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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 29, 1897.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Livingstone of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Petitions, bills, resolves, etc., presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Remonstrance of Mrs. James P. Baxter and others of Portland against municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Bill an act to establish the municipal court of Eastport.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Petition of J. R. Libby and 184 others of Portland for repeal of law restricting competition in supply of electric power in towns and cities and asking legislation favorable for the generation and transmission of such power in Cumberland county; petition of John E. Sawyer and others of Deering for same.

By Mr. Noble of Lewiston—Bill an act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of N. B. Dyer and 51 others of the western part of Washington county asking for the establishment of a municipal court in the western part of said county.

By Mr. Burke of Pittsfield—Petition of H. R. Brackett and 202 others that the chronic insane of the State be supported by the State after five years' residence at the insane hospital.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of A. D. McFaul and others of Machias asking for change in the law relating to trial justices.

By Mr. Dickey of Ft. Kent—Bill an act to incorporate the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Co.

By Mr. Goodrich of Maxfield—Bill an act to amend section one of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes relating to paupers.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Shepard of Buxton—Petition of John C. Dearborn with act to incorporate the Flanders Cemetery Association.

By Mr. Hancock of Gray—Bill an act to amend section 16, chapter 259, of the Public Laws of 1893.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of A. D. McFaul and others of Machias asking for change in the law relating to trial justices.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Bill an act to incorporate Monson Water Co.

By Mr. Dickey of Ft. Kent—Bill an act to incorporate the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Co.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Shepard of Buxton—Petition in aid of the town of Hollis by E. A. Hobson and others.

By Mr. Furbush of Lewiston—Resolve in favor of the Healey Asylum of Lewiston, Me.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Bill an act to amend section 3 of chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to common schools.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Resolve in favor of the establishment of a normal school at Calais.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Bill an act relating to the Portland Railroad Co.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Bill an act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Bill an act in relation to the enforcement of section 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes relating to insurance.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Bill an act to establish a bounty on wild cats.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Bill an act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

By Mr. Shepard of Buxton—Petition of trustees of Buxton Savings Bank asking for reduction of tax on savings banks.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Petition of trustees of Rockland Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Petition of trustees of Piscataquis Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Cushman of Andover—Petition of trustees of Bethel Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk—Petition of trustees of Kennebunk Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Petition of trustees of Bridgton Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Petition of trustees of Camden Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor—Petition of trustees of Penobscot Savings Bank of Bangor for same.

By Mr. Floyd of Brewer—Petition of trustees of Brewer Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Saunders of Ellsworth—Petition of trustees of Hancock County Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Stetson of Bangor—Petition of trustees of Bangor Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath—Petition of trustees of Bath Savings Institution and the People's Safe Deposit and Savings Bank of Bath for same.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Petition of trustees of York County Savings Bank of Biddeford for same.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Auburn—Petition of trustees of Auburn Savings Bank for same; of trustees of Mechanics Savings Bank of Auburn for same.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Petition of trustees of Skowhegan Savings Bank for same.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Petition of trustees of Cascade Savings Bank of Oakland for same.

By Mr. Noble of Lewiston—Petition of trustees of Androscoggin County Savings Bank of Lewiston for same; of trustees of People's Savings Bank of Lewiston for same.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 594 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 entitled "An act to incorporate the Lawry Dam Co;" petition of George S. Burrell and others for same.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Tolman of Carroll—Remonstrance of A. R. Page and others against sale of public land and lots in Drew plantation.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Gagnon of Frenchville—Petition of E. N. Michaud of Frenchville and 48 others with accompanying bill for State aid to build a bridge in said town; petition of E. N. Michaud and 58 others of Frenchville with accompanying bill for aid in blasting a ledge in said town.

By Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag—Petition of G. S. Chadborne and others of Mattawamkeag recommending appropriation for a breakwater to protect the State bridge in said town.

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Resolve relating to the building of a bridge across the St. John river at Fort Kent.

By Mr. Prince of Yarmouth—Petition of S. R. Cook and others for appropriation for bridge between islands of Cousins and Littlejohns in the town of Yarmouth; with accompanying bill and statement of facts.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Tolman of Carroll—Petition of J. E. Estes and others of Winn, asking appropriation for sufficient warden service and operation of fish hatchery and feeding station for Penobscot county; of Hiram Davis and others for same; of W. E. Murdock and others of Springfield, for same.

By Mr. Burrill of Corinna—Petition of W. I. Wood and others of Corinna, for same; of E. R. Leach and others of East Newport, for same; of A. G. Shorey and others of Newport, for same.

