

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

Wednesday, February 5, 1919

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. O'Meara of Augusta.

Paper from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Sunday observance. In the Senate referred to the judiciary committee.

In the House tabled by Mr. Allan of Portland for printing, pending reference in concurrence.

From the Senate: An Act to provide for the building of public wharves and for the establishment of adequate port facilities and for the advancement of commerce. In the Senate referred to the committee on legal affairs.

In the House tabled by Mr. Rounds of Portland for printing, pending reference in concurrence, and 2000 copies ordered printed.

From the Senate: An Act to authorize the Brunswick and Topsham Water District to adjust a claim for overcharge. In the Senate referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. WILSON of Portland: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that this bill should more properly be referred to the public utilities committee, and I move that the House non-concur with the Senate in referring it to the committee on legal affairs, and that it be referred to the committee on public utilities.

A viva voce vote being had the bill was referred to the committee on public utilities in non-concurrence with the action of the Senate.

### **Communication from the State Auditor**

The SPEAKER: The Chair has before it a communication from the state auditor with list of unpaid bills and accounts for which there

is no appropriation. In the Senate this was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. EATON of Rumford: I move you, Mr. Speaker, that we non-concur in the action of the Senate in referring this communication and accompanying bills to the committee on claims and that it be referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know the nature of the bills.

The SPEAKER: The Chair will state to the gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, that it is unable to state.

On motion by Mr. Rounds, it was voted, pending the motion of the gentleman from Rumford, Mr. Eaton, that we non-concur with the Senate and refer the communication and accompanying bills to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, that the communication and bills lie upon the table.

The following bills, resolves and petitions were presented and, upon recommendation of the committee on reference of bills, were referred to the following committees, pending reference to a committee:

#### **Education**

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Petition of A. J. McNaughton and eight others, urging the amendment to the school law so that all contracts for school supplies shall be approved by the superintending school committee and the board of selectmen before the town is liable for payment.

By Mr. Tilden of Hallowell: Petition of Archie D. Cole and 22 others of West Gardiner, praying for same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of B. U. Gordon and 11 others of West Gardiner, for same.

By Mr. Ridlon of Corinna: Petition of Elmer E. Carter and 19 others of the town of Etna, for the same.

#### **Judiciary**

By Mr. Owen of Milo: Petition of C. B. Ramsdell and 22 others of Milo, urging the passage of bill providing for the registration of legislative counsel and agents.

By Mr. Ridlon of Corinna: Petition of W. S. Townsend and three others of the town of Newport, for same.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Petition of C. W. Hayes and six others of Foxcroft, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: Petition of R. E. Packard and six others of Blanchard, for same.

By Mr. Warren of Portland: An Act to extend the powers of the board of county commissioners.

By Mr. Lausier of Biddeford: An Act to amend Section 20 of Chapter 68 of the Revised Statutes, concerning administration granted without bonds under certain conditions.

### Library

By Mr. Jones of Bangor: An Act in relation to records of legislative committees.

By Mr. Forbes of South Paris: An Act relating to detention of books from public libraries.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: An Act to amend the law relating to the establishment of public libraries.

By Mr. Phillips of Bar Harbor: An Act in relation to publications of State departments and institutions.

By Mr. Rowe of Yarmouth: Resolve appropriating money for the purchase of traveling libraries for high schools.

### Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, increasing the salary of the judge of probate of Lincoln county.

### Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor: Petition of H. R. Barlow and 116 others of Boothbay Harbor for the repeal of the lobster license law, and remonstrance against the passage of any law licensing fishing and fishermen.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Reuben S. Brewer and 17 others of Boothbay, for same.

### State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Dutton of Bingham: An Act for the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

### Taxation

By Mr. Allan of Portland: An Act to impose a tax upon the income received from certain forms of intangible prop-

erty and from trades and professions. (2500 copies ordered printed.)

