

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1915

**HOUSE**

Tuesday, February 16th, 1915.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Phalen of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act amendatory of Sections 27 and 28 of Chapter 29 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to corporations for the operation of telegraphs and telephones and other public utilities.

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

The House voted to reconsider the vote whereby this bill was recommitteed to the committee on reference of bills, and on further motion the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary in concurrence.

**Senate Bills on First Reading**

Senate 63, Resolve appropriating money to complete the replanking of the Wiscasset bridge.

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. Washburn of Perry: Resolve in favor of Frank Francis, representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: Resolve in favor of the Maine Mission for the Deaf, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: Resolve in favor of the secretary of the committee on Indian Affairs to defray expenses of said committee in visiting the reservations at Pleasant Point and Old Town, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Higgins of Brewer: Resolve in favor of the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Messenger, Assistant Messenger, Mail Carrier, First Folder, Assistant Folder,

Doorkeeper and Pages of the 76th Legislature for attendance at the organization of the 77th Legislature.

**Claims.**

By Mr. Grant of St. Albans: Resolve in favor of the town of Harmony, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Ford of Whitefield: Resolve in favor of William F. Mason of Wiscasset, Maine, for pay for Christmas trees, with statement of facts.

**Education.**

By Mr. Lord of Ellsworth: Resolve in favor of Nellie Fletcher with statement of facts.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Charles H. Leland and 85 others, citizens and taxpayers of the city of Ellsworth, remonstrating against the passage of an Act to amend Chapter 177, Public Laws of 1909, relating to the common school fund and its distribution.

By Mr. Holt of Gouldsboro: Petition of F. E. Weston of Winter Harbor and 53 others to remonstrate against an Act to amend Chapter 177, relating to the common school fund.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: An Act to prohibit the snaring of foxes and other wild animals in the towns of Lubec, Trescott, Whiting and Cutler, in the county of Washington.

By Mr. McNally of Ashland: An Act to regulate the taking of frogs from Big Fish lake, Portage lake, Square lake, Eagle lake, Soldier pond, Long lake and connecting streams in Aroostook County.

By Mr. Grant of St. Albans: Resolve providing for the screening of Moose pond, so-called, in Hartland, and in Harmony, in the county of Somerset, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: Petition of A. W. McCorrison and 46 others of Appleton in favor of a bill prohibiting trapping or "digging-out" foxes; also petition of Josiah H. Hobbs and 67 others of Camden in favor of same.

By Mr. Newell of Turner: Petition of William H. Phinney and 46 others in favor of opening Pleasant Pond in the town of Turner, county of Androscoggin, for ice fishing for a period of three years.

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: Petition of J. P. McCurdy and 27 others in favor of enacting a law prohibiting the snaring of foxes and other wild animals in towns of Lubec, Trescott, Whiting and Cutler, county of Washington.

By Mr. Thibodeau of Fort Kent: Petition of Fred Harvey and 28 others for closing Fall Brook for three years.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Fred Harvey and 30 others for closed time on First, Second, Third and Fourth Lakes on Nigger Brook.

By Mr. Currier of Camden: Petition of Charles I. Wiley and 67 others of Camden in favor of a bill prohibiting trapping or "digging out" foxes.

By Mr. Chadbourne of Baldwin: Petition of W. R. Haley and 52 other residents of Sebago Lake and vicinity asking for change in smelt law on Sebago Lake.

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: Petition of Arthur E. Wallace and 36 others in favor of enacting a law prohibiting the snaring of foxes and other wild animals in towns of Lubec, Trescott, Whiting and Cutler, in Washington County.

By Mr. Ryder of Brownville: Petition of L. F. Johnson and 60 others in favor of screening outlet of Schoodic Lake.

By Mr. Pollard of Solon: Remonstrance of Azel Jones and 106 others of Solon and vicinity against the passage of the Act known as the "Resident Hunter's Act."

By Mr. Fay of Dexter: Remonstrance of N. H. Fay of Dexter and 81 others to a resident hunter's license.

By Mr. Welch of Machiasport: Remonstrance of C. Hollis White and 14 others against same; also remonstrance of C. L. Adams and 16 others against same.

#### Interior Waters.

By Mr. Bradbury of Hollis: Petition of J. Burton Roberts of Dayton and 68 others in favor of an Act relating to the Clark Power Company; also petition of F. J. Leavitt of Buxton and 30 others in favor of same.

#### Judiciary.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Portland: An Act to amend Section five of Chapter

63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to rights of married women. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Averill of Prentiss: An Act to incorporate the Grindstone Boom Company.

