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OF THE
Sixty-Eighth Legislature
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Parsons of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The Senate non-concurred with the House referring bill to increase the salary of judge of probate of Knox county to the Knox county delegation, and referred the same to the committee on salaries. The House receded and concurred.

The following from the Senate were read and assigned:

An act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn.

An act entitled, "An act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay railroad tracks and lease its franchise and other purposes.

An act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company.

Resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in defence of the United States.

An act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the contribution by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred.

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 91 of Revised Statutes relating to mortgages of personal property.

By Mr. Bither of Linneus—Petition of George H. Taber of Hainesville and 23 others praying that the age of protection for girls be raised to 18 years.

By Mr. Golder of Belgrade—Petition of Camilla M. Whitney and others of Winthrop for such enactment as will allow women of Maine the right to ballot in municipal elections.

By Mr. Smith of Masardis—Petition of B. A. W. Boyd and 35 others of Limestone for same.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Petition relating to change in charter of the city of Waterville.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of William C. Baker and 67 others of Searsmont asking that the age of protection for girls be raised to 18 years.

By Mr. Smith of Masardis—Petition of Jennie Sawyer and 19 others of Easton for same; of Louisa R. Sprague and 47 others of Easton for same.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Petition of John A. Weston of New Sweden and 46 others for same; of Mrs. P. A. Juhlin of New Sweden and 40 others relating to the same; of Edith L. Fletcher and 15 others of Limestone for same; of S. S. Smith of Caribou and 45 others for municipal suffrage for women; of Jonathan Estes and 71 others of Easton for same; of J. C. Headman and 103 others of New Sweden for same.

By Mr. Littlefield of Belfast—Petition of Swan & Sibley Co. and others to amend the charter of the city of Belfast.

By Mr. Moore of Moscow—Petition of L. G. Baker and others of Moscow and Bingham for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals.

By Mr. Plummer of Lisbon—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Co. for an additional two years.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Bill an act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Co. to develop, sell and lease electric power and to transmit by electricity for lease or sale, light, heat and power.

By Mr. Saunders of Ellsworth—Bill an act relating to the use of compressed air for power.

By Mr. Davis of Steuben—Petition of A. H. Ricker and 91 others to establish a steam ferry across Sullivan river between Hancock and Sullivan.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath—Bill an act additional relating to the municipal court of Bath.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Floyd of Brewer—Petition of Brewer Light and Power Co. for authority to make, generate, sell, distribute and supply electricity for light and heat and manufacturing purposes in the city of Brewer; of Allan G. Ray and 91 others for same; of Amos H. King and others for same; an act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Co. to transact business within the limits of the city of Brewer.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Bill an act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Co.

By Mr. Houghton of Ft. Fairfield—Petition of L. N. Richards and 46 others of Ft. Fairfield praying for changes in the insolvency laws so that no discharge can be granted unless dividend is paid.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Petition of E. P. Grimes and 28 others of Caribou for same.

By Mr. Hill of Portland—Bill an act granting Susan S. B. Spring the right to maintain a dam at its present height at or near the Lower Narrows, so called, at West Harpswell, in the town of Harpswell, for the purpose of retaining so much of tide water as is necessary for the culture of fish.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor—Petition of H. H. Fogg and others of Bangor with reference to aid of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Petition of P. O. Vickery and 32 others in behalf of Westbrook Seminary.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Petition of S. W. Carr and 40 others of Bowdoinham for same.

By Mr. Rodick of Eden—Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Bill an act to establish a Normal school at Presque Isle.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk—Petition of Charles H. Clark and others of Kennebunk for repeal of so much of chapter 461 of the Public Laws of 1885 as relates to the maintenance of school and school house in school district number 5 in the town of Kennebunk; bill an act to repeal so much of chapter 461 of the Public Laws of 1885 entitled, "An act granting additional powers to the inhabitants in district number 5 in Kennebunk, as relates to the maintenance of schools and school houses."

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Bill an act to amend section 87, paragraph 4, chapter 11, Revised Statutes, in relation to the purchase of school text books.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Robinson of Windham—Petition for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison R. R.