By Mr. Fernald of Levant—Petition of S. J. Ridlon and others of Stetson, for same; of George W. Curtis and others, for same; of F. L. Parlin and others, for same; of W. A. Richardson and others, for same.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Petition of B. B. Corthell and others of Eastport, asking for sufficient warden service for Washington county for 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of M. Gardner and others of Machias, for same; of J. Wilbur Day and

others, for same; of I. P. Longfellow and others of Machias, for same.

By Mr. Dudley of Brookton—Petition of W. E. Dunn and 43 others of Danforth, for same; of Chas. E. Rolfe and others of Brookton, for same.

By Mr. Whiting of Norridgewock—Petition of A. Simmons and others of Anson, for sufficient warden service in Somerset county for 1897 and 1898; of H. W. Kennison and others of New Portland, for same.

By Mr. Lincoln if Perry—Petition of H. S. Kelly and others of Lubec, asking for sufficient appropriation for warden service for Washington county for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Burnham of Edgecomb—Petition of John C. Weston and others of Waldoboro, for same; of G. W. Simmonds and others of Waldoboro, for same; of George Bliss and others of Waldoboro, for same.

By Mr. Murphy of Lyman—Petition of Henry C. Lord and others of Alfred, for sufficient warden service for York county for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Petition of Nathaniel Hobbs and others of Berwick, for same.

By Mr. Knowlton of Newburg—Petition of S. W. Peabody and others of Etna, for appropriation for sufficient warden service and operation of fish hatchery and feeding station in Penobscot county.

By Mr. Edmunds of Corinth—Petition of A. M. Read and others of Charleston, for same.

By Mr. Robinson of Windham—Petition of F. C. Boody and others of Windham, asking for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Cumberland county and operation of Sebago fish hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Petition of Zenas Thompson and others of Portland, for appropriation for the benefit of fish and game interests.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of D. W. Bennett and others asking for a close time for trout for three years in all the brooks flowing through the town of Montville, and that all that shall be caught thereafter shall be limited to 25 for each person for one day's fishing, except residents of the town.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebunk—Petition of Hartley Lord and others of Kennebunk, for sufficient warden service in York county for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Durgin of Orono—Petition of George H. Hamlin and others for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Penobscot county.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of Hunt, Walker & Co. of Liberty, asking for sufficient appropriation for fish hatchery in St. George lake and for sufficient warden service for the years 1897 and 1898; of L. C. Morse and others, for same.

By Mr. Littlefield of Belfast—Petition of E. M. Bramhall and others of Belfast, asking for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Waldo county and fish hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898; of N. F. Patterson and others of Belfast, for same; of A. A. Small and others of Belfast, for same; of H. E. McDonald and others, for same; of Joseph Tyler and others, for same.

By Mr. Sanborn of Sanford—Petition of C. A. Bodwell and others of Sanford, asking for appropriation for sufficient warden service in York county.

By Mr. Jones of Lincoln—Petition of O. S. Townsend and others of Montague, asking for sufficient warden service and fish hatchery and feeding station in Penobscot county; of Earl S. Page and others of Burlington, for same; of W. Appleton and others of Enfield, for same; of A. F. Cushman and others of Lincoln, for same; of Cyrus M. Hodgkins and others of Enfield, for same; of F. D. Bowley and others of Alton, for same.

By Mr. Longley of Old Town—Petition of Hon. F. J. Whiting and others of Old Town, for same.

By Mr. Merrill of Blue Hill—Petition of C. A. Thompson and others of Dedham, for sufficient warden service for Hancock county for the years 1897 and 1898; of S. L. Pond and others of Dedham, for same.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Petition of W. H. Lawrence and others of Hancock county asking for the repeal of private and special laws relating to Flander's, Great Tunk and Little Tunk ponds in Hancock county.

By Mr. Lincoln of Perry—Petition of James E. Kelley and others of Lubec to have a bounty on wild cats.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Petition of J. H. Sullivan and others of Searsport asking appropriation for sufficient warden service in Waldo county for 1897 and 1898 and for operation of fish hatchery.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of H. B. Eaton and others of Calais asking for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Washington county for the years 1897 and 1898; of A. Towers and others for same; of C. A. Newton and others for same; of Chas. R. Hill and others for same; of D. Martin Gardner and others of Calais for same.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Petition of N. A. Erskine and others of Pittsfield praying for sufficient warden service in Somerset county.

