

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

Thursday, February 8, 1923.

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McWhorter of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Senate Bills in First Reading

Senate 42: Resolve in favor of Harry P. Hawes, Assistant Secretary of the Senate of the Eightieth Legislature.

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. Wing of Auburn: An Act to amend Section 19 of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the sale of milk.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Hobbs of Hope: An Act prohibiting the hunting, taking or killing of wild bees for a term of five years.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Atwood of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Adjutant General's Department.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve in favor of the Board of Registration of Medicine.

By Mr. Sanders of Portland: Resolve in favor of George A. Dow, Postmaster of the House at the 81st Legislature.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve appropriating money for the Maine School for the Deaf.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve making appropriation in aid of Maine Eye & Ear Infirmary for the fiscal years 1923 and 1924.

Claims

By Mr. Ramsdell of Milo: Resolve in favor of J. L. Martin of Milo.

By Mr. Ludgate of Patten: Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the town of Kingman for support of William Cunard.

By Mr. Johnson of Brownville: Resolve in favor of the town of Abbot.

By Mr. Newcomb of Carmel: Resolve in favor of the town of Newburg.

By Mr. Dunn of No. Yarmouth: Resolve in favor of Harvey P. Libby to reimburse him for loss of buildings and personal property caused by a fire set by R. Blourde, an inmate of the Maine School for Feeble Minded located at Pownal.

By Mr. Gagne of Lewiston: Resolve in favor of the city of Lewiston to reimburse said City for money expended for plans and specifications for an Armory.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Resolve to reimburse the town of Embden for support of a pauper.

By Mr. Dunn of No. Yarmouth: Resolve in favor of Frank H. Hulit to reimburse him for loss of buildings and personal property caused by a fire set by R. Blourde, an inmate of the Maine School for Feeble Minded located at Pownal.

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Resolve in favor of Louis H. Winship.

Education

By Mr. Ludgate of Patten: Resolve in favor of the town of Kingman, Penobscot county, appropriating money for the building of a school-house.

By Mr. Plummer of Bridgton: Resolve in favor of Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, for a deficit in maintenance.

By Mr. Foss of So. Berwick: Resolve in favor of Berwick Academy.

By Mr. Perkins of Orono: Resolve in favor of University of Maine.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Wood of Bluehill: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of the outlet of Walkers Pond, in the towns of Sedgwick and Brooksville, in the county of Hancock.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Resolve to aid in screening Sibley Pond in Canaan in Somerset county.

By Mr. Crafts of Greenville: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of Lake Winnecook, or Unity Pond, in the towns of Burnham and Unity, in the county of Waldo.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An

Act to amend Section 47 of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 196 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to protection of foxes in York county.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Harry E. Lunge, and 200 other residents of York county, in favor of same.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Curtis of Brewer: An Act to amend Chapter 206 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917 entitled "An Act additional to Chapter 174 of the Private and Special Laws of 1902, relating to the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company."

Judiciary

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Petition in favor of "An Act to change the date of the April term of the Supreme Judicial Court of Somerset county."

By Mr. Archibald of Houlton: An Act to amend Chapter 145 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled 'An Act to provide Sewerage in the town of Houlton,' as amended by Chapter 142 of the Private and Special Laws of 1903, and by Chapter 107 of the Private and Special Laws of 1907.

By Mr. Lord of So. Portland: An Act to amend Section 116 of Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, pertaining to the right to kill Dogs.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Holmes of Lewiston: An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 143 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921, relating to the Lewiston City Auditor.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Cummings of Portland: An Act to permit the investigation of the financial affairs of the Portland Water District.

(On motion by Mr. Cummings of Portland, this bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: An Act to amend Section 51 of Chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to trial terms of the Supreme Judicial Court within the county of York.

(500 copies ordered printed)

By the same gentleman: An Act authorizing and empowering the in-

habitants of the town of Kennebunk to create a Sinking Fund and raise money therefor by taxation for the retirement of its "Highway and Grade School House Bonds."

By Mr. Winslow of Raymond: An Act to incorporate Gray Village Corporation.

