

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

HOUSE.

Monday, February 10, 1913.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Nichols of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to provide for instruction in road building in public schools.

This bill came from the Senate in that branch referred to the committee on education, and was tabled on motion by Mr. Mitchell of Newport.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of Annie L. Bassett.

In the House this resolve was referred to the committee on claims, and came from the Senate referred to the committee on ways and bridges in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Davis of Old Town, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference of the resolve to the committee on ways and bridges.

From the Senate: An Act to increase certain fees of sheriffs and deputies.

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. Metcalf of Greenville, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its reference of the bill to the committee on salaries and fees.

From the Senate: Petition of Harriet S. Webber and 18 others in favor of county farm for inebriates in Androscoggin county.

In the House this petition was referred to the committee on judiciary, and came from the Senate referred to the Androscoggin County Delegation in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Sturgis of Auburn, the House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in its refer-

ence of the petition to the Androscoggin County Delegation.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, in regard to Savings Banks.

Resolve ratifying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States providing that United States senators shall be elected by the people of the several states.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle: An Act to provide a punishment for certain indecent and immoral offenses.

By Mr. Peterson of New Sweden: Petition of Mrs. E. A. Andrews and 25 others of New Sweden in favor of woman's suffrage.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Petition of Inez Barclay and 27 others of Mexico for same.

By Mr. Smith of Auburn: Petition of Mrs. F. A. Leitch and 51 others of Auburn for same.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: Petition of C. F. Newbert and 31 others of Appleton for same.

By Mr. Umphrey of Washburn: Petition of Mary A. Smith and 10 others of Mapleton for same.

By Mr. Descoteaux of Biddeford: Petition of Alice H. Whitney and 26 others of Biddeford for same; also petition of Mary Cunning and 11 others of Sabattus for same.

By Mr. Wheeler of Paris: Petition of Imogene M. Swett and 49 others of Paris for same.

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: Petition of Elizabeth Kneeland and others for same.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newport: Petition of A. H. Abbott and 43 others of Dexter for same; also petition of Dana Crockett and 43 others of Dexter for same; also petition of Mrs. E. R. Horton and 24 others of Dexter for same; also petition of Fred O. Additon and 25 others of Dexter for same; also petition of Harriett E. Pullen and 26 others of Dexter for same.

By Mr. Morrison of Corinth: Petition of Effie Davis and 28 others for same; also petition of George F. Hill and 15 others for same; also petition

of H. D. Worth and 26 others for same.

By Mr. Saunderson of Greene: Petition of Mrs. R. S. Thomas and 50 others of Greene for same; also petition of S. J. Wyman and 22 others of Leeds for same; also petition of William H. Clark and 17 others of Sabbathus for same; also petition of H. E. Unold and 23 others of Leeds for same; also petition of Alice G. Brooks and 25 others of Mechanic Falls for same; also petition of Stephen A. Rose and 11 others of Greene for same; also petition of Rev. D. W. Kimball and 25 others of Mechanic Falls for same.

By Mr. Harriman of Cherryfield: Petition of C. M. Ward and 24 others of Cherryfield for same; also petition of Myrtie W. Stevens and 30 others of Steuben for same; also petition of Rev. S. R. Belyea and 14 others of Cherryfield for same.

By Mr. Farrar of Ripley: Petition of L. L. Stafford and 24 others of Ripley for same; also petition of R. O. Files and others of Fairfield for same; also petition of W. O. Hersey and 11 others of Fairfield and Benton for same; also petition of Clara L. Osborne and 25 others for same.

Education.

By Mr. Stuart of East Livermore: Petition of Frank H. Bryan and 20 others of Livermore Falls in favor of an act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of Maine by retiring teachers of long service with pensions.

By Mr. Twombly of Enfield: Petition of A. N. Page and five others of Burlington for same.

Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Bragdon of York: Petition of John F. Plaisted of York and 25 others asking for the repeal of Section 2 of Chapter 13 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, relating to the York Harbor and Beach Railroad.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Farnham of Bath: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1911.

By Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven: An Act to repeal Chapter 90 of the Pub-

lic Laws of 1911, relating to the catching of smelts between the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers.

By Mr. Maxwell of Boothbay Harbor: An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sea and shore fisheries, extending close time on packing of sardines.

By same gentleman: An Act to abolish the office of commissioner of sea and shore fisheries. (Tabled for printing pending reference on motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips.)

Public Health.

By Mr. Maxwell of Boothbay Harbor: An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 78 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the better protection of the people of the State of Maine from the disease known as tuberculosis.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Peacock from the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass," bill, An Act to incorporate the Southwest Harbor Water District.

Mr. Morse from the committee on taxation, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to authorize towns and cities to appropriate money for advertising purposes.

Mr. Milton from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to the protection of smelts in Sassanoa River.

Mr. Dunbar from the committee on taxation, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend specification 1 of Section 13 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 4 of the Public Laws of 1909 and Chapter 140 of the Laws of 1911, relating to taxation of personal property.

Mr. Peterson from the committee on agriculture, reported "ought to pass" on resolve in favor of the Maine Seed Improvement Association.

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

Mr. Sturgis from the committee on taxation, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Paragraph

3 of Section 6 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of musical instruments.

Mr. Bragdon from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to scallops.

