

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

HOUSE.

Monday, February 17, 1913.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phelan of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the taxation of logs and lumber.

In the House this bill was passed to be engrossed, and came from the Senate that branch having voted to recommit the bill to the committee on taxation.

On motion by Mr. Umphrey of Washburn, the House voted to reconsider under a suspension of the rules the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Umphrey the House voted to concur with the Senate in the recommitment of the bill to the committee on taxation.

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

Judiciary.

By Mr. Durgin of Milo: An Act to repeal Chapter 198 of the Public Laws of 1911 entitled "An Act relating to the compensation of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court," approved March 31, 1911, as amended by Chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1909.

By Mr. Swift of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 198 of the Public Laws of 1911.

By Mr. Benn of Hodgdon: An Act to regulate moving freight on railroads.

By Mr. Smith of Pittsfield: Petition of Rev. F. S. Walker and 18 others in favor of "Children's Bill," establishing a juvenile court as presented by the prison association of Portland.

Education.

By Mr. Benn of Hodgdon: Petition of the teachers of the town of Hodgdon, Aroostook county, Maine, in favor of pensioning teachers.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Irving of Caribou: Resolution of the Board of Trade of Caribou in favor of the experimental farm in Aroostook county.

By Mr. Jones of China: Remonstrance of W. W. Eastman and seven others of Clinton against any change in the present law relating to the uniform grading and packing of apples; also remonstrance of F. M. Patterson and 10 others of China against same.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sanborn from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act authorizing the city of Westbrook to assume control of Sacarrappa cemetery.

Mr. Waterhouse from the same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to confirm the charter of the York Harbor Reading Room, and to authorize it to issue shares of stock.

Mr. Smith of Auburn from the same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass," on bill, An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens on sewers.

Mr. Peaks from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Monhegan Water Company.

Mr. Wheeler from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Harrison Water Company. (On motion by Mr. Greenleaf of Otisfield, the report, together with the bill was laid upon the table.)

Mr. Connors from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the time in which the Maine Title Guaranty Company is authorized to commence business.

Mr. Cochran from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act for the better protection of alewives in Patten's bay in the town of Surrey, Hancock county, Maine.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, Act Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of smelts.

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

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 27 of Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 184 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to new trials in criminal cases.

This bill having been already printed, received its first and second readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Mr. Smith of Patten from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to extend the charter of the Monson Water Company.

This bill having been already printed, received its first and second readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Mr. Smith of Auburn from the judiciary committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to incorporate the Washburn Water Company.

This bill having been already printed received its first and second readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Mr. Washburn from the committee on counties, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to set off the town of Isle au Haut from the county of Hancock and annex the same to the county of Knox.

This bill having been already printed received its first and second readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Mr. Irving from the committee on taxation, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to establish a uniform poll tax.

This bill having been already printed received its first and second readings and was assigned for tomorrow morning for its third reading.

Mr. Dunton from the committee on judiciary, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to authorize a re-levy of assessment for sewer or any other public improvements.

Mr. Waterhouse from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to create a lien on wells.

Mr. Sanborn from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill,

An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 402 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, relating to fire commissioners in the city of Auburn.

Mr. Smith from same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act in relation to the superintendent of streets in the city of Lewiston.

Mr. Roberts from the committee on agriculture, reported "ought not to pass" on resolve in favor of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

The reports were accepted.

Mr. Cochran from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 81 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, to prevent the destruction of smelts in Union river and Morgan bay. (On motion by Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot the report, together with the bill was laid upon the table).

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

An Act to authorize employment of county prisoners on highways.

An Act to prevent the obstruction of ditches and drains in and along public ways.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes, relating to State pension law.

Resolve in favor of aiding the town of Kingman in repairing a bridge in said town across the Mattawamkeag River.

Resolve in favor of the towns of Enfield and Howland.

Resolve in favor of the town of Howland.

Resolve in favor of Gerry M. Gowen.

