

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

Tuesday, February 6, 1923.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graham of Randolph.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 26. An Act to amend Section 69 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 58 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the compensation of chief forest fire wardens and their deputies.

Senate 22. An Act to amend Section 70 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 83 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to forest fire fighters in the Maine Forestry District.

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

Agriculture

By Mr. Sturgis of Auburn: Resolve making an appropriation for co-operative agricultural work between the college of agriculture of the University of Maine and the United States Department of Agriculture.

By Mr. Hamilton of Caribou: Resolve in favor of the commissioner of agriculture for carrying out provisions of Chapter 81, of the Public Laws of 1921.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Morse of Bath: Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the committee on State prison for expenses.

By Mr. Moody of York: Resolve in favor of the York hospital in the town of York.

Claims

By Mr. Cherry of Eastport: Resolve making appropriation to reimburse J. P. Hutchison of Eastport for medical supplies furnished the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians.

By Mr. Smith of Ludlow: Resolve in favor of C. W. Marley of Smyrna, Aroostook county, Maine, to reimburse for loss of a horse.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Smyrna to reimburse for support of John Pomeroy.

By Mr. Saunders of Lubec: Resolve to reimburse Kenneth Pressley, Trescott, Washington county, for loss of sheep killed by dogs or wild animals.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Charles Parkinson of Trescott, reimbursing him for loss of sheep killed by dogs or wild animals.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of George H. Townsend for materials furnished for the construction of the central school building for the Maine State School for Girls.

Education

By Mr. Sparrow of Pittston: Resolve in favor of Erskine Academy for general maintenance.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Baker of Steuben: Remonstrance of Irving B. Ray of Harrington and others against An Act making it unlawful to use corn or bait of any kind or contrivance other than decoy birds to entice game birds of any variety within shooting distance.

By Mr. Knight of Turner Center: An Act providing for protection of White Perch in Bear Pond, situated in the town of Hartford, in the county of Oxford, and in the town of Turner in the county of Androscoggin.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of Cobbosseecontee Lake, in the county of Kennebec.

Judiciary

By Mr. Foss of South Berwick: An Act relative to motor vehicles, neutral zone, and to revise and amend Sections 34 and 75 of Chapter 211, of Public Laws of 1921.

By Mr. Brewster of Dexter: An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 80 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to the State Board of Charities and Corrections.

By Mr. Martin of Augusta: Resolve authorizing Michael Burns to bring a suit at law against the State of Maine.

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: An Act to incorporate the Auburn Water District. (1000 copies ordered printed).

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Moody of York: Petition of

Sally M. Cook of York and 61 others in favor of act to restrict the erection of bill boards.

Library

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: Resolve providing for the purchase of "History of Aroostook."

By Mr. Wing of Auburn: Resolve appointing a committee to procure plans and estimates for a State library building.

Mercantile Affairs and Insurance

By Mr. Hale of Portland: An Act to amend Section 122 of Chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to insurance brokers.

Pensions

By Mr. Tilden of Hallowell: Resolve in favor of Ira N. Lovejoy of Hallowell for State pension.

By Mr. Newcomb of Carmel: Resolve in favor of Alonzo E. Peabody for State pension.

By Mr. Curtis of Brewer: Resolve increasing the State pension of Meldon Nealley of Brewer.

By the same gentleman: Resolve increasing the State pension of Catherine Nelligan.

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve for State pension for Rena Cooley.

By the same gentleman: Resolve for State pension for Annie D. McLean.

Public Buildings and Grounds

By Mr. Maher of Augusta: Resolve in favor of the State Park Commission.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Rogers of Rockland: An Act to extend the Charter of the R. & T. Cement Railroad.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Brewster of Dexter: An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Dexter.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: An Act authorizing the town of Eagle Lake to withdraw from the Maine Forestry District.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Arthur Boyle and 97 others in favor of same.

State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories

By Mr. Tilden of Hallowell: An Act to amend Sections 1 and 7 of Chapter 182, Public Laws of 1919

relative to Commitments to the State Reformatory for Men.

