

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE

Monday, January 22, 1923.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Perry of Hallowell.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

From the Senate: Bill, An Act relating to the taxation of shares of stock of Trust Companies, organized under the laws of this State, and of Banking Institutions, formed under the laws of the United States, and repealing Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1921.

This was referred to the Committee on Taxation in the House, January 17.

Comes from the Senate, referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking in non-concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Bridgton tabled pending further consideration.

The following bills and resolves were received and upon recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were referred to the following committees:

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Resolve appropriating money for rebuilding steamship sheds at the State Pier.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, tabled pending reference to a committee.

Education

Mr. Baker of Steuben: Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

Inland Fisheries and Game

Mr. Rounds of Portland: An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12 of Chapter 173 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to registration of resident hunters.

Mr. Nevins of Pownal: An Act to amend the first paragraph of Section 38, of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 37, of the Public Laws of 1919, and by Chapter 117 of the Public Laws of 1921, providing for a yearly limit of one deer in all counties of the State.

Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: An Act to amend Section 38, Chapter 8, of the Revised Statutes relating to

the suspension by the Governor of open season for hunting.

Judiciary

Mr. Martin of Augusta: An Act to amend Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 188 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to the regulation of the practice of the system, method or science of healing, known as Osteopathy.

Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes relating to lien on vehicles.

Mr. Maher of Augusta: An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water Company.

Mr. Saunders of Lubec: An Act to amend Section 62 of Chapter 211, Public Laws of 1921, relative to motor vehicles and law of the road.

Mr. Hayes of Chelsea: An Act to repeal Section 31 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes relating to burial permits.

Mr. Martin of Augusta: An Act to amend Section 52 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 34 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration.

Legal Affairs

Mr. Curtis of Brewer: An Act to amend Chapter 386 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled An Act relating to drains and common sewers in the town of Brewer.

Mr. Gamage of South Bristol: An Act to exempt certain property constructed and used for charitable purposes from taxation.

Mr. Hallett of Ashland: An Act to incorporate the Ashland Water and Sewer Company.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes relating to insurance.

Pensions

Mr. Moody of York: Resolve providing a State pension for Marie N. Varrall.

Public Health

Mr. Hale of Portland: An Act to amend Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by Chapter 172 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to the State Department of Health.

Ways and Bridges

Mr. Saunders of Lubec: An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 187 of the Public Laws of 1921, relative to regulating the use of motor driven and animal-drawn vehicles on highways.

Mr. Thomas of Leeds: Resolve in favor of the town of Durham for a road.

Mr. Palmer of Island Falls: Resolve in favor of the Plantation of Macwahoc to reimburse for cost of planking bridge.

Mr. Crafts of Greenville: Resolve in favor of repairing the road from the Canadian Pacific Railroad Depot, in Little Squaw Mountain Township, to the Mooshead State Hatchery, in Big Squaw Mountain Township, in Piscataquis county, with statement of facts.

Mr. Hutchinson of Brunswick: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the permanent improvement of the Mere Point road, so-called, in the town of Brunswick.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton of Caribou, the rules were suspended and that gentleman permitted to introduce out of order bill An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapters 141 and 223 of the Public Laws of 1919, and by Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the rate of interest on Farm Land Loans; and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Houghton from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, to which was referred Resolve appropriating money for the University of Maine for fire escapes, reported same in a new draft, under same title, and that it ought to pass.

The report was accepted; and on motion by Mr. Houghton of Ft. Fairfield, the rules were suspended, the resolve had its two several readings, was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate, under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Holmes from the committee on legal affairs on An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, relating to a police commission for the city of Lewiston, reported that 500 copies be printed and the bill be recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

Report read and accepted, and on

motion by Mr. Holmes of Lewiston, the bill ordered printed and recommitted to the committee on legal affairs.

The committee on elections, to whom was referred the contested election case in the Islesboro class, reported that the committee had carefully examined the original ballots in dispute—36 in number—it having been agreed by the parties and their counsel that Pendleton had 659 and Fernald 642 undisputed, and that of the ballots in dispute Pendleton had 2, Fernald 13, with 21 defective, making the correct count Pendleton 661, Fernald 655, and 21 defective, and recommended that Mr. Fernald's petition be denied.