Resolve in favor of Maria A. Sylvester of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of E. J. C. Owen.

Resolve in favor of Elizabeth D. Low of Buxton.

Passed to be Engrossed.

An Act to extend the charter of the Rumford Falls and Bethel Street Railway.

An Act to extend the charter of the Jonesport Central Railroad Company.

Resolve appropriating money for expenses of Electoral College.

Resolve in favor of the town of Castine.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, to provide for the payment of unused interest on trust funds.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls at Hallowell, to provide for the payment of interest on trust funds deposited in the State treasury.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital for storage house and cold storage plant, repairs on building C and E, washing machine for laundry, fire mains and hydrants, and high pressure pump, accompanied by statement of facts.

Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys at South Portland for permanent improvements and insurance.

Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys at South Portland, for general maintenance.

Passed to be Enacted.

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

Finally Passed.

Resolve in favor of aid in navigation on Levys, Long and Big Lakes, in Washington county.

Resolve in favor of the Machiasport and East Machias Bridge.

Resolve in favor of the town of Whiting.

Resolve in favor of the town of Roque Bluffs.

Resolve in favor of the aid in building bridge across Moose River in Jackman Plantation, in the county of Somerset.

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. (Tabled pending its final passage on motion by Mr. Smith of Preque Isle.)

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Mavbury of Saco, House Document No. 243, bill, an Act prohibiting the shipment of lobsters out of the State during certain months, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Mavbury the bill was referred to the committee on sea and shore fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent, House Document No. 139, bill, an Act relating to the Fort Kent Water Co., extending its charter and ratifying and confirming its organization and proceedings, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Cyr the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Auburn, House Document No. 228, bill, an Act to amend the primary election law and to reduce the number of ballots required to be printed, 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. 47, bill, an Act provide a charter for 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. Gardner of Whiting, Resolve in favor of screening Gardner's Lake, so-called, in Washington county, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Gardner the resolve was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Swift of Augusta, House Document No. 225, bill, an Act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night on public highways and bridges, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Swift the bill was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Spencer of Berwick, House Document No. 224, bill, an Act to provide for distribution of the State school funds, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Spencer the bill was referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Harman of Stonington, bill, an Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to purchasing of text books, was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Harman the bill was referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Harman of Stonington, bill an Act to safeguard the unwary public against certain nuisances was taken from the table, and on further motion by Mr. Harman

the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, resolve in favor of the town of Whitneyville for extra expense in connection with building and repair of bridge across the Machias river, was taken from the table.

In the House this resolve on Feb. 4 was passed to be engrossed, and came from the Senate re-committed in that branch to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Austin the House under a suspension of the rules voted to reconsider the vote whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Austin the House voted to concur with the Senate in the re-commitment of the resolve to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, resolve in favor of a road in Elliotsville Plantation, was taken from the table.

In the House this resolve on Feb. 4 was passed to be engrossed, and came from the Senate in that branch re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Austin the House under a suspension of the rules voted to reconsider the vote whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Austin the House voted to recommit the resolve to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, House Document No. 73, resolve in favor of aid in building a road in New Canada Plantation, with statement of facts, was taken from the table.

In the House this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and came from

the Senate re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Austin, the House under a suspension of the rules voted to reconsider the vote whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Austin the House voted to re-commit the resolve to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, House Document No. 96, resolve in favor of the town of Rockport, was taken from the table.

In the House this resolve was finally passed, and came from the Senate in that branch re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Austin, under a suspension of the rules, the votes were reconsidered whereby this resolve was finally passed and whereby it was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Austin the House voted to re-commit the resolve to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Austin of Phillips, Senate Document No. 66, resolve to repair road from The Forks to Lake Moxie Station, was taken from the table.

In the House this resolve was finally passed, and came from the Senate re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Austin, the votes were reconsidered whereby this resolve was finally passed and whereby it was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Austin the House voted to re-commit the resolve to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven,
Adjourned.