

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

HOUSE

Friday, February 5th, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Evans of Gardiner.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday forenoon, February 9th, at ten o'clock.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

Senate Bills on First Reading.

Senate 27: An Act to appropriate moneys for the payment of salaries fixed by law for the year 1915.

Senate 24: An Act construing Chapter 93 of the Public Laws of 1913, relative to the retirement of veterans of the Civil War in the service of the State.

Senate 23: 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.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented and, on recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees:

Agriculture.

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: Resolve for further improvement in the methods of marketing the farm products and purchasing supplies for the farm, with statement of facts.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Albert of Madawaska: Resolve in favor of the Daughters of Wisdom, for maintenance.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of the Board of Dental Examiners, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Fossett of Portland: Resolve in favor of Edgar S. Fossett, secretary

of the committee on state prison, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Towle of West Gardiner: Petition of Morrill A. Totman and 13 others; of Clara J. Turner and 24 others; of Mrs. Harriet R. Perry and 20 others; of Ellsworth E. Peacock and 15 others; of H. E. Foster and 55 others; of Lillian M. Libby and 58 others; of J. H. Hupper and 18 others; of Winslow L. Robinson and 12 others; of Rev. Rodney F. Johnnot and 76 others; of Rev. Geo. S. Robinson and 53 others; of B. H. Johnson and 14 others; of Mrs. Frances Smiley and six others; of Rev. C. L. Banghart and 46 others; of Rev. Charles H. Temple and 34 others; of Rev. A. D. Paul and 31 others; of Lillian B. Curtis and 44 others of River-view Grange, No. 449; of W. H. Esang and 15 others; of W. R. Pettingill and 37 others; of C. H. Oakes, M. D., and 23 others; and petition of Rev. Charles E. Brooks and 50 others, all in favor of W. C. T. U. Temporary Home for Children at Gardiner, Maine.

Claims.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: Resolve in favor of the town of Castine for reimbursement of money spent in excess of a state road appropriation, with statement of facts.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Castine for reimbursement of money spent in support of Terence O'Riley, a state pauper.

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: Resolve in favor of Samuel D. Erskine, Moses Erskine, Wilbur B. Tibbetts, Elmer H. Boynton and Delbert Fowles, with statement of facts.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Wise of Guilford: An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in the Davis Ponds, in Guilford and Willimantic, in the county of Piscataquis.

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to closed season on black bass in Damariscotta Lake, in the county of Lincoln.

By Mr. Wise of Guilford: An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206

of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Davis Stream and Monson Pond Stream, in the county of Piscataquis.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: An Act to prohibit the use of firearms upon Megunticook Lake and adjacent waters and tributaries, in Knox and Waldo Counties, and upon the shores thereof.

By Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro: Resolve providing for the screening of Jones Pond, in Gouldsboro, Hancock County, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Ryder of Brownville: Resolve to provide for screening the outlet to Schoodic Lake.

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: Petition of M. M. Tracy and 19 others, residents of the State of Maine, asking for a law to prohibit the trapping of bears.

By the same gentleman: Petition of B. F. Kyle and 15 others, residents of Patten, Sherman and vicinity, asking that a law be enacted prohibiting the trapping of bears.

By Mr. Holt of Goldsboro: Petition of H. E. Joy and 13 others, citizens of Maine, asking for the passage of a resident hunter's license law.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Fossett of Portland: Resolve in favor of buoys and lights on Sebago Lake, Songo River, Bay of Naples and Long Lake.

Judiciary.

By Mr. Woodman of Auburn: An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Private and Special Laws of 1875, entitled "An Act to establish a municipal court in the city of Auburn," as amended by Chapter 186 of the Private and Special Laws of the same year, Chapter 51 of the Private and Special Laws of 1881, Chapter 152 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, Chapter 62 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 and Chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: An Act to authorize the town of Millinocket to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

By Mr. Ellis of Gardiner: Petition of Laura B. Darling, President Equal Suffrage League of Gardiner, Maine, in favor of equal suffrage.

Legal Affairs.

By Mr. Plummer of Lisbon: An Act amending Chapter 241 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, entitled "An Act to supply the town of Lisbon with pure water."

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham: An Act requiring reports from property owners in case of fire, and fixing liability of owners under certain conditions.

By the same gentleman: An Act relating to the adjustment and payment of fire losses.

