

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

Thursday, February 7, 1929

Senate called to order by the President pro tempore.

Prayer by the Rev. A. W. Brown of Gardiner

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

House Bills in First Reading

An act to incorporate the Paris Village Corporation. (H. D. 155)

An act to provide for the designation of the ballot to be printed on both sides when folded. (H. D. 143)

Resolve in favor of Miss Isabelle Willett. (H. D. 154)

Resolve for teacher's pension for Etta M. Patten. (H. D. 153)

Resolve to provide for a pension for John W. Fish of Union. (H. D. 152)

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

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Greenleaf of Androscoggin: petition of Harry L. Pulsifer and 66 others in favor of the repeal of the fox trapping law in Androscoggin County. (S. P. 338)

Sent down for concurrence.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Page of Somerset: An act to prohibit the erection of any dam. (S. P. 339)

Sent down for concurrence.

Judiciary

By Mr. Oakes of Cumberland: eighteen petitions in favor of bill, An act to register and license barbers and create a Board of Barber Examiners. (Senate Papers 340 to 357 inclusive)

By Mr. Spear of Cumberland: two petitions in favor of the same. (S. P. 358 and 359)

By Mr. Martin of Kennebec: An act relating to the powers of the State Highway Police. (S. P. 360)

(On motion by Mr. Slocum of Cumberland, tabled pending reference)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Murchie of Washington: An act providing for inspection, registration and safety of vessels engaged in inland navigation under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission. (S. P. 361)

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Sent down for concurrence.

Towns

By Mr. Page of Somerset: An act to repeal the organization of the plantation of Long Pond. (S. P. 362)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Sent down for concurrence.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Martin from the Committee on Judiciary, on bill An act relating to the expenses of the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. (S. P. 51) (S. D. 31) reported the same in a new draft, under the same title (S. P. 363) and that it ought to pass.

The report was read and accepted and the bill laid upon the table for printing under the joint rules.

Mr. Weeks, from the same Committee, on bill An act relating to the fees to be paid by executor or administrator. (S. D. 33) reported that the same ought to pass.

Mr. Weatherbee, from the Committee on Public Utilities, on bill An act to create York Water District (S. D. 25) reported that the same ought to pass.

The reports were severally read and accepted, the bills read once and tomorrow assigned.

Passed to Be Engrossed

An act relative to the bringing of actions for injuries causing immediate death. (H. D. 16.)

An act relating to the annual payments to the Kennebec Law Library (H. D. 27.)

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Page of Somerset, the Senate voted to take from the table An act relating to highway crossings of railroads. (S. P. 155), tabled by that Senator on January 31st pending reference and printing; and on further motion by the same Senator unanimous consent was granted that Senator to withdraw the bill.

On motion by Mr. Weatherbee of Penobscot, the Senate voted to take from the table An act to extend the charter of Patten Water and Power Company, (H. P. 333), tabled by that Senator on January 31st pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington County to create a sinking fund for the purpose of retiring bonds issued in accordance with the terms of Chapter 88 of the Private and Special Laws of 1927. (S. P. 215), tabled by that Senator on February 5th pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator the bill was referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act of Eminent Domain to electric power companies doing public utility business. (H. D. 182), tabled by that Senator on February 5th pending reference; and on further motion by the same Senator it was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities.

On motion by Mr. Murchie of Washington, the Senate voted to take from the table, An act relating to the consolidation of corporations. (H. D. 120), tabled by that Senator on February 5th pending reference.

Mr. MURCHIE of Washington: Mr. President, I move that this bill be referred to the joint committees on Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters, to which the power bills have been referred, and I will say that my reason for the motion is that this bill provides for the consolidation of corporations under the general law. In accordance with its terms, corporations may consolidate and upon consolidation will possess all the rights, privileges, powers, franchises and immunities, of a public as well as of a private nature, of each of the corporations consolidated. It is stated to be a fact that there are corporations in Maine engaged in the public utility business which have the right to export power regardless of the Fernald Law. If this bill should pass in its present form such a consolidation of corporations would give them all that right. It seems to me that this matter should naturally be handled by the same committee that has the export matter in charge.

The PRESIDENT pro tem: The Chair will state that in the House this matter was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The Senator from Washington, Senator Murchie, moves that this bill be referred in non-concurrence to the committees of Public Utilities, Judiciary and Interior Waters. Is this the pleasure of the Senate?

The motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Campbell of Washington,

Adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.