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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

HOUSE.

Friday, February 12, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Broken-shire of Hallowell.

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 16, at 10 o'clock.

The order received a passage in concurrence.

From the Senate: Petition of H. G. Emery and 36 others in favor of investigations of institutions by county commissioners or grand jurors.

In the House this petition was referred to the committee on legal affairs, and comes from the Senate referred in that branch to the committee on judiciary in non-concurrence.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in the reference of the petition to the committee on judiciary.

From the Senate: An Act amendatory of Sections 27 and 28 of Chapter 129 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to corporations for the operation of telegraphs or telephones and other public utilities.

In the House this bill was referred to the committee on telegraphs and telephones, and comes from the Senate recommitted in that branch to the committee on reference of bills, in non-concurrence.

The House voted to recede and concur with the Senate in recommitting the bill to the committee on reference of bills.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the repair of highway in Caratunk Plantation, House Doc. No. 55.

In the House this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton, and in the absence of the party who presented the matter in the House, the resolve was tabled pending concurrent action.

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the River road in Pleasant Ridge plantation, in the county of Somerset, House Doc. No. 56.

In the House this resolve was passed to be engrossed and comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A. (Tabled pending concurrent action on motion by Mr. Connellan of Portland.)

From the Senate: Resolve in favor of the construction of road in the town of Moscow. House Doc. No. 53.

In the House this resolve was passed to be engrossed and comes from the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate Amendment A. (Tabled pending concurrent action on motion by Mr. Pierce of Houlton.)

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

Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: Resolve in favor of St. Joseph's Home for Aged Women, Locust street, Portland, with statement of facts.

Claims.

By Mr. Pollard of Solon: Resolve in favor of the town of Pittsfield, with statement of facts.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of Thomas Hawkins, et al., with statement of facts.

Education.

By Mr. Beal of Cornville: An Act to amend Section 81 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes, relating to academies. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: An Act to repeal an Act to grant powers to school district No. 3 in town of Springfield and all acts amendatory thereto.

By Mr. Fay of Dexter: An Act to establish a normal school to be locat-

ed at Dexter in the county of Penobscot.

By Mr. Connors of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Otto Nelson of Bangor, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Russell of Alfred: Resolve in favor of Limerick Academy, with statement of facts.

Federal Relations.

By Mr. Mullin of Lincolnville: Petition of E. S. Bradford and 63 others for passage of Peace Memorial to Congress; also petition of H. A. Free and 87 others in favor of same.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Jordan of Baileyville: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Baskahegan lake and stream and in Hot brook, a tributary to the stream, and in Schoodic Grand lake, North lake, Brackett lake and their tributaries and the waters between Schoodic Grand lake and Chepenticook lake, situated in the counties of Washington and Aroostook.

By Mr. Gerrish of Greenville: An Act to amend Section 47 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the use of motor boats in hunting sea birds, duck or water fowl.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal certain private and special laws relating to use of motor boats in hunting sea birds, duck and water fowl on the coast of Maine.

By the same gentleman: An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to the hunting of water fowl and other wild birds in Back bay, so called, in Portland.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Chapter 163 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the hunting of water fowl and wild birds in Back bay, Portland.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Section 1 of Chapter 66 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the protection of eider ducks.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Chapter 281 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter

120 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the protection of Golden Eye or Whistler.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Chapter 373 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the protection of ducks in Lincoln county.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal a portion of Section 9 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes.

By the same gentleman: An Act to repeal Section 3 of Chapter 81 of the Public Laws of 1905, relating to the protection of ducks in Merry meeting bay, Eastern river and Kennebec river below the Gardiner and Randolph bridge.

By the same gentleman: Petition of E. O. Welden of Greenville and 15 other citizens of Piscataquis county, for additional closed season on fishing in Rum pond, in T. 8, Range 10, Piscataquis county.

By the same gentleman: Petition of J. M. Drew of Greenville and 16 other citizens of Piscataquis county, asking that the tributaries and Upper and Lower Wilson's ponds, in said county, be closed to all fishing.

Mr. Mr. St. Clair of Calais: Petition of Charles F. Kiefe of Vanceboro and 89 others, citizens of Maine, in favor of a resident hunter's license: also petition of Stephen J. Knowles of Calais and 12 others, citizens of Maine, in favor of same.

