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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrews of Garland.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Polygamy.

Resolve in aid of building bridge across Sandy Stream in Lexington Plantation.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889 relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county.

An act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Bill an act to amend section 194 of chapter 6, Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the sale of real estate for taxes.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry in the State of Maine.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Bill an act relating to corporations organized under the general law.

By Mr. Sanborn of Sanford—Bill an act to establish the Sanford municipal court.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Auburn—Petition of Nathan W. Harris and 300 others of Auburn praying for an amendment to the constitution of the State of Maine prohibiting the State from raising money by taxation for any sectarian or religious institution.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of A. J. Merritt and 25 others, citizens of the western part of Washington county for the establishment of a municipal court in the western part of said county.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend section 80 of chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 164 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to injuries on ways.

By Mr. Jewell of Hallowell—Bill an act to amend section 6 of chapter 413 of the Private and Special Laws of 1850 relating to Hallowell city charter.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of the officers and proprietors of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company, that the doings of said company may be legalized.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893 relating to the sale of land for taxes.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Bill an act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of Ai Q. Mitchell and 32 others asking

for incorporation of Newfield academy; of Albert H. Davis and 10 others of Newfield for same; of Leroy O. Straw and 19 others for same.

By Mr. Lincoln of Perry—Remonstrance against the proposed incorporation of Staples academy, by John Brawn and 52 others of Lubec.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Thurston of Appleton—Petition of A. F. Mitchell and 32 others for equalization of school tax.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of Ai Q. Mitchell and 32 others asking for passage of resolve in favor of Newfield academy; of Albert H. Davis and 10 others for same.

By Mr. Pratt of Woodland—Petition of A. H. Thompson and 87 others of Limestone for equalization of school tax.

By Mr. Purrington of Topsham—Petition of G. F. Libby and 16 others of Woolwich for same.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Petition of J. M. Gerry and 50 others of Garland for same.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Petition of J. H. Sanborn and 51 others of Dover for same.

By Mr. Day of Turner—Petition of Frank E. Bray and 19 others of Turner in favor of Leavitt institute.

By Mr. Pope of Manchester—Petition of J. J. Thayer and 20 others of Oakland, for equalization of school tax.

By Mr. Lincoln of Perry—Petition of G. P. Ricker and 24 others of Perry for same.

By Mr. Smith of Masardis—Petition of C. S. Adams and 23 others of South Montville for same.

By Mr. Day of Turner—Petition of H. D. Irish and 10 others of Buckfield in favor of Leavitt institute; of E. E. Addison and others of Leeds for same; of D. F. Cushing and others of Turner for same; of Solon Chase and 35 others for Turner for same.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Sanborn of Sanford—Petition of S. J. Murray and 30 others of Shapleigh, in favor of extending the charter of the Mousam River Railroad Company, and also the amendment of same; petition of Charles H. Frost of Springvale, and 183 others for same; petition of Sanford Mills of Sanford, and 179 others for same.

By Mr. Staples of Bridgton—Petition of Perley B. Foster and others of Bridgton, in favor of charter for electric railroad from Westbrook through Bridgton village and Waterford.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison railroad.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Petition of H. S. Melcher & Company, and 87 others, Portland business men, for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Macomber of Augusta—Petition of Cyrus S. Tucker and others, trustees of the Norway Savings banks, for reduc-

tion of tax on savings banks; of E. M. Tibbetts and others, trustees of Dexter Savings Bank, for same; of Almon H. Fogg and others, trustees of Houlton Bank, for same; of James G. Pendleton and others, trustees of Searsport Savings Bank, for same; of Alna Shurtleff and others, trustees of South Paris Savings Bank, for same; of William N. Abbott and others, trustees of Tremont Savings Bank, for same; of William Woods and others, trustees of Calais Savings Bank, for same; of M. V. B. Chase and others, trustees of Kennebec Savings Bank, for same; of G. W. Drisco and others, trustees of Machias Savings Bank, for same; N. F. Houston and others, trustees of Thomaston Savings Bank, for same; of N. J. Houston and others, trustees of Belfast Savings Bank, for same.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Patten of Amherst—Petition of H. T. Silsby and 31 others of Hancock county, praying for a bounty on wild cats.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Resolve in favor of the town of Jonesboro to aid in building a bridge across Chandler's river in said town.

