

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

Wednesday, January 31, 1923.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Quimby of Gardiner:

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

**Senate Bills In First Reading**

Senate 13: An act to unite the trustees of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and the trustees of the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

By Mr. Leland of Sangerville: Resolve making an appropriation for the Maine Seed Improvement Association.

By Mr. Goldthwaite of Biddeford: Resolve in favor of Trull Hospital Aid Association of Biddeford.

By Mr. Rogers of Rockland: Resolve in favor of Home for Aged Women at Rockland.

By Mr. Ray of Old Town: Resolve for the maintenance of Old Town Hospital.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Auburn: Resolve in favor of Central Maine General Hospital of Lewiston.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of Augusta General Hospital.

**Claims**

By Mr. Whitney of Corinth: Resolve to reimburse the town of Charleston for State Pension paid to Irving Curtis.

By Mr. Keef of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of Horace White, of Topsfield.

**Education**

By Mr. Edwards of Bethel: Resolve in favor of Gould Academy.

By Mr. McDonald of East Machias:

Resolve in favor of Washington Academy for the sum of \$2500, for maintenance for the year 1923; and the sum of \$1500 for maintenance for the year 1924.

**Inland Fisheries and Game**

By Mr. Stevens of Belgrade: Petition of John Baker, of Oakland, and residents of Piscataquis and Somerset counties, in favor of a resident license law for hunting and fishing, carrying a fee of \$1.15 to be used for the propagation of fish and the protection of game.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Petition of A. E. Trask of Wilton, and other residents of Franklin County in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of John J. Marr of Island Falls and other residents of Aroostook County in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of C. A. Spaulding of Bingham and other residents of Somerset County in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Ellsworth L. Richardson, of Bridgton, and other residents of Cumberland County, in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Judge F. W. Knowlton of Old Town, and other residents of Penobscot in favor of same.

By Mr. O'Connell of Millinocket: Petition of G. H. Tozier, of Hampden, Penobscot County, and other residents of Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties in favor of same.

By Mr. Lamson of So. Portland: Petition of the Norway Fish and Game Association consisting of 250 members in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of T. M. McLaughlin, Supt. M. C. R. R., Bangor and other residents of Penobscot, Aroostook and Cumberland Counties in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Edwin C. Lee and Hugo Wimmer, proprietors of Troutdale cabins, Lake Moxie, and others in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of William Folsom Merrill, Edward F. Merrill, and others in favor of same.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Petition of Forest H. Colby of Bingham and other members of the Pleasant Pond Protective Association, Somerset County, in favor of same.

By Mr. Lamson of So. Portland: Petition of B. L. Hadley and other

residents of Bar Harbor and vicinity, Hancock County, in favor of same

By the same gentleman: Petition of Bert Durgin of The Forks and other residents of Somerset County, in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of H. G. Swett of Weld and other residents of Franklin County in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of N. I. Perkins and other residents of Fryeburg, Oxford County, in favor of same.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Charles L. Harnden of Rangeley and other residents of Rangeley and vicinity, Franklin County, in favor of same.

By Mr. Martin of Augusta: Petition of Members of the Ball Bird Club of Augusta, county of Kennebec, in favor of same.

By Mr. Saunders of Lubec: Petition of William Foley of Lubec and other residents of Washington in favor of same.

By Mr. Conant of Buckfield: Petition of E. L. Stetson of Dixfield and other residents of Oxford County in favor of same.

By Mr. Adams of Liberty: Petition of George B. Paul of Searmont, and other residents of Waldo County, in favor of same.

By Mr. Gagnon of Frenchville: Petition of B. S. Dufour of St. Agatha and other residents of Aroostook County in favor of same.

#### Judiciary

By Mr. Phillips of Orrington: An Act to unite the Preachers' Aid Society of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Preachers' Aid Society of the Eastern Maine Conference of the Methodist church.

By Mr. Stitham of Pittsfield: An Act to change the date of the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court of Somerset County.

By Mr. Nichols of Portland: An Act to amend the Charter of Home for Aged Men.

#### Legal Affairs

By Mr. Oakes of Portland: An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1917 and Chapter 171 of the Public Laws of 1921 relating to the duties of boards of registration of voters. (500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hodgkins of Bangor: An Act to extend the time limit for exercising corporate powers of the Great Pond Railway Company.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: An Act to amend Section 109 of Chapter 16, Section 33 of Chapter 40, Section 52 of Chapter 82 and Section 82 of Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes relating to Armistice Day, November 11th.