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: An Act to define and make plain the meaning of Sections two and three of Chapter 328 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to the reconstruction of the eastern span of the Old Town Milford bridge. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Petition of Rev. B. S. Fifield and 45 others in favor of submitting to the people of this State a constitutional amendment giving the right of suffrage to women under the same conditions and limitations as men.

By Mr. McKinley of Jackson: Petition of Mrs. Lela I. Bartlett and 40 others in favor of women's suffrage.

By Mr. Tuttle of Caribou: Petition of Emily Whittier and 30 others of Caribou to give rights of suffrage to women.

#### Labor.

By Mr. Ford of Whitefield: Remonstrance against including "Mercantile establishments" in House Bill No. 2, entitled "An Act relative to the hours of employment of women and minors."

By Mr. Campbell of Island Falls: Remonstrance of M. D. Estes and ten others against same.

#### Legal Affairs.

By Mr. St. Clair of Calais: An Act to amend the charter of the Washington County Light and Power Company as granted by Chapter 129 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913.

#### Pensions.

By Mr. McNally of Ashland: Resolve in favor of Luella Darling for a State pension, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Jameson of Friendship: Resolve in favor of Mary A. Moulton of Cushing, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Wilson of Levant: Resolve in favor of George T. Phillips for State pension, with statement of facts.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Lydia A. Richardson for State pension, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Gallagher of Bangor: Resolve in favor of Mary Harmon of Bangor, with statement of facts.

#### Railroads and Expresses.

By Mr. Pollard of Solon: An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1913, entitled "An Act for the abolishment of grade crossings of railroads." (Ordered printed and referred.)

#### Sea and Shore Fisheries.

By Mr. Welch of Machiasport: Petition of C. L. Kinghorn and 51 others in favor of close time on lobsters in Machias Bay and adjacent waters, in county of Washington.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Portland: An Act to provide for the destruction of dog fish and other members of the shark species in the waters of Maine. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: Petition of Charles Gates and 65 others remonstrating against any change in the present lobster law.

By Mr. Welch of Machiasport: An Act to amend Section one of Chapter 91 of the Public Laws of 1913, to regulate the size of smoked herring boxes.

By the same gentleman: Remonstrance of C. L. Kinghorn and 39 others against any change in present lobster law; also remonstrance of H. G. Myer and 58 others against same.

By Mr. Small of Mount Desert: An Act to repeal Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1911, relating to the protection of smelts along the coast of Maine from Casco Bay to Penobscot Bay. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Welch of Machiasport: An Act establishing a close time on lobsters in Machias Bay and adjacent waters in Washington county.

By Mr. McCurdy of Lubec: Petition of Charles Gates and 64 others in favor of enacting a law prohibiting fishing for lobsters in Cutler waters from June 15 to September 15, in each year.

#### Salaries and Fees.

By Mr. McCarty of Lewiston: An Act to amend Chapter 233 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913, relating to the salary of the judge of the municipal court in the town of Livermore.

#### Ways and Bridges.

By Mr. Pollard of Solon: An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to State highways. (Ordered printed and referred.)

By Mr. Goodwin of Mexico: Resolve for repairing a highway in the town of Upton, with statement of facts.

By Mr. Washburn of Perry: Resolve in favor of repairing road in the town of Cooper, with statement of facts.

#### Reports of Committees.

Mr. Washburn from the committee on agriculture, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act relating to trespass upon grounds of agricultural societies.

Mr. Lewis from the committee on legal affairs, reported "ought to pass" on bill, An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Baker and Spencer Brook Dam and Improvement Company.

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

Mr. Small from the committee on pensions reported "ought to pass" in Resolve in favor of Salathiel D. Seeley of Perry for an increase of pension.

Same gentleman from same committee reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Mary E. Elwell of Chesterville.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Lester Patten.

Mr. Wilkins from the committee on ways and bridges, reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of repairing bridge in Forest City.

Mr. Pollard from the same com-

mittee, reported in a new draft and that it "ought to pass" on Resolve for the building of bridge across Kenduskeag Stream in the town of Corinth, Penobscot county.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and that it "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Machiasport and East Machias bridge.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and that it "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Gardiner and Randolph bridge between Gardiner and Randolph.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported in a new draft and that it "ought to pass" on Resolve for the permanent improvement and repairs of the New Kenduskeag Road in the town of Glenburn.

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

Mr. Washburn from the committee on agriculture, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act requiring all butter offered or exposed for sale or sold to be stamped with the maker's name.