Judiciary.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: An Act amending the charter of the city of Lewiston and providing a board of police commissioners. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: An Act to amend Section 37 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, relating to casting vote. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: An Act to incorporate the Centre Lovell Cemetery Association in the town of Lovell.

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes so as to create the trustees of the local Methodist Episcopal churches a corporation.

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to authorize the Maine Water Company to take water from certain lakes in Washington county. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Greenlaw of Presque Isle: An Act to incorporate the Presque Isle Sewerage Company.

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: An Act for the better conservation and protection of public water supplies for domestic use and fire protection. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: An Act to further amend Chapter 204 of the Public Laws of 1856, relating to the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Portland. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Labor.

By Mr. Newell of Turner: Remonstrance of J. Guy Coolidge and four others of Livermore Falls against including mercantile establishments in House Bill No. 2, entitled "An Act relative to the hours of employment of women and minors."

By Mr. Pollard of Solon: Remonstrance of F. C. Clark Co. and others of Madison against same.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: Remonstrance of C. H. McKenzie Mercantile Company and eight others against same.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: An Act to regulate the practice of chiropody. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Fay of Dexter: An Act to incorporate Mount Pleasant Cemetery Corporation.

By Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham: An Act for the erection of a monument to commemorate the old Pilgrim Trading Post at ancient Koussinoc.

By Mr. Thombs of Lincoln: An Act to repeal Chapter 215 the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and amendatory of Chapter 281 of the Private and Special Laws of 1901, relating to Eastern Maine Institute.

By Mr. Lewis of North Haven: An Act to permit the town of North Haven in the county of Knox to prohibit the use of automobiles within the limits of said town. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By the same gentleman: Petition of Avery W. Dyer and 55 others of North Haven in favor of same.

Military Affairs.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the

preservation of the regimental rolls of the War with Spain in the office of the Adjutant General.

By Mr. Littlefield of Wells: Petition of Mary W. Truesdall and others in favor of Knox Memorial Building.

Pensions.

By Mr. Douglass of Webster: Resolve in favor of John French of Lewiston, Maine, with statement of facts.

Portland Delegation

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: An Act to amend section two of Chapter 387 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the tenure of office of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Portland.

By the same gentleman: An Act to establish the offices of Superintendent and Matron of the Portland City Home, and to determine the tenure of office of same.

By Mr. Bonney of Bowdoinham: An Act to amend Section six of Chapter 483 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the tenure of office of the Chief of Police of the City of Portland.

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: An Act to amend Sections one and two of Chapter 369 of the Private and Special Laws of 1909, relating to the tenure of office of the City Electrician of the City of Portland.

Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. Morse of Rumford: An Act to provide for salary for the turnkey or jailor for the county of Oxford.

Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: An Act to amend Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 123 of the Revised Statutes, relating to obstructing officers in the discharge of their duties.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section one of Chapter 113 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to taking smelts in tide waters.

By Mr. Small of Mount Desert: Petition of E. L. Gott and 19 others in favor of a summer close time on the catching of lobsters during July and August in the waters of, between and adjacent to

Bluehill and Frenchman's bays; also petition of Arthur M. Spaulding and 40 others in favor of same; also petition of A. L. Black and 63 others in favor of same; also petition of George W. Trask and 16 others in favor of same; also petition of John E. Bunker and 13 others in favor of same; also petition of A. E. Clement and 28 others in favor of same; also petition of H. S. Hadlock and five others in favor of same; also petition of Leon E. Conary and 28 others in favor of same; also petition of George W. Bulger and 16 others in favor of same; also petition of Leroy G. Jenkins and 35 others in favor of same; also petition of Leslie R. Bunker and five others in favor of same; also petition of R. E. Crane and 35 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Ford of Whitefield: Remonstrance of Henry W. Place and 15 others against the repeal of Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1911, being an Act in relation to the protection of smelts along the coast of Maine, from Casco Bay to Penobscot Bay.

Temperance

By Mr. Connellan of Portland: An Act to amend Section One of Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, relating to nuisances. (Ordered printed and referred.)

Towns

By Mr. Mulligan of Nobleboro: Remonstrance of Sanford Seiders and 23 others against any division of the town of Bristol; also remonstrance of J. W. P. Goudy and 35 others against same.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinockett: Resolve in favor of replanking and repainting bridge East Millinockett and Medway, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Nichols of Eastport: Resolve in favor of State aid for the support of the Eastport bridge.