By Mr. Martin of Augusta: An Act to amend Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to registration of Undertakers.

By Mr. Downing of Bangor: An Act to ratify, affirm and make valid the reorganization of the Parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Bangor.

Library

By Mr. Hamilton of Caribou: Resolve in favor of the purchase of the History and Maps of the people and the town of New Sweden.

By Mr. Hale of Portland: Resolve providing for purchase of "Music and Musicians of Maine."

Pensions

By Mr. Holmes of Lewiston: Resolve providing a State Pension for Mary G. Silk of Lewiston.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: Resolve granting a State Pension to Daniel I. Jenei.

By Mr. Wood of Bluehill: Resolve in favor of State Pension for Mrs. Etta Robinson of Welchville.

Public Health

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: Resolve in favor of Miss Edith L. Soule.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Ray of Old Town: An Act to extend the Charter of Penobscot Valley Gas Company.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: An Act to amend Section 44 of Chapter 217, Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 167, Public Laws of 1917, Laws of 1919, and Chapter 219, Public Laws of 1921, relating to salaries of County Treasurers.

By Mr. Gagne of Lewiston: An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 124 of the Private and Special Laws of the Special Session of 1919, relating to the salaries of Chief of Police and Police Captains of the city of Lewiston.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Ayer of Lincoln: An Act amending Section 45, Chapter 117,

Revised Statutes, as amended in 1917, 1919 and 1921, relating to Clerk Hire in the County Offices.

By Mr. Stevens of Belgrade: An Act to amend Section 45 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to Clerk Hire in the office of Register of Probate in Kennebec County.

By Mr. Ludgate of Patten: An Act to increase the salary of the Judge of Probate for Penobscot county.

By Mr. McIlheron of Lewiston: An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 141 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921, relative to Clerk Hire and compensation of Clerk of the city of Lewiston.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Blaisdell of Sullivan: An Act to establish a close time on Lobsters from Wood Pond Point to a point three miles south of Schoodic Island.

By Mr. Gillespie of Meddybemps: An Act to amend Section 75 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taking of smelts.

By the same gentleman: Petition of Alfred Wilbur and others in favor of same.

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Piper of Jackman Pl: An Act authorizing Caratunk Plantation to withdraw from the Maine Forestry District.

Taxation

By Mr. Ray of Old Town: An Act to amend Paragraph 9, Section 6, Chapter 10, Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 105, Public Laws of 1919, and by Chapter 119, Public Laws of 1921, relating to exemption from taxation of the estates of war veterans.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Taxation and Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Leland of Sangerville: An Act providing a tax upon gasoline and other products used in operating internal combustion engines.

(500 copies ordered printed)

Towns

By Mr. Jordan of Cape Elizabeth: An Act to incorporate the Prout's Neck Village Corporation.

(500 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Foss of South Berwick: An Act providing for the purchase or tak-

ing by process of law the toll bridge between the State of Maine and the state of New Hampshire, extending from South Berwick in said State of Maine and Dover in said State of New Hampshire, in conjunction with the State of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Blaisdell of Sullivan: Resolve in favor of towns of Amherst and Clifton for aid in construction of road around Chick Hill.

By Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle: Resolve in favor of the town of Presque Isle, Aroostook county, for repairing highway.

By Mr. Sparrow of Pittston: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Windsor in completing road.

By Mr. Bartlett of Hanover: Resolve in favor of road in the town of Hanover.

By Mr. Whitney of Corinth: Resolve in favor of the town of Hudson for repair of road.

By Mr. Tilden of Hallowell: Resolve in favor of the city of Hallowell for State highway construction.

By Mr. Adams of Liberty: Resolve appropriating money for road in the town of Knox.

By Mr. Wood of Bluehill: Resolve in favor of the town of Surry.

By Mr. Baker of Steuben: Resolve in favor of the town of Deblois for aid in rebuilding a bridge.

By Mr. Houghton of Fort Fairfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Fort Fairfield for repairing bridge across the Aroostook river.

By Mr. Ranney of Winn: Resolve in favor of bridge over Mattagoodus Stream in Webster Plantation.