Mr. Small from the committee on pensions, reported "ought not to pass" on bill, An Act to provide for retiring and pensioning employees of State Insane Hospitals and School for Feeble-Minded.

Mr. Wilkins from the committee on ways and bridges, reported "ought not to pass" on Resolve to provide for repair of road leading from Stacyville Station to the east branch of the Penobscot river.

Mr. Pollard from the same committee, reported "ought not to pass" on Resolve in favor of the town of Prentiss.

Same gentleman from same committee, reported, "ought not to pass" on Resolve for rebuilding a section of Marsh Hill in the town of Stockton Springs.

The reports were accepted.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves.

House 120: An Act for the better protection of shell fish within the

town of Old Orchard, in the county of York.

House 121: An Act in favor of authorizing the town of Richmond to change its burying ground.

House 122: An Act to lessen frauds in the name of charity.

House 123: An Act to enlarge the purposes and powers of the Cleveland Concrete Building Block Company. (Tabled pending its third reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon.)

House 124: An Act to prevent pollution of the water of Wilson Lake.

House 132: 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 Hooper Pond and its tributaries in the town of Greene, in the county of Androscoggin.

House 133: An Act additional Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in Little Dyer's Pond, so-called, in the town of Jefferson, in the county of Lincoln.

House 134: 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 the tributaries to Pattee's Pond and a portion of Wilson Brook, a tributary to the outlet to said pond, in Kennebec county.

House 174: An Act to repeal Chapter 53 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907, relating to the driving of automobiles on the Turnpike Road in the towns of Camden and Lincolnville.

House 175: 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.

House 176: An Act conferring jurisdiction to grant judgments declaring citizenship, residence and domicile.

House 177: 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.

House 178: An Act to amend Section two 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.

House 179: 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.

House 180: An Act to amend Section two 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.

House 181: 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.

House 182: An Act to amend Section two of Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1913, relating to ice fishing in Lake Hebron, in Monson, in the county of Piscataquis.

House 183: An Act to amend Section two 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.

House 118: Resolve in favor of Herbert W. Stevens.

House 119: Resolve authorizing the Land Agent to sell and convey a certain lot or parcel of land situated in the public lot of Dennistown Plantation, in Somerset County. (Tabled pending second reading on motion by Mr. Plummer of Lisbon).

House 125: Resolve in aid of navigation on Lewys, Long and Big Lakes in Washington County.

House 126: Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for sleeping rooms for night nurses.

House 127: Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for sun parlors wards C-1 and E-1.

House 128: Resolve in favor of the

Bangor State Hospital for renovation of Wards C-3 and E-3.

House 129: Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for dining rooms.

House 130: Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for maintenance, 1915-1916.

House 131: Resolve in favor of the Bangor State Hospital for stone crusher.

House 172: Resolve in favor of Bryant Libby of Kennebunk.

House 173: Resolve in favor of John S. Gaddis of Kennebunk.

#### Orders of the Day.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, House Document No. 53, Resolve in favor of construction of road in Moscow, I had tabled on Friday last on account of an amendment, and this morning I see that the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton, is here, and I would move that this resolve be now taken from the table, and I would then yield to the gentleman from Bingham.

The motion was agreed to, and the resolve was taken from the table.

The pending question being concurrence with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham the vote was reconsidered whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr. Dutton the House voted to concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. PIERCE of Houlton: Mr. Speaker, I would now like to take from the table House Document No. 55, Resolve in favor of repair of highway in Caratunk Plantation, and for the same reason before stated I would yield to the gentleman from Bingham, Mr. Dutton.

The motion was agreed to and the resolve was taken from the table.

The pending question being concurrence with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham the vote was reconsidered whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by Mr.

Dutton the House voted to concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. CONNELLAN of Portland: Mr. Speaker, for the same reasons as given by the gentleman from Houlton, Mr. Pierce, I move that we take from the table House Document No. 56, Resolve in favor of repair of the River Road in Pleasant Ridge Plantation, and I yield also to the gentleman from Bingham.

The motion was agreed to and the resolve was taken from the table.

The pending question being concurrence with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

On motion by Mr. Dutton of Bingham the vote was reconsidered whereby this resolve was passed to be en-

grossed, and on further motion by Mr. Dutton the House voted to concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendment A.

The resolve was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Thombs of Lincoln, Resolve in favor of bridge across Macwahoc Stream, in Macwahoc Plantation, was taken from the table.

The pending question being the acceptance of the report of the committee, reporting "ought not to pass."

Mr. Thombs moved that the report of the committee be accepted.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Meader of Chelsea,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.