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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Hill of Portland—Petition of Nancy E. Skillings of Peak's Island and 66 others that such enactments be provided as will raise the age of protection for girls from 14 years to 18.

By Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick—Petition of Mrs. B. S. Goodwin and 35 others of South Berwick for same.

By Mr. Ames of Jefferson—Petition of Mrs. Laura E. Turner and 20 others asking the right to the ballot; of Mrs. Eva Bond and 63 others of Jefferson for same.

By Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick—Petition of Mrs. Mary Ferguson and 30 others of South Berwick for such enactments as will allow women the right to the ballot in municipal elections.

By Mr. Longley of Old Town—Petition of Edna E. Lamb and others of Lincolnville for same; of Sarah A. Clark and others of Stetson for same; of Mary E. Bagley and others of Troy for same; of G. B. Mitchell and others of Stillwater for same.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Bill an act additional to section 21 of the Revised Statutes, chapter 64, relating to the removal of executors and administrators; bill an act to amend section 5 and section 21 of chapter 95 of Revised Statutes in relation to waste and trespass on real estate; bill an act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act to amend section 28 of chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes relating to assault and battery.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—An act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 1 of chapter 155 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the descent of real estate.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Bill an act to amend section 3 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, relating to pauper settlements.

By Mr. Pearl of Bangor—Bill an act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of highways.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Petition of George Fisher, president of the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company in relation to issuing of bonds to be guaranteed by the Maine Central Railroad Company, with accompanying bill.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Bill an act to authorize the city of Eastport to issue bonds.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Petition of A. S. Martin and 131 others to amend chapter 34, Revised Statutes, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act to confirm and legalize the organization of the corporation of the Portland and Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Company and make valid certain acts of the same.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to amend section 73 of chapter 82, Revised Statutes, relating to the fees of referees.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Petition of Samuel L. Lord, mayor of Saco, and 28 others for aid for Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland.

By Mr. Littlefield of Belfast—Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine; also in aid of said resolve, petition of John Lovejoy of Rockland and 32 others; of Cyrus S. Tucker of Norway and 17 others; of John G. Brooks of Belfast and 25 others; of A. S. McPeters of Old Town and 54 others; of H. Davidson and 19 others; of Matilda Burleigh of South Berwick and 55 others; of Jane P. Pendleton of Searsport and 27 others; of J. A. Clark of Caribou and 25 others; of Samuel L. Lord of Saco and 28 others; of Charles H. Hooper of Castine and 32 others; of Jesse Prentiss of Milford and 19 others; of George W. Field of Bangor and 25 others; of Frank M. Burdette of Calais and 20 others; of Horatio D. Crie of Criehaven and 12 others; of A. W. King of Ellsworth and 64 others; of A. E. Erickson of Swansville and 26 others; of George Cary of Houlton and 26 others; of William Dobson of Pittsfield and 12 others; of James Pulsifer of Auburn and 15

others; of W. H. Wildes of Skowhegan and 23 others; of W. B. Arnold and 24 others.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of C. M. Waterhouse and 38 others in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

By Mr. Durgin of Orono—Petition of H. A. Philbrook and 20 others of Orono in favor of an appropriation in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Dudley of Brookton—Petition of selectmen of Forest City for appropriation to aid building one-half of bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of A. B. Winslow and 106 others of Westbrook in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad; petition of A. D. Decellis and 112 others for same.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Bill an act authorizing the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railway in the city of Bangor.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Gagnon of Frenchville—Resolve in aid of rebuilding bridge over Carroveau stream in Aroostook county.

By Mr. Moore of Moscow—Petition of Albert Leavitt and others for aid in building bridge across Sandy river in Lexington, Somerset county.

By Mr. Fogg of Freeport—Petition of B. F. Dennison of Freeport and 280 others relating to all trees and shrubbery, except properly cared for as ornamental trees, growing within the limits of the streets and highways.

By Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro—Petition that Eastport toll bridge be kept in repair and maintained by the State.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Smith of Hampden—Petition of D. H. Maloney and others of Orrington asking for repeal of special laws governing the taking of fish in Sweet's pond in Orrington, Fields pond in Orrington and Brewer's pond in Orrington and Bucksport.

By Mr. Jewell of Hallowell—Petition of E. R. Anderson and 35 others relative to taking of smelts in Kennebec river.

By Mr. Robinson of Windham—Petition of C. I. Parker and 64 others of Windham asking for sufficient appropriation for operation of Sebago hatchery and sufficient warden service in Cumberland county for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Longley of Old Town—Petition of J. C. Mead and 27 others for same.

