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

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HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 5, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on taxation of petition of D. E. Bowen and 20 others of Morrill, for equalization of school tax; of J. K. Dickey and 29 others of Morrill, in favor of the school tax bill, and referred the same to the committee on education.

The House receded and concurred with the reference.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were read and assigned.

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Longley of Oldtown—Bill an act to incorporate the northern development and manufacturing company.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend the city charter of the city of Biddeford.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act to amend section 8 of chapter 319, Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company.

By Mr. Dickey of Ft. Kent—Bill an act to change the Northern Registry of deeds office in Aroostook county.

By Mr. Houghton of Ft. Fairfield—Petition of John Watson and 80 others of Houlton praying for change in the insolvency law.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of B. H. Sanborn and 41 others of Blaine, for a normal school at Presque Isle.

By Mr. Day of Turner—Petition of Rev. John Kimball and 35 others of Turner in favor of Leavitt Institute.

By Mr. Prince of Yarmouth—Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth academy.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Young of Hiram—Bill an

act to amend the charter of the Fryeburg horse railroad.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Knowlton of Newburg—Bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 47, Revised Statutes, relating to loan and building associations.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Briggs of Auburn—Bill an act to establish a standard measure for cream.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Bill an act to abate taxes on the west part of township number 4, range 5, west of the Kennebec river in Somerset county.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Petition of G. Z. Vaughan and others, asking for abatement of taxes in Lang plantation.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the joint special committee on salaries be directed to investigate as to the readjustment of the salaries of the judges and registers of probate in the various counties relative to probate proceedings, and also what salaries in addition they should receive for services in insolvency matters, in case the fee system, so far as relates to those officers, should be abolished, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland,

Ordered, That further leave of absence be granted for two weeks to Representative Stephen B. Thurlough of Deer Isle, by reason of his continued ill health.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Smith from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend rule 4 of section 1 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section one of chapter 157 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the descent of real estate. Printed under rule.

Mr. Moore from the committee on interior waters reported ought to pass on bill an act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams

and make improvements upon the Big Machias river. Printed under rule.

Mr. Smith from the judiciary committee reported ought not to pass on bill an act to provide for the waiver of jury trials in civil cases in the supreme judicial and superior courts.

Mr. Houghton from the committee on financial affairs reported in a new draft, resolve in aid of the temporary home for women and children at Deering, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Plummer from the committee on interior waters reported in a new draft, bill an act authorizing and empowering the Piscataqua Falls Pulp and Paper Company, to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Longley from the same committee reported ought to pass on bill an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook. Printed under rule.

Mr. Longley from the same committee reported in a new draft, bill an act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and brooms in the Aroostook river, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Dudley from the committee on State lands and State roads reported in a new draft, resolve in favor of roads in Indian township, Washington county, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Dudley from the same committee on petition reported resolve in favor of the town of Forest City, to aid in building one-half of a bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Jones from the committee on interior waters reported in a new draft bill an act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Jones from the same committee on petition reported bill an act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom

Company, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to amend section 8, chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, providing for investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital.

An act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

An act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river.

An act to amend section 59, paragraph 6, of said section, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances.

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag hospital.

An act to amend section 4, chapter 256, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers.

Resolve in favor of appropriation for the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolve in favor of the Training and Normal school at Ft. Kent.

Resolve in favor of Farmington State Normal school.

Resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal school.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital.

An act to amend section 17, chapter 60, Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings.

An act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140, Revised Statutes, relating to resentencing of convicts sentenced to the State prison.

An act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

An act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations.

An act authorizing the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor.

An act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings.

An act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to migratory fish.

An act relating to the expenditures of the railroad commissioners.

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

An act authorizing the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes relating to forgery.

An act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan Plantation.

An act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company.

An act to amend Private and Special Laws of 1893 relating to Glidden Water Company.

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

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.

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

Resolve in favor of Atienne Lewi, representative of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

same gentleman they were referred to the committee on shore fisheries in concurrence with the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb of Eastport,
Adjourned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner, the petition of A. M. Spear and others, for preservation of smelts in the Kennebec river, and other petitions relating to the same, were taken from the table, and on further motion by the