Pensions

By Mr. McIntire of Waterford: Resolve in favor of Alonzo J. Nevers.

By Mr. Carson of Mt. Vernon: Resolve in favor of Sarah A. Robinson of Mt. Vernon, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Perham of Woodstock: Resolve providing a state pension for Arthur H. Murch, with statement of facts.

Railroads and Expresses

By Mr. Gerrish of Greenville: An Act to allow transportation companies to issue free or reduced rate transportation to their employees holding state, county or municipal offices, except such travels as are paid by the State, county or municipality.

By Mr. Sanborn of South Portland: An Act to extend the charter of the Inter-Urban Ferry Company.

By Mr. Tate of Topsham: An Act for the protection of travelers at grade crossings.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: An Act to amend Section ten of Chapter 116 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the compensation of fish wardens.

State Lands and Forest Preservation.

By Mr. Wyman of Kingfield: Resolve to maintain the State Forest Nursery and to encourage reforesting of the waste lands of Maine, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Robinson of Bangor: Resolve for further public instruction in forestry, with statement of facts.

Taxation

By Mr. Greaton of Starks: An Act to repeal Section 16 of Chapter eight of

the Revised Statutes, relating to enumeration of poultry.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend sub-section five of Section six of Chapter nine of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to taxation of live stock.

Towns

By Mr. Lombard of Old Orchard: Petition of Ruel W. Norton and 103 others, asking for passage of bill dividing town of Kennebunkport and incorporating town of North Kennebunkport.

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: Remonstrance of Henry Brown and 27 others against any division of the town of Bristol.

By Mr. Maxwell of Boothbay Harbor: Remonstrance of N. J. Hanna and 51 others, against same.

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: Remonstrance of Frederick Smith and 45 others from South Bristol, against same; also remonstrance of W. P. Fossett and 53 others against same.

Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Nicholas of Eastport: An Act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge.

By Mr. Haraden of Bath: An Act to enable the county of Sagadahoc to rebuild Merrymeeting Bay bridge.

By Mr. Campbell of Island Falls: Resolve in favor of the town of Crystal to aid in the building of a bridge over Fish Stream in said town, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Libby of Merrill: Resolve in favor of the town of Merrill to aid in building a bridge, with statement of facts:

By Mr. McNally of Ashland: Resolve in favor of the Aroostook River bridge, in the town of Ashland, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Wyman of Kingfield: Resolve for aid in building a highway bridge across Carrabassett River in Kingfield Village, in the county of Franklin, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Hart of Holden: Petition of George W. Brewster of Dedham, and 38 others, in favor of improvement of highway from Bangor to Ellsworth

through the towns of Brewer, Holden and Dedham, also petition of J. W. Hart and 25 others, for same.

By Mr. Webb of Cherryfield: Petition of D. C. Smith and 29 others in favor of appropriation for road in the town of Steuben.

By Mr. Wescott of Bluehill: Petition of George L. Leach and 64 others in favor of appropriation for road in town of Penobscot.

By the same gentleman: Petition of M. C. Devereaux and 105 others, in favor of same.

By Mr. Hart of Holden: Petition of H. M. Hart and 51 others for improvement of highway from Bangor to Ellsworth through Brewer, Holden and Dedham; also petition of W. M. Nash and 56 others, in favor of same.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Higgins of Brewer presented the report of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, reporting in a new draft and "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of the People's Ferry Company, for maintenance.

The report was accepted and the resolve was tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Passed to Be Engrossed

House 47: An Act to extend the charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad.

Mr. Plummer of Lisbon: Mr. Speaker, I move that this bill be laid upon the table, and I shall make the same motion with regard to all bills in the third reading until we get a calendar. It seems to me it is inexpedient to pass any of these bills until we have a calendar to refer to.

(The bill was tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon).

House 54: An Act to extend the charter of the Monson Water Company. (Tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon).

House 55: Resolve in favor of the repair of highway in Caratunk Plantation. (Tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon).

House 53: Resolve in favor of construction of road in the town of Mos-

cow. (Tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon). pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon).

House 56: Resolve in favor of repair of the River Road in Pleasant Ridge Plantation, in the county of Somerset, in the part thereof known as the John Rowe Ledge. (Tabled

On motion by Mr. Mullin of Lincolnville,

Adjourned until Tuesday morning, February 9th, 1915, at ten o'clock.