By Mr. Longley of Old Town—Petition of Hiram Davis and others asking for change in the laws in regard to taking salmon in the Penobscot river.

By Mr. Thurston of Appleton—Bill an act relating to taking of fish in Sunebec pond, Knox county; bill an act to protect trout in the Allen brook, Appleton, Knox county.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to repeal chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1857.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Petition of Samuel Bryant and 163 others of Rockland, Knox county, asking for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Knox county for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of Benjamin P. Bachelder, Jr., and 32 others for same.

By Mr. Thurlow of Deer Isle—Petition of J. K. Richardson and 32 others of Deer Isle asking for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Hancock county for the years 1897 and 1898; of W. B. Thurlow and 21 others for same.

By Mr. Britton of Bucksport—Petition of O. F. Fellows and 29 others of Bucksport and vicinity for same.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot—Petition of W. J. Creamer and 29 others for same.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Petition of Edwin F. Bartlett and 43 others for same.

By Mr. Chatto of Brooksville—Petition of A. P. Soper and 34 others of Orland for same.

By Mr. Patten of Amherst—Petition of W. R. Bunker and F. R. Parker of Winter Harbor for same; of C. E. Speerling and 15 others of Cranberry Isles for same.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Petition of Charles M. Simmonds and 30 others of Smithfield for appropriation for

sufficient warden service in Somerset county for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Reed of Harmony—Petition of G. J. Shaw and 24 others of Hartland for same.

By Mr. Ames of Jefferson—Petition of Thomas B. Moody and 36 others of Jefferson for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Lincoln county for the years 1897 and 1898; of George O. Bailey and 29 others of King's Mills and Whitefield and vicinity for same; of Charles F. Choat and 31 others of North Whitefield for same.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Petition of Hon. J. S. Foster and 94 others of Rockport for appropriation of \$1000 for Knox county to protect fish and game and propagate fish for the years 1897 and 1898.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Burnham of Edgecomb—Remonstrance of Silas B. Moore and 92 others against any change in the law for taking of walrus in Cross river.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Stevens of Cutler—Remonstrance of D. J. Sawyer of Jonesport and 138 others against William Thompson and others, protesting against the dismemberment of the town by setting off islands.

STATE PRISON.

By Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick—Petition of Mrs. Belle S. Goodwin and 35 others of South Berwick, for such enactment as will lead to the establishment of a reformatory prison for women.

SALARIES.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Bill an act to amend section 4 of chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes relating to the salary of the register of probate for Somerset county.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Deering,

Ordered, That the committee on the judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing second and third sentences of section 7 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes relating to the return of fines to the municipal officers by judges of municipal courts.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent,

Ordered, That the committee on legal affairs be directed to inquire into the

necessity of moving the registry of deeds from the town of Madawaska to Fort Kent in the northern registry of deeds in the county of Aroostook.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot,

Ordered, That the members of the Legislature from Hancock county be hereby constituted a committee and instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the general term of the court of county commissioners so as to conform in time with the general term of the supreme judicial court, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, Ordered, That Stephen B. Thurlow of Deer Isle, be granted leave of absence for two weeks on account of his severe illness.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Sewall from the committee on inland fisheries and game, on bill an act to further prevent forest fires and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game killed and taken in the State and for the further protection of inland fish and game by the registration of guides, reported that the same be printed and re-referred. Printed under House rule.

Mr. Austin from the committee on towns, on petition of C. D. Morrill and others, referred by the last Legislature to the present, praying that the town of Madison be divided on lines set forth in the petition and a certain part of it incorporated under the name of Old Point, reported petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on banks and banking, on bill an act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company, reported ought to pass. Printed under House rule.

Mr. Williams from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, on bill an act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company, reported ought to pass. Printed under House rule.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

Resolve in favor of the committee appointed by the House to attend the funeral of ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis.

On motion of Mr. Winslow of Portland, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Winslow of Portland, Murray of Pembroke, and Rodick of Eden, as a committee to have charge of the seating capacity of Representative hall on the evening of E. C. Swett's lecture.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Golder of Belgrade, who was appointed monitor of the 4th section, had requested to be relieved from service in that capacity by reason of impaired hearing. The Speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Stetson of Bangor, as monitor of the 4th section.

Mr. Burns of Westbrook, announced that Mr. Daniel Mason of Bristol, had appeared before the Governor and Council and taken and subscribed the oaths necessary to enable him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties as a member of the House of Representatives. Mr. Mason then took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent,

Adjourned.