

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

Legislative Record

OF THE

Eighty-Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1931

KENNEBEC JOURNAL COMPANY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

HOUSE

Tuesday, January 27, 1931

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

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Pressey of Augusta.

Journal of the previous session read and approved.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

From the Senate: Bill an act to prevent the polluting of the waters of the West Basin of China Lake. (S. P. 96).

Comes from the Senate referred to the Committee on Public Health.

In the House on motion of Mr. Owen of Vassalboro, tabled pending reference in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

The Speaker: The Chair presents the credentials of the member-elect from the Penobscot Tribe of Indians which the Clerk will read. Old Town, Maine, Jan. 20, 1931. To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

This is to certify that James P. Lewis, at an election held at Indian Island, Old Town, Maine, on May 4th, 1930 was duly elected a member of the Maine Legislature as representative of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians for 1931-1932.

(Signed) JUSTIN E. GOVE,

Agent

The SPEAKER: The House hears the message and the Chair will assign to the member of the Penobscot Tribe, Mr. Lewis, Seat 150, and the Messenger will conduct him to his seat.

As the member was conducted to his seat the members of the House rose and applauded.

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

Appropriations And Financial Affairs

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Resolve in favor of the Block House at Fort Kent (H. P. No. 160).

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Resolve in favor of the Commissioners of Pharmacy (H. P. No. 161) (Tabled by Mr. Carleton of Portland pending reference).

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute for maintainance (H. P. No. 162)

Claims

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: Resolve for payment to Miss Adrienne Michaud of \$684. (H. P. No. 163).

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of M. J. Pelletier, of Fort Kent, for burial expenses of Frank Powers, a person having no settlement in the State (H. P. No. 164).

By Mr. Bussey of Dixmont: Resolve to reimburse the town of Etna for support of Arthur M. Clowley and family, paupers whose settlement cannot be determined (H. P. No. 165).

By Mr. Briggs of Caribou: Resolve to reimburse the town of Caribou for support of Ranse McFarlin, a State pauper (H. P. No. 166).

By Mr. Davis of Old Town: Resolve to reimburse the city of Old Town for support of State paupers (H. P. No. 167)

By Mr. Fernald of Winterport: Resolve in favor of the heirs of Cyrenus B. Downes (H. P. No. 168).

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: Resolve to reimburse the plantation of Stacyville for support of Edna May Grant and children State paupers (H. P. No. 169).

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: Resolve in favor of G. W. Q. Perham, of Woodstock, for supplies furnished Indians while in quarantine (H. P. No. 170).

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: Resolve in favor of Eugene H. Flint, of Monson (H. P. No. 171).

By Mr. Snow of Bluehill: Resolve in favor of Howard F. Dollars, compensating him for damages (H. P. No. 172).

By Mr. Tompkins of Bridgewater: Resolve to reimburse the town of Blaine for assistance to Mitchell Soctomah and family, Indians, (H. P. No. 173).

By the same gentleman: Resolve to reimburse the town of Monticello for support of Sate paupers (H. P. No. 174).

By Mr. White of Crystal: Resolve

in favor of the town of Island Falls (H. P. No. 175).

By the same gentleman: Resolve in favor of Maurice B. Gould, of Sherman Mills (H. P. No. 176).

Education

By Mr. Bailey of Whitefield: Resolve providing for a teacher's pension for Fannie E. Keene of Waldoboro (H. P. No. 177).

By Mrs. Day of Gorham: Resolve in favor of granting teacher's pension to Cora B. Crabtree of Vinalhaven (H. P. No. 178).

By Mr. Patterson of Freeport: Resolve providing for a State pension for Emma O. Kilby (H. P. No. 179).

Inland Fisheries and Game

By Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin: Petition of Leight V. Coffin and others in favor of taking smelts in Gouldsboro (H. P. No. 180).

By Mr. Clarke of Cooper: An act relating to closed season on deer in Washington County (H. P. No. 181).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Crane of Machias: An act prohibiting the shooting of wild birds and waterfowl on Simpson's Pond, in Roque Bluffs (H. P. No. 182).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Farris of Augusta: An act relating to the taking of smelts in the tributaries of Three Mile Pond (H. P. No. 183).

(500 copies ordered printed)

By Mr. Lizotte of Lewiston: An act relating to special fish and game privileges for permanent employees and soldiers of the National Soldiers' Home (H. P. No. 184).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: An act relating to fishing in the big Magalloway River (H. P. No. 185).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By the same gentleman: An act relating to trapping on the Rangeley Game Preserve (H. P. No. 186).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By the same gentleman: An act relating to fishing in Spring Stream, in Peru (H. P. No. 187).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By the same gentleman: An act

to regulate fishing in Swift River tributaries (H. P. No. 188).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: An act closing Dry Pond to hunting (H. P. No. 189).

(500 copies ordered printed).