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: Resolve in favor of the town of Orland, in the county of Hancock, for improvement of Hardscrabble Hill, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve in aid of repairing Mill Cove Bridge, in the town of Robinson, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Jordan of Baileyville: Resolve in favor of Indian Township for the repair of roads and bridges, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Roberts of Portland: Resolve in favor of the construction of a bridge between the cities of Portland and South Portland, with statement of facts. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Ricker of Castine: Resolve in favor of the town of Verona, for aid in repair of a bridge.

By Mr. Michaud of Van Buren: Resolve in favor of building a bridge on Violette Brook in Van Buren, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Tate of Topsham: Remonstrance of George Royal Pulsifer and seven others against the proposed amendment of Chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, relating to bridge between Orr's and Bailey's Islands.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Morrison of Eden, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on judiciary on Thursday, February 25, at 2.00 P. M. for a hearing on the Act permitting the use of automobiles in the town of Mount Desert.

On motion by Mr. Goldthwait of Biddeford, it was

Ordered, That the committee on sea and shore fisheries be given the use of Representatives' Hall on Thursday, February 25, 1915, at 7.00 P. M. for public hearing on House Bill No. 96.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Gerrish from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition of E. F. Edgerly of South Paris and 20 others, asking that Island Pond and tributaries, in Cumberland and Oxford Counties, be closed to all fishing, reported bill, An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Island Pond and its tributaries in the towns of Harrison and Waterford, in the counties of Cumberland and Oxford.

Same gentleman from same com-

mittee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An Act additional to Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Otter pond, in the town of Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland.

Same gentleman from same committee, on petition of John R. Flint and 60 other residents of Monson, reported bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relative to ice fishing in Lake Hebron, in Monson, in the county of Piscataquis.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in certain ponds in Oxford county.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in new draft and "Ought to pass" bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in Androscoggin lake, in the county of Androscoggin and in the county of Kennebec.

Same gentleman from same committee, on petition of H. F. Woodard and 33 other residents of Kennebec county, reported bill, An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to fishing in Jimmy pond, in Litchfield, in Kennebec county, and in the outlet stream of said pond.

Mr. Sanborn from the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An Act conferring jurisdiction to grant judgments declaring citizenship, residence and domicile.

Mr. Campbell from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend Chapter 359 of the Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine for the year 1897, relating to paupers and minors.

Mr. Mulligan from the committee on sea and shore fisheries, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" bill, An

Act to prohibit the fishing for herring in Sheepscot river and its tributaries by use of purse or drag seines, within 2000 feet of any trap or weir.

Mr. Goldthwait from the same committee, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act for the better protection of shell fish within the town of Old Orchard, in the county of York.

Mr. Michaud from the committee on public health, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act in favor of authorizing the town of Richmond to change a burying ground.

Mr. Robinson from the committee on State lands and forest preservation, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve in favor of Herbert W. Stevens.

Mr. Turner from the same committee, reported in a new draft and "ought to pass" Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell and convey a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the public lot at Dennistown plantation, in Somerset county.

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

Mr. Gerrish from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on petition of Philip F. Decormier and 34 others from the town of Standish, relating to the taking of black bass in Sebago lake, reported that the petitioners had leave to withdraw, as the subject matter of said petition is to be incorporated in a bill to be reported later by this committee.

The report was accepted.

Passed to Be Engrossed.

House 105: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes, relative to claims against insolvent estates.

House 107: Resolve in favor of Silbae S. Andrews, for increase of pension.

House 106: Resolve in favor of appropriation for widening the turnpike road in Camden and Lincolnville.

House 108: Resolve in favor of the plantation of Wallagrass.

House 110: Resolve in favor of the plantation of New Canada.

House 109: Resolve in favor of Ernest F. Merrow of Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

Orders of the Day.

On motion by Mr. Fossett of Portland,

unanimous consent was given and that House Bill No. 37 and Senate Bill No. 40. gentleman presented out of order the following order: The order received a passage.

Ordered: That the committee on temperance be given the use of Representatives' hall on Wednesday, February 24, 1915, at 2 P. M., for a public hearing on at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion by Mr. Bourque of Waterville,

Adjourned until Tuesday, February 16,

at 10 o'clock A. M.