### Towns

By Mr. Smith of Skowhegan: Petition of R. E. Packard and 10 others of Blanchard urging the passage of House Bill No. 2, providing for the election of road commissioners of towns.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Austin T. Stevens and 23 others of Bluehill urging same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Walter C. Bickford and 30 others of Brownfield urging same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of G. M. Williams and eight others of Webster urging same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of A. H. Russ and 18 others of Woodstock urging same.

By Mr. Owen of Milo: Petition of C. B. Ramsdell and 32 others of Milo urging same.

By Mr. Lanpher of Sebec: Petition of A. J. McNaughton and six others of Foxcroft urging same.

By Mr. Ridlon of Corinna: Petition of W. S. Townsend and 64 others of Newport urging same.

By the same gentleman: An Act to establish and maintain signboards at the intersection of towns lines with highways.

### Reports of Committee

Mr. Buzzell from the committee on judiciary reported ought not to pass on bill "An Act to amend Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes relating to title by descent."

Mr. Dolloff from the committee on towns reported same on bill "An Act annexing the town of Grafton in Oxford county to the town of Newry in said county."

Reports were read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Conary from the committee on judiciary on Resolve proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine empowering the Legislature to authorize towns to divide into voting districts for purposes of holding elections, reported same in a new draft, under title of Resolve empowering the Legislature to authorize towns to have more than one voting place, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Cunningham from the committee on State lands and forest preservation, on Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain public lots in St. Francis Plantation in Aroostook county, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

Same gentleman from same committee reported ought to pass on Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in the town of St. Agatha in the county of Aroostook.

Reports were read and accepted and resolves ordered printed under joint rules.

Mr. Storm from the committee on towns, on bill "An Act to provide for the election of road commissioners by towns," reported same in a new draft under title of "An Act to provide for the election of road commissioners of towns," and that it ought to pass.

Report was read and accepted and bill ordered printed under joint rules.

#### First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 88. An Act relative to the taxation of money deposited in banks outside the State.

House 94. Resolve in favor of William R. Roix.

#### Passed to Be Engrossed

House 83. An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of witnesses.

House 84. Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain lots in Madawaska, Aroostook county.

(Tabled by Mr. Baxter of Portland, pending second reading.)

House 85. Resolve authorizing the State land agent to sell certain lots in the town of Fort Kent in Aroostook county.

(Tabled by Mr. Baxter of Portland, pending second reading.)

#### Passed to Be Enacted

An Act to repeal Chapter 288 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the keeping and sale of dynamite, powder and other explosives.

#### Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield it was voted that House Document No. 90, an Act amendatory and

additional to Section 121 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health, be taken from the table; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on public health.

On motion by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 91, an Act additional to Chapter 301 of the Public Laws of 1917, an Act additional to Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on public health.

On motion by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 93, an Act amending Section 9 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to public health; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on public health.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 5, an Act to amend Sections 11 and 13 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to enrollment of voters for primary elections; and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the committee on bills in third reading and tomorrow morning was assigned for its third reading.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Lisbon it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 86, an Act to provide for the registration of resident hunters; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

On motion by Mr. Berry of Waterville, it was voted to take from the table an Act to grant a new charter to the city of Waterville and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was re-tabled pending printing and reference to a committee, and 1000 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table Resolve for an appropri-

tion to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Maine into the Union; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs.

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On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 60, an Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, to increase the clerk hire in certain county offices in Aroostook county; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

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On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 61, an Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, to increase the compensation of the Clerk of Courts in Aroostook county; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

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On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 62, an Act to increase the annual salary of the Register of Deeds of Aroostook county, Southern Registry; and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

On motion by Mr. Bragdon of Perham it was voted to take from the table Resolve to amend Section 38 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes to increase the compensation of the Judge of Probate of Aroostook county; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on salaries and fees.

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On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 58, an Act to provide for the distribution of state school funds available for the support of common schools; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on education.

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On motion by Mr. Allan of Portland, it was voted to take from the table House Document No. 44, an Act to amend Section 21, Chapter 83, Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1917, relative to temporary loans by the county commissioners; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

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On motion by Mr. Eaton of Rumford,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.