By Mr. Atwood of Portland: An Act relating to the Incorporation of The Specialty Club.

#### Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Morse of Bath: An Act to amend Section 38 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Section 38, Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1921, increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate of Sagadahoc county.

#### Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Oakes of Portland: An Act to amend Chapter 211, Section 49 of the Laws of 1921, relative to weight of trucks.

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Whitney of Corinth: Resolve in favor of bridge between Howland and Enfield.

By Mr. Ransdell of Milo: Resolve in favor of the town of Orneville, in the county of Piscataquis, for the repair and maintenance of a highway in said town, with statement of facts.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Medford in the county of Piscataquis for repair and maintenance of road westerly from Hathorn's corner in said town.

By Mr. Wood of Bluehill: Resolve in favor of city of Ellsworth for repair of road.

By Mr. Newcomb of Carmel: Resolve in favor of the town of Carmel to aid in building a road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg to aid in building a road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Levant to aid in building a road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Dixmont to aid in building a road.

By Mr. Leathers of Hermon: Resolve in favor of the town of Hermon to aid in building a road.

By Mr. Conant of Buckfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Buckfield for constructing a road.

By Mr. Winslow of Raymond: An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 319, Public Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 243, Public Laws of 1919, relating to State and County Aid in the construction of highway bridges.

#### Order

On motion by Mr. Gardiner of Gardiner, it was

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that a joint select committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider the recommendations in the report for 1922 of the State Board of Assessors, and report not later than February 20th by bill or otherwise.

#### Reports of Committees

Mr. Saunders from the Committee on Judiciary reported "Ought not to pass" on Bill "An Act to repeal Section 21 of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, relating to burial permits."

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Hale from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to unauthorized advertisements as certified public accountants," reported that 500 copies be printed and bill re-committed to the Committee.

Report read and accepted, the bill ordered printed, and re-committed.

Mr. Phillips from the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs reported "ought to pass" on Resolve in favor of Roy L. Fernald, in payment of counsel fees and disbursements made by him in the contested representative election case from the class towns of Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Wintertport and Frankfort."

Same gentleman from same Committee reported same on Resolve in favor of Joseph A. Pendleton, in payment of counsel fees and disbursements made by him in the contested representative election case from the class towns of Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Wintertport and Frankfort.

Mr. Wing from the Committee on Judiciary reported same on Bill "An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes relating to lien on vehicles."

Reports read and accepted and the bill and resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Siddall from the Committee on Legal Affairs on Bill "An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 129 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, entitled 'An Act to amend the Charter of the York Beach Village Corporation,'" reported same in a new draft under same title and that it "ought to pass."

Report read and accepted and the new draft ordered printed under the joint rules.

#### Passed To Be Engrossed

House 11: An Act to revise, renew, amend and extend the charter of the Lubec and Machias Railway Company.

#### Orders Of The Day

On motion by Mr. Saunders of Lubec, it was voted to take from the table the resolve tabled by that gentleman yesterday in regard to the University of Maine; and on further motion by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on Education, and 500 copies ordered printed.

On motion by Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield, it was voted to take from the table the order tabled by that gentleman yesterday, relative to the State Librarian delivering to new members of the House copies of the "Maine Book;" and that gentleman yielded the floor to Mr. Moody of York.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York, Mr. Moody.

Mr. MOODY of York: Mr. Speaker, of course it is well known that this is a valuable book. There are 1400 copies now in the Library. Two years ago an order was introduced and adopted that each member have a copy, and I thought it would be fair—these books are all paid for—to the members of this House who were not members of the last House that they should have a copy. That is why I introduced the order.

The SPEAKER: And you wish to move its passage.

Mr. MOODY: I do.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Moody of York, the order received passage.

The SPEAKER: The Chair presents the following communication at this time:

Old Town, Maine, Jan. 3rd, 1923.

To the Honorable House of Representatives; Augusta, Maine.

Gentlemen:

This will introduce to you James P. Lewis, a member of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, duly elected November 7th, 1922 to represent the tribe before your Honorable Bodies.

Most respectfully yours,

PERCY A. HURD  
Agent for the Tribe

The SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis is now

in his seat with us in the rear of the hall. (Applause)

The credentials were accepted and placed on file.

The SPEAKER: The Chair at this time announces the committee created under the order introduced by the gentleman from Gardiner, Mr. Gardiner, as follows: Messrs. Gardiner of Gardiner, Story of Washburn, Phillips of Orrington, Bartlett of Waterville and Sanders of Portland.

On motion by Mr. Piper of Jackman Plantation,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.