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: An act to open Jacquity Pond and Peters Pond, in Piscataquis County, to ice fishing (H. P. No. 190)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Wright of Bath: An Act to close Duck Pond, known as Meeting House Pond, and Sprague's Pond, in Phippsburg, to ice fishing (H. P. 191)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Clarke of Cooper: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of the outlet of Boyden's Lake, in the town of Perry, in the county of Washington (H. P. 192)

By Mr. Holbrook of Vanceboro: Resolve in favor of Charles Huff, of Topsfield (H. P. 193)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: Resolve in favor of building and equipping a feeding station, or rearing pools for fish, in Rumford in the county of Oxford (H. P. 194)

By the same gentleman: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of the outlet of Roxbury Pond, in the towns of Roxbury and Byron, in the county of Oxford (H. P. 195)

By Mr. Owen of Vassalboro: Resolve appropriating money to aid in the screening of the outlet of China Lake, in the towns of China and Vassalboro, in the county of Kennebec (H. P. 196)

On motion by Mr. Williams of Falmouth, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby it referred to committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, H. P. 162, resolve in favor of Pennell Institute for maintenance; and on further motion by the same gentleman the House voted to table the resolve, pending reference.

Reception of bills and resolves continued.

Interior Waters

By Mr. Farris of Augusta: An act to change the name of Three Cornered Pond in the city of Augusta, Maine, to Three Cornered Lake (H. P. 197)

Judiciary

By Mr. Briggs of Caribou: An act to authorize the county of Aroostook to build a jail at Caribou in said County (H. P. 198)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren: Petition of George J. Keegan and 58 others in favor of same (H. P. 199)

(Tabled by Mr. Gagnon of Van Buren pending reference.)

By Mr. Jack of Lisbon: An act to provide for the general up-keep, enlargement, and betterment of the Law Library in the county of Androscoggin (H. P. 200)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Tompkins of Houlton: An act to authorize the county of Aroostook to enlarge and repair the County Jail at Houlton (H. P. 201)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mrs. Day of Gorham: An act relating to primary nominations (H. P. 202)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Tompkins of Houlton: An act relating to certified copies of certain records in county of Aroostook (H. P. 203)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. MacPherson of Easton: An act relating to employment of unlicensed chauffeurs. (H. P. 204)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to collision and unattended vehicles (H. P. 205)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to unattended motor vehicles (H. P. 206)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act prohibiting unattended live stock being allowed on the highway (H. P. 207)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act relating to liability to guest riders (H. P. 208)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Morrill of Gray: An act relating to identification of criminals (H. P. 209)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Legal Affairs

By Mr. Goudy of South Portland: An act relating to powers of constables (H. P. 210)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By the same gentleman: An act regulating the use, handling, stor-

age and sale of flammable liquids (H. P. 211)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Plummer of Portland: An act to amend the charter of the city of Portland (H. P. 212)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Smith of Waterboro: An act to amend the form of standard policy (H. P. 213)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Duquette of Biddeford: An act to abolish the Common Council of the city of Biddeford (H. P. 214)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: An act to increase suit limit time on real estate taxes to two years (H. P. 215)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

By Mr. Audibert of Fort Kent: An act to increase the powers of the Fort Kent Village Corporation (H. P. 216)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Maine Publicity

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: An act to designate the State Highway leading from Brunswick through Jackman to the Canadian line as The Arnold Trail. (H. P. No. 217)

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Manufactures

By Mr. Lancaster of Canaan: Resolve in favor of Maine Delegation in Congress to prohibit the importation of pulpwood from Soviet Russia (H. P. No. 218).

(500 copies ordered printed.)

Pensions

By Mr. Ashby of Fort Fairfield: Resolve in favor of George N. Drost (H. P. 219)

By Mr. Varney of South Berwick: Resolve providing for a State pension for Cora B. Young, of South Berwick. (H. P. No. 220)

By Mr. Thompson of Belfast: Resolve providing for a State pension for Roxey C. Harvey of Belfast. (H. P. No. 221)

Public Buildings and Grounds

By Mr. Farris of Augusta: Resolve for the purpose of constructing sidewalk and grading in front of the State House grounds. (H. P. No. 222)

Public Utilities

By Mr. Harrington of Patten: An act to extend the charter of the Patten Water and Power Company. (H. P. No. 223)

By Mr. Snow of Bluehill: An act to extend the charter of the Bluehill Water Company. (H. P. No. 224)

Salaries and Fees

By Mr. Farris of Augusta: An act to increase the salary of the County Commissioners for the county of Kennebec. (H. P. No. 225)

By Mr. Friend of Skowhegan: An act to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Somerset County. (H. P. No. 226)

By Mr. Rounds of Portland: An act to increase the amount to be paid for clerk hire in the office of Register of Deeds, in the county of Cumberland. (H. P. No. 227)

By Mr. Tompkins of Houlton: An act relating to the salaries of the Judge and Recorder of the Houlton Municipal Court. (H. P. No. 228)

State Lands and Forest Preservation

By Mr. Burns of Eagle Lake: Resolve in favor of William H. Soucia. (H. P. No. 229)

By the same gentleman: Resolve authorizing the Forest Commissioner to sell lands in St. Francis Plantation, Aroostook County (H. P. No. 230)

By Mr. Sterling of Caratunk: An act relating to the suspension by the Governor of open season for fishing and hunting. (H. P. No. 231)