Report read and accepted.

Orders of the Day

Mr. ROUNDS of Portland: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take from the table the Portland Pier matter. There has been an impression go out through the State that a lot of stuff was not rightly used in the State Pier, and we wish to correct to the members of this Legislature some newspaper statements in regard to this matter.

In early September the State Pier directors went before the Governor and Council—the Deeper Waterways Convention was going to be held in Portland, Maine—and asked to have them go there and be entertained; so the Council voted to go ahead and entertain the Deeper Waterways delegates from all over this country, and we did so. In a way it was found that there were quite a number of newspapers hostile to this State Pier business, so representatives of twenty-six newspapers were invited to go to Portland to this convention, and the expense of all this was \$3,818.96. The city of Portland paid \$2,500. This was done for the purpose of trying to get business for the State of Maine and for the city of Portland—to make business for the State Pier.

Now it says "Chandler's Band, excursion for Atlantic Deeper Waterways Convention, \$73." That was a band that went on the steamer with them when they had this time and the exercises on the State Pier.

"W. B. Moore, traveling expenses, Bath, Augusta, Waterville, Rockland, as speaker \$24 30

"W. B. Moore, traveling expenses. Bar Harbor, Augusta, Waterville, No. Anson.. 37 81
 "Compensation from Nov. 15
 to Dec. 15 250 00

\$312 11

"Frank W. Wardwell, envelopes and cards (not approved by Superintendent of Printing), \$5.43." Those cards were sent out to editors of the different newspapers in this State to be the guests of the State of Maine and the city of Portland. That advertising was sent all over this country to show that we would shortly be ready to do business at the State Pier. "Western Newspaper Union, plate advertising, \$81.89; New York Maritime Register, advertising, \$185," was the next thing. "Frank W. Wardwell, 1500 booklets (not approved by Superintendent of Printing) \$333.74." These were books that were sent all over this country, as an advertisement for the port of Portland State Pier, so that they would have business for the State Pier. "State Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural League, expenses eleven newspaper editors and chartering boat, \$50 for trip on Bay and dinner at Falmouth Hotel, \$66.75, a total, \$482.19." This was for transporting these editors from their homes and back again, including their expenses at the hotel, dinner and steamboat ride. "Casco Bay Lines for steamer for excursion, \$100," was for the Steamer Pilgrim. "Brown for flag decoration for Convention, \$40. Aberthaw Construction Company, building platform at Pier for celebration, \$27.60. Chase Transfer Company, trucking chairs, etc., for celebration, \$58." These exercises were held in the New State Pier shed of the New York Division of the Eastern Steamship Company, and the chairs were hauled from different places by the Chase Transfer Company at an expense of \$58. "Portland Exposition Association, hauling 750 seats and returning for celebration, \$20. Henry F. Merrill for petty cash to pay laborers, \$100." Now you all know that to get a back bill out of the State of Maine takes some time. A longshoreman in Portland, or most anywhere else, works by the day, and when a few hours' work is done, they have to be paid. Mr. Merrill took this money out of his own pocket and paid these bills, keeping account of them, and when the time

came around this was approved by the Governor and Council and it has been paid.

Now "Southworth Brothers for Port of Portland books (not approved by Superintendent State Printing), \$2,000." Those books were sent all over this country, trying to get business for the State Pier. Now you can see that there has been paid out \$3,818.96; but it has been reported by the newspapers, if I am correctly informed, that this bill is still in abeyance and has not been paid. It was paid sometime ago and we supposed that the incident was closed, as everybody expects when bills have been approved, and we continued to suppose so until it was brought out in the newspaper that somebody had been "grafting." Everybody has been paid, and the Governor and Council approved this, as I understand, before it was paid—and had to. Now as for entertainment of newspaper editors, including transportation to and from their homes, that I have gone over before.

