

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Record

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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SENATE

Wednesday, February 7, 1923.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. C. O. Perry of Hallowell.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

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 for Courts in Franklin county.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were received and on recommendation by the committee on reference of bills were referred to the following committees:

Appropriations and Financial Affairs

By Mr. Eaton of Oxford: Resolve in favor of Rupert H. Baxter, Chairman, Recess Committee on Banks and Banking created by the Eightieth Legislature, for expenses of said committee.

Education

By Mr. Brewster of Cumberland: Resolve proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the use of public funds for Sectarian Schools.

(1000 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Allen of York: Resolve in favor of the trustees of North Yarmouth Academy.

Indian Affairs

By Mr. Croxford of Penobscot: Resolve appropriating money for wood and wood hauling for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Clark of Lincoln: An Act closing to all hunting certain territory in Lincoln county to be known as the Lincoln County Game Preserve.

By Mr. Bailey of Penobscot: An Act establishing a game sanctuary in

the city of Bangor and county of Penobscot.

Judiciary

By Mr. Buzzell of Waldo: An Act to amend chapter 157, Public Laws of 1921, relating to registration of voters.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Clark of Lincoln: An Act to amend section 14, chapter 137, Revised Statutes, relating to probation.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Buzzell of Waldo: An Act empowering the Governor to make temporary appointment of United States Senator to fill vacancies.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Bailey of Penobscot: An Act to amend section 35 of chapter 95 Revised Statutes, relating to proceedings to bar action on undischarged mortgage.

By the same senator: An Act to amend section 3 of chapter 9 of the acts of 1919, establishing a Superior Court in the county of Penobscot.

By the same Senator: Resolve authorizing Warren Prouty to bring suit at law against the State of Maine.

By Mr. Phillips of Hancock: An Act to create a board of road commissioners in the town of Mt. Desert.

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Morneau of Androscoggin: An Act to amend chapter 37 of the Private and Special Laws of 1917 relating to a police commissioner for the city of Lewiston.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Croxford of Penobscot: Resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to transfer the title of the State to certain lands in Lakeville Plantation to Carrie M. Tupper.

By Mr. Adams of Kennebec: Remonstrance of F. B. Albee and others against the passage of a bill entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Belgrade Lakes Village Corporation."

By the same Senator: Petition of R. L. Stewart and 53 others in favor of repealing chapter 100 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921 creating the Belgrade Lakes Village Corporation.

Public Health

By Mr. Croxford of Penobscot: An Act to amend section 10 of chapter 172 of the Public Laws of 1919 relating to local health officers.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to amend chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by chapter 172 of the Public Laws of 1919 as amended by chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1921 and to amend chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes as amended relating to the State Department of Health.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to repeal section 43 of chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes relating to local health officers.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Putnam of Washington: An Act to incorporate the Columbia Falls Water Company.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Clark of Lincoln: An Act to amend section 41, chapter 117 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 167 Public Laws of 1917 chapter 214 Public Laws of 1919 and chapter 219 Public Laws of 1921, relating to salaries of sheriffs.

By Mr. Kirschner of Androscoggin: An Act to amend section 45 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes relating to clerk hire in county offices.

Sea and Shore Fisheries

By Mr. Sargent of Hancock: An Act to prohibit the use of beam trawls in the waters of Sedgwick Harbor, known as Benjamin's River.

State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatory

By Mr. Smith of Somerset: Resolve in favor of the State Reformatory for Women.

Temperance

By Mr. Sargent of Hancock: An Act to amend sections 20, 27 and 28 of chapter 127 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 291 Public Laws of 1917 relating to intoxicating liquors.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same Senator: An Act to amend section 45 of chapter 127 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 291, Public Laws of 1921, relating to intoxicating liquors.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Towns

By Mr. Elliot of Knox: An Act to reunite the towns of Owl's Head and South Thomaston.

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Bemis of Somerset: Resolve

in favor of the town of Patten to repair a road.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Allen of York, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House proposing a joint convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending an invitation to the Governor to attend the convention and present such communications as he may be pleased to make.

The secretary conveyed the message and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty with which he was charged.

Bills in First Reading

S. 46: An Act to amend Section 120 of Chapter 16, relating to the appointment of State superintendent of public schools.

Message from the House

A message was received from the House conveyed by the clerk announcing to the Senate that the House concurred in the proposition of a joint convention to be held forthwith in the Hall of the House for the purpose of extending to the Governor an invitation to attend the convention and present such communications as he may be pleased to make.

Thereupon the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House where a joint convention was held.

(For proceedings in joint convention see House report.)

In Senate

Upon the return of the Senate to its Chamber it was called to order by the President.

Bills in First Reading (continued.)

S. 48: An Act to amend Section 10, Chapter 137 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1917 and by Chapter 76 of the Public Laws of 1919, and by Chapter 167 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the appointment of probation officer.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Hinkley from the Committee on Salaries and Fees, on An Act to amend section 5 of chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 170 of the Public Laws of 1917 as amended by chapter 87 of Public Laws of 1921 relating to the salaries of justices of the Supreme

Judicial Court (Senate Doc. No. 11), Reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, tabled pending acceptance of the report.

Passed to be Engrossed

H. 42: Resolve in favor of Harry P. Hawes, assistant secretary of the Senate of the 80th Legislature.

House 24: 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."

House 26: An Act to amend Section 56 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes relating to lien on vehicles.

House 22: 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, Winterport and Frankfort.

House 23: 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, Winterport and Frankfort.

Passed to be Enacted

S. 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.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Allen of York, under suspension of the rules, it was

Ordered, that 3500 copies of the Governor's message on public moneys

for public purposes be printed for the use of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, An Act to amend Section 109 of Chapter 16, as amended, relating to Armistice Day, November 11, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to the committee on legal affairs for the afternoon of Tuesday, February 20, 1923.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, An Act to amend Section 70 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes, to provide transportation for pupils who live on islands on which there are no secondary schools and from which regular transportation lines are established, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on education in concurrence.

On motion by the same senator, An Act to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, as amended by the Public Laws of 1917, relating to elections, ballot boxes in particular, by revising Sections 31, 32, 33 and 34, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Trefethen of Franklin,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.