(500 copies ordered printed)

State School for Boys, State School for Girls and State Reformatories

By Mr. Friend of Skowhegan: An act relating to the care of children of women committed to the Reformatory for Women. (H. P. No. 232)

Taxation

By Mr. Rogers of Greenville: An act relating to the excise tax on motor vehicles. (H. P. No. 233)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Towns

By Mr. White of Dyer Brook: An act relating to a road in the town of Ludlow. (H. P. No. 234)

(500 copies ordered printed)

Ways and Bridges

By Mr. Fernald of Winterport: An act relating to road construction in the town of Islesboro. (H. P. No. 235)

By Mr. MacKinnon of Mexico: An act relating to the Dixfield-Peru Bridge. (H. P. No. 236)

Mr. PLUMMER of Portland: Mr. Speaker, do I understand that the

act to amend the form of standard policy, H. P. 213 was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs.

The SPEAKER: The Chair is informed that the bill was introduced by Mr. Smith of Waterboro, and at his request was referred to that committee.

Mr. PLUMMER: I think there is no question, Mr. Speaker, but that bill should be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance, and I move to table it.

Thereupon, on motion by Mr. Plummer of Portland, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby this bill was referred to the committee on Legal Affairs; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was tabled pending reference.

Orders

Mr. Wright of Bath presented the following order and moved its passage:

The members of the House of Representatives having learned with regret of the unfortunate accident recently suffered by the gentleman from Sebasco, the Honorable Freeman H. Merritt,

Be it ordered, that the sympathy of the members of the House of Representatives, and their wishes for a speedy recovery and early return, be conveyed to the gentleman from Sebasco,

And be it further ordered, that an attested copy of this order be borne by the Messenger of the House to the honorable gentleman.

The order received passage.

On motion by Mr. Littlefield of Monroe, it was

Ordered, that the Secretary of State deliver to the Clerk of the House one copy of the interleaf Revised Statutes.

On motion by Mr. Perham of Paris, it was

Ordered, that 500 copies be printed of House Paper No. 5, being an act relating to payment of damages done by dogs or wild animals to domestic animals.

Mr. Rounds of Portland presented the following order and moved its passage:

Whereas a former inmate of the hospital for the insane at Augusta in the State of Maine has informed me that certain cruelties have been

and are continually being practiced on the inmates of that institution, and that they have been and are continually and unreasonably deprived of fruits and other foods for which they have funds to pay, and have been refused the privilege of reasonably communicating with their relatives and friends by mail and by telephone about such abuses, and are unduly and unreasonably deprived of the company and comfort of their friends and relatives and of medical attendance for long periods of time, and that certain large quantities of crops raised by the inmates of that institution have been allowed to go to waste by reason of the negligence of the supervising officer of that institution, and that certain valuable tools belonging to that institution have either been lost or stolen for want of care by the supervising officer of that institution, and that I have reasonable cause to believe that these charges are true;

Now then be it ordered, the Senate concurring, that the Speaker of the House shall appoint a committee of five members of the House, and the President of the Senate shall appoint three members, for the purpose of investigating the State hospital for the purpose of determining the truth of said charges, and they shall sit as a court of inquiry and shall have the power and right to hold hearings, summon and swear witnesses and report their recommendations and findings to this Legislature; and there shall be an appropriation of two thousand dollars to defray expenses of said investigation.

On motion by Mr. Burkett of Portland, the order was tabled pending passage.

Orders of the Day

On motion by Mr. Fernald of Winterport, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby on Wednesday, January 21, it referred House Paper 69, resolve in favor of the town of Stockton Springs, to the committee on Ways and Bridges; and on further action by the same gentleman the resolve was referred to the committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Snow of Bluehill, the House voted to reconsider its action whereby on Thursday, January 22nd it referred House Pa-

per 102, an act relating to fishing in inland waters in the town of Surry, Hancock County, Maine to the committee on Inland Fisheries and Game; and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was referred to the committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries.

On motion by Mr. Blaisdell of Franklin, that gentleman was given unanimous consent to introduce out of order and under suspension of the rules the following Joint Resolutions:

STATE OF MAINE

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE 85th LEGISLATURE

On the death of Hiram W. Ricker, Sr.

WHEREAS in the death of Hiram W. Ricker, Sr., the State of Maine has lost the services and the wise counsel of a citizen of all Maine, for he belonged not to the Town of Poland, not to the County of Androscoggin, but to the entire State, in whose interest he devoted unselfish, untiring and constructive effort, with never a thought of self or expectation of reward other than the satisfaction of rendering service for the general development of his State.

BE IT RESOLVED that Maine will long reap the benefits of his intense interest and ceaseless activity in behalf of the State. He leaves behind him a host of friends and admirers who will feel an ever growing loss with the passage of time. Surely the world is a better place for his having lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an engrossed copy of these joint resolutions be sent by the Secretary of State to the members of Mr. Ricker's family.

The SPEAKER: If it be the pleasure of the House to adopt the resolutions, will the House do so by a rising vote?

Thereupon the resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Portland,
Adjourned until tomorrow morning.