By Mr. Saunders of Ellsworth—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Castine Railroad and Navigation Company and to amend its charter, and certain additions thereto.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Dudley of Brookton—Petition of White Bros. and 15 others of Danforth to amend the charter of the Baskehegan Dam Co.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Dudley of Brookton—Resolve in favor of roads in Indian township, Washington county; resolve in favor of the town of Forest City to aid in building bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City.

By Mr. Daggett of Smyrna—Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell land in Moro plantation.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Whiting of Norridgewock—Petition of George W. Johnson and 185 others for aid in building road in the town of Starks; of H. S. Doyen and 26 others for same; of P. J. Phinney and 43 others for same.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Resolve in favor of propagation of fish and more efficient warden service in Franklin Co.

By Mr. Saunders of Ellsworth—Petition of C. W. Dunham and 40 others of Ellsworth asking for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Hancock county and for the protection of fish and game for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Hill of Portland—Petition of R. B. Swift and others of Portland for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Cumberland county and for operation of Sebago hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of J. F. Fernald and 32 others for same.

By Mr. Coffin of Shapleigh—Petition of Eugene W. Abbott of Shapleigh and 54 others for a bounty on foxes.

By Mr. Conant of Strong—Petition of W. S. Heath and others for sufficient appropriation for Rangely hatchery and for warden service in Franklin county for the years 1897 and 1898; of E. F. Conant and 25 others of Temple for same; of G. N. Soule and 16 others

of Weld for same; of J. W. Brackett and others of Phillips for same.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Petition of John Spinney and 12 others of Allen's Mills for same; of John B. Marble and 30 others of Rangeley for same; of E. B. Lambert and 27 others of Eustis for same; of W. B. Small and others of Kingfield for same.

By Mr. McIntire—Petition of F. S. Day and 29 others of Camden asking appropriation for sufficient warden service in Knox county for the years 1897 and 1898; of A. F. Beverage and 29 others of Camden; of Ruel Robinson and 29 others of Camden for same.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Petition of F. E. Webber and 36 others of Richmond asking for sufficient warden service in Sagadahoc county for the years 1897 and 1898; of A. S. Alexander and 39 others for same.

By Mr. Purington of Topsham—Petition of A. S. Goud and 33 others of Topsham for same.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath—Petition of Charles A. Paekard and 36 others of Bath for same; of J. M. Campbell and 32 others of Bath for same.

By Mr. Thompson of Standish—Petition of F. E. Smith and 65 others of Standish asking for appropriation for warden service for Cumberland county and for operation of Sebago Lake fish hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Hathaway of Willimantic—Petition of A. Braden and others of Lily Bay for appropriation for fish hatchery and warden service in Piscataquis county for the years 1897 and 1898; petition of Frank Brett and others of Kingsbury for same; of E. P. Blanchard and 14 others of Blanchard for same.

By Mr. Hathorne of Medford—Petition of W. E. Heughen and others of Katahdin Iron Works, for same.

By Mr. Hussey of Guilford—Petition of S. O. Dinsmore and 10 others of Medford, for same; of Willard Metcalf and 31 others of Guilford for same.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Petition of J. S. Houghton and 33 others of Weld for appropriation for Rangeley hatchery and sufficient warden service in Franklin county, for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Currier of Farmington—Petition of Hon. E. E. Richards and 36 others of Farmington, for same.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Petition of D. W. Berry and others of Berry Mills, Carthage, for same.

By Mr. Moore of Moscow—Petition of N. W. Murphy and others of Parlin pond, for sufficient warden service in Somerset county for 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Petition of Hon. S. J. Walton and 34 others of Skowhegan, for same.

By Mr. Whiting of Norridgewock—Petition of William Brackett and 20 others of Norridgewock, for same.

By Mr. Austin of Milford—Petition of H. F. Harris and 36 others asking for change in law in regard to taking salmon in Penobscot river.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Petition of C. H. S. Webb and others of Oceanville, for appropriation sufficient to establish two or more hatcheries on the coast of Maine for the propagation of lobsters.

By Mr. Rodick of Eden—Petition of E. V. Lyman and others of Hancock county, for same.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Thurlow of Deer Isle—Bill an act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington.

