

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 14, 1923.

Senate called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. H. H. Brown of Augusta.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

House 66. An Act to validate the incorporation of the Bath City Hospital.

House 68. An Act to amend Chapter 216, Private and Special Laws of 1911, relating to incorporation of Parsonsfield Kezar Falls Village Corporation.

House 70. An Act to amend Chapter 128 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921, relating to clerk hire in the Lewiston municipal court.

House 67. Resolve appropriating money to reimburse the town of Alfred for part of cost of bridge.

House 69. Resolve in favor of Dr. Charles E. Johnson of Princeton.

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

Cole Report

By Mr. Eaton of Oxford: An Act to encourage and provide for a system of uniform accounting in cities, towns and village corporations. (500 copies ordered printed).

Judiciary

By Mr. Elliot of Knox: An Act relating to indexes in registries of deeds.

By the same senator: An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Meridian lines and standards of lengths.

By the same senator: An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relative to the records of the register of deeds.

Public Utilities

By Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland: An Act to amend Section 50 of Chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 131 of the Public Laws of 1917, authorizing complaint by a utility against itself, and empowering the

Public Utilities Commission to order refund. (50 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Bailey of Penobscot: An Act to prevent smoking in street railroad cars.

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Elliot of Knox: An Act to amend Section 43 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1916, as amended by the Public Laws of 1919, relating to the compensation of registers of deeds.

By Mr. Cram of Cumberland: An Act to amend Section 18 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes relating to the fees payable to registers of deeds. (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same senator. An act to amend Section 39 of Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes relating to fees to be paid by executor or administrator. (500 copies ordered printed).

Committee Reports

Mr. Eaton from the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, on resolve in favor of Rupert H. Baxter, chairman recess committee on banks and banking created by the 80th Legislature, for expenses of said committee, reported that the same ought to pass.

Report was accepted and the bill tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Cram from the committee on legal affairs, on resolve authorizing and directing the Governor and Council to convey certain land in Monmouth to the town of Monmouth, reported that the same be referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation.

The same senator from the same committee, on resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to transfer the title of the State to certain lands in Lakeville Plantation to Carrie M. Tupper, reported that the same be referred to the committee on State lands and forest preservation.

The reports were accepted and the bills so referred.

Passed to be Engrossed

S. 67: An Act to amend Section 35 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, relating to building of campfires.

House 19. An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, relating to unauthorized advertisements as certified public accountants.

House 47. An Act to amend Section 11 of Chapter 9 of the 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 one of Section 1 of Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relative to the granting of licenses for the sale, lease or exchange of real estate.

House 51. An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 95 of the Public Laws of 1917, relating to giving checks or drafts on banks where the maker has not sufficient funds.

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

Passed to be Enacted

(Emergency Measure)

An Act to extend and amend the charter of the Bangor and Brewer Steam Ferry Company.

This bill carrying the emergency clause required the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Senate. Twenty-seven senators voting in the affirmative and none opposed, the bill was passed to be enacted.

(Emergency Measure)

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."

This bill carrying the emergency clause required the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Senate. Twenty-seven senators voting in the affirmative and none opposed, the bill was passed to be enacted.

(Emergency Measure)

Resolve appropriating money for 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.

This resolve carrying the emergency clause required the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Senate. Twenty-seven senators voting in the affirmative and none opposed, the resolve was finally passed.

An Act to amend Section 56 of Chap-

ter 96 of the Revised Statutes relating to lien on vehicles.

An Act to increase the amount allowed for clerk hire in the office of clerk of courts in Franklin county.

An Act to amend Chapter 399 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the 1st, 10th and 29th Maine Regiments Association.

An Act to amend the charter of the Augusta Water District.

An Act to incorporate the Boothbay Harbor school district.

An Act to authorize the town of Harrison to raise money to build a clock tower in said town.

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.

An Act to amend Section 70 of Chapter 80f 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.

Finally Passed

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

Resolve in favor of Joseph A. Pendleton in payment of counsel fees and disbursements in the contested representative election case from the class towns of Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Winterport and Frankfort.

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.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Cumberland, S. D. 76, An Act to amend Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the registration of undertakers, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator was referred to the committee on legal affairs in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to suggest to the chairmen of the various committees the necessity of reporting as soon as possible upon all bills and resolves upon which hearing has been held, not holding matters

back in committee; and that on matters which have not been heard notice be given at the earliest date possible which is consistent with reasonable notice. If this is done and the work is carried along in this way, it will large-

ly prevent congestion at the end of the session.

On motion by Mr. Elliot of Knox,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning
at 10 o'clock.