By Mr. Prince of Yarmouth—Petition of H. A. Bachelder and 21 others of Yarmouth, for the privilege of building and maintaining a bridge between the islands of Cousins and Littlejohns in said town.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Remonstrance of W. W. Hurd and 39 others against close time on trout in any of the streams running through the town of Montville.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland, for Mr. Thurlough of Deer Isle—Bill an act for the protection of deer on the island of Isle au Haut in the county of Hancock.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Cox of Randolph—Petition of C. H. Dunton and 20 others for the better preservation of smelts in the Kennebec river.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Petition of J. L. Brown and 132 others of the town of Bowdoinham, asking that no change might be made in the law relative to taking smelts in the Kennebec river.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Bill an act to authorize the construction of a weir in tide waters on Sheeps Cove ledge in Pemaquin river in the town of Pembroke.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Petition of William I. Hall and 63 others of Richmond, asking that no charge be made relative to taking smelts in the Kennebec river and its tributaries.

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Remonstrance of J. Andrews and 16 others against proposed cigarette law.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Remonstrance of J. H. McFaul and 17 others of Eastport, against same.

By Mr. Littlefield of Kennebec—Remonstrance of the proprietors of the Ocean Bluff House of Kennebecport against same.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Remonstrance of H. E. Judkins and 20 others of Waterville, against same.

By Mr. Merrill of Portland—Remonstrance of B. C. Gibson and eight others against same.

By Mr. Rodick of Eden—Remonstrance of Green Bros. and another at Bar Harbor, against same.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 26 of the Private and Special Laws, relating to the taxation of certain plantations.

SALARIES.

By Mr. Whelden of Portland—Bill an act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on interior waters, to which was referred bill an act to incorporate the Lake Onawa Dam Co., reported that the same be printed and re-committed. Laid on the table to be printed.

Mr. Macomber from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Co. Printed under rule.

Mr. Murray from the committee on towns, on petition of N. Moore and 50 others of Orneville in Piscataquis county, praying that said town of Orneville be annexed to and made a part of the town of Milo, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Pattangall from the committee on education, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of Castine Normal school. Printed under rule.

Mr. Murray from the committee on towns, reported ought to pass on bill an act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington. Printed under rule.

Mr. Conant from the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on bill an act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hamilton from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 13 of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the election of town officers. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hill from the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass on bill an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 48, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Co. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to regulate the state of agricultural seeds.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of Portland, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City, to aid in building one-half the bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading.

Resolve in favor of roads in the Indian township, Washington county.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act to amend rule 4 of section 1, of chapter 75, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1, of chapter 157, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot, this resolve was laid on the table.

An act to extend the charter of the Bangor Boom Co.

An act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Lewiston, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

An act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river.

An act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river.

An act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river.

An act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Co. to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias river in the county of Aroostook.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to increase the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Knox.

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.

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

An act to amend chapter 208, of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

On motion of Mr. Holmes of Addison, this bill was laid upon the table pending its third reading.

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, of chapter 256, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers.

An act to provide for the preservation of deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in the Kennebec Registry.

This bill came from the Senate amended by striking out section 4. The Senate amendment was defeated and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Resolve making an appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis for the year 1896.

Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Noble of Lewiston: When I tabled House bill 49, an act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook, I had some doubts as to the legal correctness of the provisions of section 3, regarding the penalties for committed under the act. I am satisfied that this section is drawn in substantial compliance with other laws protecting other rivers, and I desire to move that the bill be now taken from the table and that it take its regular course.

The motion was agreed to. The bill was then read twice and assigned for Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Whelden of Portland, House bill No. 8, concerning the registration of guides was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was laid on the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro, Adjourned.