By the same gentleman: An Act to amend Section 17 of Chapter 182 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to Competitive Bids in Construction Work for the State Reformatory for Men.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys for improvement of its heating system.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the State School for Boys for maintenance and other purposes.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the State Reformatory for Men for maintenance.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money for the construction and equipment of an Industrial Building at the State Reformatory for Men.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money for the construction of Modern Institutional Buildings at the State Reformatory for Men.

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Baker of Steuben: Resolve in favor of the town of Harrington for aid in rebuilding a bridge and its approaches.

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: Resolve to aid the town of Crawford in building a road.

By Mr. Pendleton of Isleboro: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Prospect.

By Mr. Keef of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of a bridge over the St. Croix river between Vanceboro, Maine and St. Croix, New Brunswick.

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve appropriating money to aid in building a road in Eagle Lake.

By the same gentleman: Resolve to aid the town of Eagle Lake in building Nadeau bridge over Fish river.

By Mr. Granville of Parsonsfield: Resolve to aid the towns of Parsonsfield and Porter in the construction of a bridge.

By Mr. Baker of Steuben: Resolve in favor of the town of Milbridge for aid in repairing a road.

By Mr. Hobbs of Hope: Resolve to aid the town of Hope in replacing the wooden bridge called the Prescott bridge with a steel bridge.

By Mr. Bickford of Brownfield: Resolve to aid the town of Fryeburg in the construction of a road.

By Mr. Rowell of So. Thomaston: Resolve in favor of the town of South Thomaston for aid in improving the road from Wessaweskeag to Spruce Head village.

By Mr. Overlock of Washington: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Union in building a bridge in the county of Knox.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Warren in repair of a road in the county of Knox.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Union in repair of a road in the county of Knox.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Washington in the improvement of a road in the county of Knox.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Conant from the Committee on Agriculture on Bill "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapters 141 and 223 of Public Laws of 1919 and by Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the rate of interest on Farm Land Loans," reported same in a new draft under title of "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 303 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, amount of loan, and the conditions for making the loans," and that it "ought to pass."

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

Mr. Martin, from the committee on Legal Affairs, reported "ought to pass" on Bill "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 48 of the Public Laws of 1919 as further amended by Chapter 101 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to corporations for literary, charitable, educational and other purposes."

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

First Reading of Printed Bills and Resolves

House 36: An Act to amend Chapter 299 of the Private Laws of

1885, relating to the first, tenth and twenty-ninth Maine Regiments Association."

House 40: An Act to extend and amend the Charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

House 41: An Act to relieve the town of Boothbay Harbor from all liability and duty to sell or furnish water for any purpose to a portion of the town of Southport and the inhabitants thereof, by reason of Chapter 203 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903."

House 43: An Act to establish the Kennebunk Municipal Court.

House 35: Emergency Resolve offering a reward for the recovery of the bodies of David F. Brown and Mertley E. Johnson, Game Wardens, who disappeared in November, 1922, and for testimony leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for their death.

Passed to be Engrossed

House 27: An Act to amend the Charter of the Augusta Water District.

House 28: An Act authorizing the town of Harrison to raise money to build a Clock Tower in said town.

House 32: An Act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor School District.

House 34: An Act to increase the amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of Clerk of Courts in Franklin county.

Passed to be Enacted

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.

Orders of the Day

Mr. WING of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, the bill relating to the compensation of justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Courts, the Senate bill, is it printed?

The SPEAKER: It is Senate Document No. 36, already printed.

Mr. WING: And the bill relating to the practice of chiropractic?

The SPEAKER: Already printed, Senate 32, 500 copies each.

On motion by Mr. Winn of Lisbon, that gentleman was granted permission to introduce out of order the following order:

Ordered, that the use of the hall of

the House be granted to the publicity committee on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 20.

The order received passage.

On motion of Mr. Gagnon of Frenchville,

Adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.