By Mr. Hurd of Northport—Petition of Frank I. Dickey of Northport and others for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Waldo county and for operation of fish hatchery for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Petition of Louis M. Haines and others for an act to protect fish in Little River Stream, so called, and its tributaries in the towns of Bowdoin, Lisbon and Webster, with bill accompanying.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath—Bill an act repealing chapter 463 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Petition of D. H. Robinson and others of Garland asking for appropriation for sufficient warden service and operation of fish hatchery and feeding station in Penobscot county.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Petition of H. Blanchard & Son and others for repealing chapter 172 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to regulate the packing of fish in hermetically sealed cans.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Remonstrance of Richard L. Goodwin and others of Berwick against proposed division of South Berwick.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Remonstrance of Richard C. Davis and others of the plantation of Elliottsville against setting off a part of Elliottsville.

By Mr. Golder of Belgrade—Petition of L. B. Dolloff and others for setting off a portion of the town of Rome and annexing the same to the town of Belgrade.

By Mr. Violette of Van Buren—Remonstrance of 47 tax payers of Madawaska against division of said town to form another.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag—Resolve in favor of the town of Patten.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Resolve in favor of payment of deficiency of salary of a guard at the State prison.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EASTERN MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL.

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor—Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

LABOR.

By Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford—Petition of Wm. J. Conwell and others of Lewiston and Auburn for shorter work day for women and minors; of R. O. Bibber and others for same; of O. N. Briggs and others of Lewiston for same; of W. F. Conway and others of Lewiston, of George Byron and others of Lewiston, of Joseph Davenport and others of Lewiston, of Robert Jones and others of Lewiston and Auburn, of Frank Rose and others of Lewiston and Auburn, of Mrs. Nellie Lamson and others of Lewiston and Auburn, of J. L. Merrill and others of Lewiston and Auburn, of Henry E. Frost and others, of Edmund Butler and others, of N. F. Sanborn and others, of Timothy E. Murphy and others, of J. F. McGillicuddy and others, of Henderson Bros. and others, of James Tracy and others, of C. S. Cox and others, of O. S. Smith and others, of Fred Bradley and others, of John Stone and others, of Chas. Berry and others, of Edward Higgins and others, of J. A. Fortier and others, all of Lewiston, for same; of F. A. Small and others of Biddeford, of Daniel W. Hanson and others of Biddeford, of John T. Maxwell and others,

of Geo. F. Ellis and others, of James Farley and others, all for same; of Martin Strout and others of Berwick for same; of Fred Carron and others of Brunswick and Topsham, of Henry Hammond and others, of Henry Simpson and others, of Brunswick; of John Berch and others of Augusta, of D. W. Ward and others of Augusta, of Weston Lewis and others of Augusta, of Charles H. Mann and others of Augusta, of E. B. Richards and others of Augusta, for same; also bill an act relating to hours of labor of minors and women employed in manufacturing and mechanical establishments.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Austin of Milford—Bill an act authorizing abatement of poll taxes to certain soldiers of the late war.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford, Ordered, That the committee on labor be empowered to visit three different textile manufactory establishments in this State that they may investigate themselves in regard to the conditions of the employment of women and minors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hamilton from the committee on the judiciary, on bill an act to amend section (blank) of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes in relation to forgery and counterfeiting, reported ought not to pass for the reason that the same matter has been previously acted upon by the said committee.

Mr. Davis from the committee on inland fisheries and game reported ought not to pass on bill an act to repeal chapter 101 of the Private and Special Laws of 1857.

Mr. Smith from the same committee, on petitions praying for a close time for three years on all brooks that flow through the town of Albion in Kennebec county, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, for the reason that the matter comes within the jurisdiction of the fish and game commissioners.

Mr. Staples from the same committee, on petition praying that the present law relating to the taking of smelts in Swan lake be repealed, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Staples from the same committee, on petition praying that the law

relating to close time on trout and salmon in Swan lake be extended to October 15th, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Blanchard from the committee on education, on bill an act to incorporate the Staples academy, reported that the same be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Blanchard from the same committee, on petition of the city of Rockland, reported resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for 1896 on account of an imperfect school return. Printed under rule.

Mr. Williams from the committee on financial affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government. Printed under rule.

Mr. Maxey from the committee on banks and banking, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Co. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, to establish a ferry across the Penobscot river between Ayer's falls and Marsh rips, as amended by act of 1880, chapter 221.

An act relating to the expenditures of the railroad commissioners.

An act to amend section 31, chapter 83, Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices.

An act to amend section 6, chapter 78, Revised Statutes, relating to the general term of the county commissioners' court of Hancock county.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Co.

An act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

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

On motion of Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro, Adjourned.