

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

Tuesday, February 20, 1923.

Senate called to order by the President.

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

Journal of last Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Communication from the Office of the Secretary of State

A communication was received from the office of the secretary of State, transmitting a list of public acts which have been approved by the Governor.

Ordered placed on file and sent down for concurrence.

The following bills 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 amend Chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1919, as amended by Chapter 203 of the Public Laws of 1921, entitled "An Act to create the Maine Water Power Commission." (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Allen of York: An Act relating to the government of State institutions. (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same senator: An Act to constitute the State superintendent of schools a member, ex-officio, of the board of trustees of the University of Maine.

Judiciary

By Mr. Buzzell of Waldo: An Act to create a State Board of Preliminary Examination and prescribing its powers and duties. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Allen of York: An Act relating to the operation of motor vehicles by persons whose licenses have been revoked in this State. (500 copies ordered printed).

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Cram of Cumberland: An Act relating to children born out of wedlock and to make uniform the law relating thereto. (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same senator: An Act to amend Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to court jurisdiction

of violation of the motor vehicle law and transmission of fines to the highway commission. (500 copies ordered printed).

Public Utilities

By Mr. Eaton of Oxford: An Act relating to the registration and inspection of vessels and providing for safety of navigation on inland waters under the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission Sections 4 to 16, inclusive, of Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes and Chapter 195 of the Laws of 1921 repealed. (500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Wadsworth of Kennebec: An Act relating to the registration and inspection of vessels and providing for safety of navigation on inland waters under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission. Sections 4 to 16, inclusive, of Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes and Chapter 195 of the Laws of 1921 repealed. (500 copies ordered printed).

Public Health

By Mr. Stevens of York: An Act to amend Chapter 197 of the Public Laws of 1917 entitled "An Act to create a State Department of Health."

Temperance

By Mr. Cram of Cumberland: An Act to amend Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes with reference to sale of intoxicating liquors: (500 copies ordered printed).

By the same senator: An Act to amend Chapter 294 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to seizure and forfeiture of vehicles carrying intoxicating liquors intended for illegal sale. (500 copies ordered printed).

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Smith of Somerset: An Act regulating the use of double runner sleds.

On motion by Mr. Bemis of Somerset, by unanimous consent, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby it passed the order introduced by that senator last Friday.

On further motion by the same senator, by unanimous consent, the order was withdrawn.

Orders

On motion by Mr. Buzzell of Waldo, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that wherever changes are proposed in existing laws, both public and private, that all parts of said existing laws that

are to be stricken out, as well as all additions to said laws, be printed in full in the House and Senate documents, in order that members of the Legislature may have before them at all times both the provisions of existing laws as well as the proposed amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills in First Reading

S. 101. An Act to amend Section 58 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 5 of the Public Laws of 1919, relating to forest fire signs.

S. 102. Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison for maintenance and current expenses.

Committee Reports

Mr. Putnam from the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game on remonstrance of Robert A. Davis and 28 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, reported that the same be placed on file.

Mr. Speirs from the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, on 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, reported that legislation thereon is inexpedient.

The reports were accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Brewster from the committee on Legal Affairs, on An Act providing for a Jeweler's Lien (Senate Doc. No. 4), reported the same in a new draft, under the same title, and that it ought to pass.

Mr. Sargent from the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries on An Act to amend Chapter 163, S. L. 1913, relating to a close time on lobsters in the waters of Jonesport and Addison in Washington county, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 172, S. L. 1899 relating to a close time on lobsters in Pigeon Hill Bay in the towns of Milbridge and Steuben, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 121, S. L. 1915, as amended by Chapter 89, S. L. 1917, relating to a close time on lobsters in the waters of

Machias Bay and adjacent waters in the county of Washington, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 380, S. L. 1909 as amended by Chapter 84, S. L. 1915, relating to a close time on lobsters in the bays of the towns of Gouldsboro, Eden, Trenton, Lamoine, Hancock, Sullivan and Sorrento, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 122, S. L. 1915 relating to a close time on lobsters in the waters of Jonesboro and Roque Bluffs in Washington county, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 172, S. L. 1899 as amended by Chapter 259 S. L. of 1903 relating to a close time on lobster traps in the waters of Pigeon Hill Bay, reported that the same ought to pass.

The same Senator from same committee, on An Act to amend Chapter 154, S. L. 1915, relating to a close time on lobsters in the towns of Cutler, Trescott and Lubec, in Washington county, reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were accepted and the bills tabled for printing under the joint rules.

Passed to be Engrossed

H. D. No. 88: Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of rebuilding steamship sheds at the State pier. (On motion by Mr. Ryder of Piscataquis, tabled pending acceptance of report of committee on bills in the second reading.)

H. D. No. 94: An Act to amend section 10 of chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter 127 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to injuries to dams, canals, mill machinery, ponds, engines and electrical fixtures, and the obstruction of bridges and ways.

H. D. 92: An Act establishing the Katahdin Park Game Preserve in the county of Piscataquis.

H. 91: An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 185 of the Private and Special Laws of 1823, relating to the limit of the Endowment Fund of Foxcroft Academy.

H. 92: An Act to amend Section 32 of Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 174

of the Public Laws of 1919 and Chapter 178 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the pollution of certain waters with sawdust and other mill waste.

S. 97: An Act to amend Section 40 of Chapter 117 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 214 of the Public Laws of 1919, and as further amended by Chapter 219 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to compensation of Clerk of Courts of Cumberland county.

S. 98: An Act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 125 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to fees of trial Justices.

S. 99: Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison at Thomaston for the repair of outside buildings.

S. 100: Resolve appropriating money for the purpose of completing the new cell block of the Maine State Prison at Thomaston.

Passed to be Enacted

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

An Act to amend Paragraph numbered 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the granting of licenses for the sale, lease or exchange of Real Estate.

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.

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

An Act to amend Section 76 of Chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1921, relating to the publication of monthly motor vehicle registration lists.

An Act to repeal Section 36 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relating to Forest fire notices.

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.

An Act to regulate the right of way of vehicles at intersecting public ways.

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

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Speirs of Cumberland, An Act providing for the imposition of a specific excise tax upon gasoline and all other fluid internal combustion fuels, except kerosene, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator the bill was referred to the committees on taxation and ways and bridges, jointly.

On motion by Mr. Cram of Cumberland, An Act to require gravel construction of roads, except in cases where a different type is especially authorized, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same senator, the bill was referred to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence.

Mr. ALLEN of York: Mr. President, may I be permitted to make a statement in regard to the gasoline bill just taken from the table and referred to the committees on taxation and ways and bridges.

By general consent it has been agreed that this bill be taken up tomorrow afternoon with the other three gasoline bills. I say this so that all may have notice of it, if there is no objection.

On motion by Mr. Spencer of York, Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.