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act relating to the town of Caribou.

An Act to ratify and confirm certain proceedings and by-laws of the Brazil Railway Company.

An Act to establish a board of State park commissioners, and to define its powers and duties.

An Act to legalize the doings of the stockholders of the Aberthaw Construction Company.

An Act to create the Strong Water District.

An Act to amend the charter of the Springvale Aqueduct Company.

An Act to change the name of the Lewiston Trust & Safe Deposit Company.

An Act for the better protection of shell fish within the town of Kittery, in the county of York.

Resolve for the protection of trees and shrubs from the introduction and ravages of dangerous insects and diseases.

Resolve for the further improvement of the marketing of farm products and purchasing supplies for the farm.

Resolve in favor of the commissioner of agriculture, in his capacity as sealer of weights and measures.

Resolve in favor of the town of Danforth.

Resolve in favor of the town of Columbia.

Resolve in favor of the town of Sebecton.

Resolve in favor of the town of Norway.

Resolve in favor of the town of Oxford.

Resolve in favor of the city of Biddeford.

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Resolve in favor of the town of Stoneham.

Resolve in favor of Stockholm Plantation.

Resolve in favor of the town of Dennyville.

Resolve in favor of the town of East Livermore.

Resolve in favor of the town of St. George.

Passed to be Enacted.

An Act to amend the military law.

An Act to incorporate the Pine Stream Dam & Improvement Company.

An Act to complete the records in Piscataquis county registry of deeds.

An Act relating to the Eastport Water Company.

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of E. L. Manhire.

Resolve in favor of the New England Fruit Show.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Pomological Society.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of South Portland, House Document No. 119, Bill, An Act to provide for the reconstruction of Portland bridge, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Sanborn the bill was referred to the Cumberland County Delegation.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of South Portland, House Document No. 135, Bill, An Act to correct and protect helpless, neglected and offending children, to be known as the Children's Act, 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. Sanborn of South Portland, House Document No. 124, Bill, An Act to amend sub-Section 2 of Section 6 of Chapter 9 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the exemption of property from taxation, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Sanborn the bill was referred to the committee on taxation.

On motion by Mr. Sanborn of South Portland, House Document No. 163, Bill, An Act to provide a charter for the city of South Portland, 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. Smith of Auburn, House Document No. 164, Bill, An Act to amend An Act to incorporate the city of Auburn, 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. 162, Bill, An Act relating to the compensation of workmen by their employers for accidents arising out of and occurring in their employment, 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. 181, Bill, An Act to establish in Androscoggin county a county farm for inebriates, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Smith the bill was referred to the Androscoggin County Delegation.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn, House Document No. 200, bill, An Act prohibiting certain forms of prostitution and for the competency of certain evidence in the trial thereof, 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. Currier of Camden, House Document No. 129, bill, An Act to incorporate Seven Hundred Acre Island, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Currier the bill was referred to the committee on towns.

On motion by Mr. O'Connell of Milford, bill, An Act to create the Hampden Water District, was ordered returned from the committee on legal affairs for printing.

On motion by Mr. Richardson of Canton, House Document No. 183, bill, An Act to amend Chapter 151 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to taxing insurance companies not authorized to do business in Maine, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Richardson the bill was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

On motion by Mr. Richardson of Canton, House Document No. 184, bill, An Act to establish a board of appeal on fire insurance rates, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Richardson

the bill was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

On motion by Mr. Richardson of Canton, House Document No. 185, bill, An Act to amend Sections 41 and 42 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the organization of insurance companies, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Richardson the bill was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

On motion by Mr. Maybury of Saco, order, relating to investigation of cost of producing electric energy in Maine, was taken from the table.

In the House this order received a passage, and came from the Senate in that branch indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence.

Mr. Maybury moved that the House insist upon its action and ask for a committee of conference.

The motion was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed as such committee of conference on the part of the House Messrs. Maybury of Saco, Smith of Presque Isle and Dunton of Belfast.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Brownfield, House Document No. 177, bill, An Act to amend Chapter 217 of the Private and Special Laws of 1911 increasing the limits of the Porter-Kezar Falls Village Corporation, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Johnson, the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Irving of Caribou, House Document No. 180, bill, An Act to amend Section 54 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mortgages in savings banks, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Irving the bill was referred to the committee on banks and banking.

On motion by Mr. Kimball of Bridgton, House Document No. 178, bill, An Act relating to the admission of foreign insurance companies, and amending Section 78 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Kimball the bill was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

On motion by Mr. Morrison of Corinth, House Document No. 157, bill, An Act to amend Chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the common school fund,

was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Morrison the bill was referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Morrison of Corinth, House Document No. 156, bill, An Act to amend Chapter 215 of the Resolves of the State of Maine enacted in the year 1897, as amended by Chapter 108 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, relating to tuition of students in agriculture in the University of Maine, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Morrison the bill was referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Morrison of Corinth, House Document No. 160, bill, An Act to establish a county farm in the county of

Penobscot, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Morrison the bill was referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Dunton of Bellast, Resolve in favor of an appropriation to complete the historical records of Maine men serving in the United States navy during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Dunton, the statement of facts having been inserted, the resolve was referred to the committee on military affairs.

On motion by Mr. Mason of Raymond,
Adjourned.