By Mr. Hathaway of Willimantic—Bill an act to set off a part of Eliotsville plantation in Piscataquis county.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Daggett of Smyrna—Resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EASTERN MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Petition of C. H. S. Webb and others of Oceanville, in favor of providing at the new insane hospital at Bangor, suitable Homeopathic medical treatment for the insane in all cases where such treatment is desired.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Floyd of Brewer—Bill an act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making temporary loans, and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Petition of J. N. Hodgkins and 200 others of Dexter, asking that the fees for travel of the county commissioners of Penobscot county may be reduced.

Mr. Rowell of Kittery: I have a resolution requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at Kittery navy yard. We all have an interest in the prosperity of this yard where have been employed a large number of mechanics, where have been built many of the wooden battleships with which have been fought the great battles in the war of the Rebellion; but these wooden ships are a thing of the past, and have been replaced by others, the modern battleships and steel cruisers of today. A few years ago Congress made an appropriation of a sum of money sufficient to equip this yard with all necessary tools and machinery for the repair of these battleships and cruisers. This yard is now furnished with all the necessary tools for this purpose; but there is still lacking that which is absolutely necessary for utilizing the same—a dry dock of sufficient capacity for receiving these ships for repairs. This question of a dry dock is not a novel matter; it has been before Congress for some time; and I trust that it will be the sentiment of this House to do anything it can in favor of this resolution. I ask unanimous consent of the House that it receive a passage without reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, the resolve was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Holbrook from the committee on ways and bridges, to which was referred the petitions of B. F. Baker and others praying that aid be given by the State in building a bridge across Sandy river in the town of Starks, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Fernald from the committee on elections, to which was referred returns of votes for representatives to the 68th Legislature, reported that the official list of representatives prepared by the secretary of State is the true list of the persons elected to this House of Rep-

resentatives of the 68th Legislature; also that the returns of votes for Harold M. Sewall of Bath, show him elected to the House of Representatives of the 68th Legislature.

Mr. Noble from the committee on the judiciary, to which was referred the petition asking that the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association be changed, reported a bill entitled an act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association. Printed under rule.

Mr. Noble from the same committee reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend section 28, chapter 118, Revised Statutes, relating to assault and battery.

Mr. Fogler from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to repeal section 42, chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes relating to resentencing convicts to the State prison. Printed under rule.

Mr. Tolman from the committee on ways and bridges, reported ought to pass on bill an act additional to the act of 1868 to establish a ferry across the Penobscot river, as amended by the act of 1880. Printed under rule.

Mr. Furbush from the committee on financial affairs reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick. Printed under rule.

Mr. Tolman from the committee on ways and bridges reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of aid in building highway bridge across the Mattawankeag at Kingman. Printed under rule.

Mr. Briggs from the committee on agriculture, to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to ascertaining the amount of outstanding bills incurred by reason of the slaughter of animals afflicted with tuberculosis exceeding the appropriations that have been made for that purpose, reported a resolve making an appropriation to cover the deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis for the year 1896. Printed under rule.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Kinsman of Cornville,

Ordered, That the judiciary commit-

tee inquire into the expediency of legislation to provide for the support of all paupers by the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield,

Ordered, That the judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of legislation to provide for the conduct of political caucuses and primaries, and report by bill or otherwise.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors eligible thereto under existing law.

The following credential was received:

At an election held by the members of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians at Peter Dana's point on the 5th day of October and at Pleasant point on the 7th day of October, 1896, for the purpose of choosing a representative to the Legislature, and Athean Levy having received a majority of all the votes cast for a candidate for that office, is declared elected representative to the Legislature for said tribe for the years 1897 and 1898, and this document shall be his credential.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ROLFE.

The credential was placed on file.

M. Pearl of Bangor presented the following complimentary resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Legislature are hereby extended to Mr. E. C. Swett of Portland, for the entertainment so generously profered in giving his illustrated lecture on "Picturesque Maine," thus affording the members assembled at Augusta an opportunity to better know and appreciate the many attractions which abound in our Commonwealth.

Resolved, That among the many methods employed to make known the attractions of Maine, none are more deserving of encouragement than the work now being done by Mr. Swett.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be presented to Mr. Swett.

The resolution was given a passage.

On motion of Mr. Pearl of Bangor,

Adjourned.