By Mr. McDonald of East Machias: Resolve in favor of the East Machias and Machiasport bridge.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Beaver Dam Brook bridge in the town of Wesley.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield: Resolve in favor of the town of Fairfield for the construction and repair of a road.

By Mr. Boulter of Kittery: Resolve in favor of the town of Kittery for construction of a road.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk: Resolve in favor of the town of Kennebunk for a road.

By Mr. Heal of Weston: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the construction of a highway bridge over the thoroughfare between North and Grand Lakes, and between the towns of Orient, in the county of Aroostook, and Posterville, in the county of York and Province of New Brunswick.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid Reed Plantation in repairing road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of the town of Bancroft to repair road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Weston in repairing road.

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Haynesville in repairing bridges.

By Mr. Foss of South Berwick: Resolve in favor of the town of South Berwick.

By Mr. Heal of Weston: Resolve appropriating money to aid the town of Hodgdon in repairing road.

By Mr. Hallett of Ashland: Resolve in favor of bridge over the Aroostook river in the town of Masardis.

By Mr. Wood of Bluehill: Resolve in favor of the town of Bluehill.

By Mr. Bisbee of Damariscotta: Resolve in favor of bridge over Eastern river in the town of Dresden.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Gordon from the committee on agriculture reported ought not to pass on bill An Act providing for the testing of meters used to measure gas, electricity and water service.

Report read and accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Weeks from the committee on judiciary on bill An Act to amend Section 89 of Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relative to dissolution of corporations, reported same in a new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Hale from the committee on legal affairs on bill An Act to recognize the incorporation of the Bath City Hospital and to confirm the validity thereof and of its doings, reported same in a new draft under title of "An Act to validate the incorporation of the Bath City Hospital," and that it ought to pass.

Reports read and accepted, and the new drafts ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Sayward from the committee on claims reported ought to pass on resolve appropriating money to reimburse the town of Alfred for part of cost of bridge.

Mr. Newcomb from the same committee reported same on resolve in favor of Dr. Charles E. Johnson.

Mr. Holmes from the Committee on Legal Affairs reported same on Bill An Act to amend Chapter 216, Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to

incorporation of Parsonsfield Kezar Falls Village Corporation.

Mr. Moody of York from the Committee on Salaries and Fees reported same on Bill An Act to amend Chapter 128, Private and Special Laws of 1921, relating to Clerk Hire in Lewiston Municipal Court.

Reports read and accepted, and the Bills and Resolves ordered printed under the joint rules.

Mr. Hale from the same committee reported same on Bill An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to unauthorized advertisements as certified public accountants.

Report was read and accepted, and the Bill having already been printed, (House Document No. 19) the rules were suspended, and the bill given its two several readings.

First Reading of Printed Bills and

Resolves

House 47: An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 9 of Public Laws of 1919, relating to the salary of the stenographer of Penobscot county Superior Court.

House 48: An Act relating to a winter speed course or way above the Gardiner-Randolph bridge at Farmingdale.

House 50: An Act to amend Paragraph Numbered 1 under Section 1, Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relative to granting of licenses.

House 51: An Act to amend Chapter 95 of the Public Laws of 1917, relative to giving checks or drafts on banks where maker has not sufficient funds.

House 49: Resolve in favor of Marjorie Lee, stenographer to committee on elections.

Passed to be Engrossed

House 44: An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 303 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 amount of loan rate of interest on Farm Land Loans and the general provisions on which the loan is made.

House 45: 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.

Passed to be Enacted

An Act to revive, renew, amend and extend the Charter of the Lubec and Machias Railway Company.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Archibald of Houlton, it was voted to take from the table resolve tabled by that gentleman yesterday referring to the town of Concord for appropriation for the repair of a bridge; and on further motion by the same gentle-

man, the resolve was referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion by Mr. Rounds of Portland, it was voted to take from the table the communication from the Governor, tabled by that gentleman yesterday; and on further motion by the same gentleman the communication was ordered placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Maher of Augusta, Adjourned, until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.