Now it has been suggested that there were a good many salaries. Salaries increased in the last thirty days from \$4,432.45 up to \$16,966 a year. The budget committee's report on Page 12—you all have it on your desks—is \$8,600, and the star there says "this is for administration purposes, which is the payroll." Now I will state the correct payroll, giving the names:

"W. B. Moore, publicity, \$57.69 per week." He is hired for about three months to go through the State and tell the people the advantages of the State Pier and what can be done with it and what should be done with it, if the thing goes on. Next, Clarence P. Day, publicity director. He was to be paid \$2,000 for his job and no more; but on account of disagreement with the directorate of the Port of Portland, he was only paid \$1,125, notwithstanding the newspapers see fit to put it \$3,000. H. A. Lloyd, inspector, \$57.69—\$3000 per year. Mr. Lloyd is paid from the Bond Issue of one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and does not get into the payroll at all. It is expected that in about a month he will be through, and that will be the end of that. R. P. Edwards, stenographer, \$1,040 per year; P. Costello, trackman, \$1,404 per year. He was there about four weeks, fixing over the track, and they are done. Annie H.

Carroll, stenographer, \$1.040 per year. She has taken the place of Mrs. Edwards, stenographer. The real payroll is as follows:

Feeney	\$3,000
Miss Lyman	1,300
Mrs. Edwards	1,040
Mr. Flaherty	182
	\$5,522

The budget committee called for \$8,600 on Page 12. Now you can see, gentlemen, that a wrong impression has gone out through this State that the State Pier was costing a good deal of money. We will admit it costs a good deal of money, but we say that it is going to be a great thing for the State of Maine. Where we had no New York boat for two or three years, we now have three trips a week, and from eighteen to twenty cars of Aroostook potatoes from one concern are going to New York from that pier and seed potatoes are going South. We are looking for business and we have got to spend money to look for business, it is no use saying that we have not. If we lay down the pier will rot. We have spent \$1,150,000 and we are asking for \$165,000 more, and for \$165,000 more, we will give you \$9,000 a year extra rent on this thing; so that you can see that you have got to spend thirty or forty thousand dollars to bring it up, anyway, and for this \$165,000, as I have said, you will get \$9,000 a year extra from the Eastern Steamship Company, and in the summer time they have agreed to run a New York boat and a Boston boat and a day boat, as I understand it from the board of directors. Therefore, that is why we are asking for this \$165,000. I thank you.

The SPEAKER: The gentleman from Portland, Mr. Rounds, moves that the resolve taken from the table by him be referred to the committee on appropriations and financial affairs and that 500 copies be printed. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Martin of Augusta presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution requesting the appointment of Hon. William W. Thomas as Minister to Sweden.

Resolved, that the Eighty-first

Legislature of Maine respectfully requests the President to appoint Hon. William W. Thomas of Maine, Minister to Sweden; and further

Resolved, that this resolution be sent to the delegation from Maine in Congress, with a request to lay the same before the President as soon as may be.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Mr. Thomas has already filled this place with signal success, under four administrations, is thoroughly conversant with the Swedish language, has written a standard work upon Sweden and the Swedes, has founded in the back woods of Maine one of the most successful Swedish colonies in America, and he is still, in spite of his years, a man in full vigor and energy of life, has the good will of the Swedish race on both sides of the Atlantic and the unanimous support of the people of Maine for the position to which we now strongly recommend him.

Thereupon the resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, amid the applause of the House.

The SPEAKER: Before we adjourn the Chair wishes to call the attention of the members, and ask those here to pass it on to those who are not here, this fact: That on Thursday last we passed an order, in concurrence with the Senate, limiting the time for the introduction of special and private acts and resolves to February 8. Now there is no reason why you should hold back your resolve or bills. This is as good a time to put them in as any, and if you do it now, it means that we will not be rushed previous to that date. One year ago, we extended the time, which seemed perfectly proper because of the sad ending of our Governor Parkhurst. This year I hope that there will be no one ask that that time be extended. This applies to your resolves relative to charitable and educational institutions, over which there is now some controversy of course, and applies to all acts and resolves of a private nature.

On motion of Mr. Hallett of Ashland,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.