheeler of Paris: Petition of Edith H. Wheeler and 14 others of South Paris in favor of giving the right of suffrage to women; also petition of Susie E. Chapman and 23 others of South Paris for same; also petition of Elizabeth W. Morton and 24 others of South Paris for same.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot: Petition of Nettie L. Bowen and 26 others of Brooks for same; also petition of Vestie D. Higgins and 27 others of Brooks for same.

By Mr. Allen of Machias: Petition of Emily I. White and 65 others of Machias for same.

By Mr. Stuart of East Livermore: Petition of Juliette Oakes and 45 others for same; also petition of Wilbur D. Hetherington and 35 others for same.

By Mr. Rosseau of Brunswick: Petition of Annie Dunning and 25 others of Brunswick for same; also petition of John E. Atkinson and 24 others of Brunswick for same.

By Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven: Petition of Clara T. Sawyer and 38 others of Thomaston for same; also petition of Porter Lawry and 31 others of Vinalhaven for same.

By Mr. Dunton of Belfast: Petition of E. A. Lapham and 25 others of Pittston for same.

By Mr. Emerson of Island Falls: Petition of Hugh Wing and 15 others for same.

By Mr. Metcalf of Greenville: Peti-

tion of Alice M. Bigney and 14 others of Greenville for same.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot: Petition of Edith Barker and 32 others of Brooks for same.

By Mr. Peterson of New Sweden: Petition of W. A. Reed and 25 others of Presque Isle for same.

By Mr. Irving of Caribou: Petition of O. S. French and 15 others of Fort Fairfield for same; also petition of Mrs. Hannah W. Tracey and 25 others of Amity for same; also petition of Mrs. Addie M. Childs and 17 others of Fort Fairfield for same; also petition of Mrs. Harry Lewis and 21 others of Amity for same.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Newbert of Augusta: An Act for the prevention of obtaining medical charity by false representations.

By Mr. Harman of Stonington: Petition of William Herrick and 27 others of Swan's Island, asking for court relief; also petition of Peter D. Gray and 116 others of Stonington for same; also petition of H. J. Pickering and 13 others of Deer Isle for same.

Education.

By Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven: Petition of Fremont Beverage and 22 others of North Haven, relating to teacher's pensions.

By Mr. Dunton of Belfast: Petition of Eben F. Littlefield and 81 others, relating to same.

By Mr. Connors of Bangor: Petition of Frank A. Garnsey and 151 others of Bangor for same.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: Petition of Julia T. Brastow and 11 others for same.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Stanley of Cumberland: Resolve in favor of Bureau of Horticulture.

By same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Bureau of Horticulture.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Harriman of Cherryfield: An Act to repeal so much of chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1911 as provides that one box of fish or one pair of game birds shall not be sent by the

purchaser of a tag for that purpose oftener than once in thirty days.

By Mr. Cook of Vassalboro: Petition of J. H. Whitehouse and 16 others to repeal chapter 153 of the Public Laws of 1911 entitled "An Act to prohibit the use of gang hooks."

By same gentleman: Petition of C. W. Hussey and 51 others in favor of ice fishing in China Lake.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven: Petition of W. L. Wotten and 78 others of Friendship asking for a change in the law relating to the measurement of lobsters.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland: Petition of C. W. Kennedy and 23 others of Pemaquid Beach for same; also petition of John E. Bradley and four others of Portland for same; also petition of Maurice C. Rich, secretary of the board of trade of Portland, and one other for same.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Gordon from the committee on claims, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of East Livermore.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Stoneham.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of St. George.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass on resolve in favor of Stockholm Plantation.

Mr. Peterson from the committee on agriculture, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the commissioner of agriculture in his capacity as sealer of weights and measures.

Mr. Eldridge from the committee on banks and banking, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to change the name of the Lewiston Trust & Safe Deposit Company.

Mr. Peterson from the committee on agriculture, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of further improvement of marketing of farm products and purchasing supplies for the farm.

Same gentleman from same commit-

tee reported "ought to pass" on resolve for the protection of trees and shrubs from the ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

Mr. Pendleton from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act for the better protection of shell fish in the town of Kittery, county of York.

Mr. Gordon from the committee on claims, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the town of Dennyville.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

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

Mr. Pendleton from the committee on banks and banking, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act amending chapter 96 of the Public Laws of 1907, relating to the organization and management of Trust Companies. (On motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon the report was tabled pending its acceptance.)

Mr. Dunton from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act relating to the use of seals. (On motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon the report was tabled pending its acceptance.)

Mr. Wheeler from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act for the creation of water districts and the control, management and regulation of water storage and water power companies.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to provide for the creation of drainage districts and supervision of the construction of dams and the control and regulation of storage reservoirs.

Mr. Irving from the committee on banks and banking, to which was referred report of commission to consider revision of the laws governing investments of savings banks and savings institutions, with draft of bill

annexed, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. Connors from the committee on legal affairs, which was instructed by order of the legislature to inquire into the expediency of an Act relating to the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees, reported that the same be referred to the judiciary committee as the same subject matter is covered in Senate Document No. 165, and House Bill introduced by Mr. Smith of Auburn, February 5th, but not yet printed; and for this reason your committee does not deem it advisable to take any action upon this bill.

The reports were accepted.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

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

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. McBride of Mount Desert, the vote was reconsidered whereby bill, An Act to incorporate the Blue Hill Water Company, was referred to the committee on judiciary, and on further motion by Mr. McBride the bill was laid upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Durgin of Milo, House Document No. 153, resolve in favor of the town of Milo for an appropriation of \$3000 to aid in the construction of a concrete bridge across the East Branch of the Sebek River, in the village of Milo, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Durgin the resolve was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn, House Document No. 148, bill, An Act to create the Auburn Cemetery District, 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. Bragdon of York, House Document No. 131, bill, An Act to incorporate the Ogunquit Village Corporation, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Bragdon the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Swift of Augusta,

House Document No. 138, bill, An Act to amend chapter 106 of the Laws of 1911, relative to condemnation proceedings of land for public purposes, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Swift the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Swift of Augusta, House Document No. 141, bill, An Act granting to the Knox County Power Company the right to generate and sell electricity in the municipalities of Thomaston and Rockland, together with pole rights therein, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Swift the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Jonesport, House Document No. 149, bill, An Act for the better regulation of the practice of dentistry in the state of Maine and the reorganization of the board of dental examiners, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Dunbar the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dunbar of Jonesport, House Document, No. 151, bill, An Act to establish a close time on lobsters in the waters of Jonesport and Addison, in Washington county, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Dunbar the bill was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Haines of Fort Fairfield, bill, An Act authorizing Geo. W. Junkins, his heirs and assigns, to erect and maintain a dam across Blackwater Stream, so-called, in the

town of Masardis, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Haines the bill was referred to the committee on interior waters.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Sullivan, House Document No. 150, bill, An Act to amend the charter of the Mount Desert Bridge, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Bragdon the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Folsom of Sanford, House Document No. 146, bill, An Act to authorize the town of Sanford to own, maintain and operate a gas plant, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Folsom the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Monmouth, House Document No. 140, bill, An Act to amend chapter 429 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901 entitled "An Act to establish a municipal court in the town of Winthrop," was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Chick the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Chick of Monmouth, House Document No. 152, bill, An Act to provide for a resident hunter's license, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Chick the bill was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Mason of Raymond,

Adjourned until Monday afternoon, February 10, at 4.30 o'clock.