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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**  
OF THE  
**Sixty-Eighth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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already supporting them, to have their names inserted in the act. There were a few whom they were now supporting and should continue to support as a town. I however offer no objection to the adoption of the amendment, simply stating this in the line of an explanation.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, bill an act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the State prison, was taken from the table, given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, bill an act additional to and amendatory of an act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company, was taken from the table.

Mr. Savage offered amendment "A." Amend by striking out the words "said company" in line 1, section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the words "the Maine Telephone Company."

Amendment adopted, bill given its second reading as amended, and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Henry of Gardiner. Papers for the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The Senate referred the petition of Frank E. Mace and nine others of Hancock county, for a bounty on wild cats, to the committee on agriculture. The House ordered this petition placed on file in non-concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the legislative committees and members of the House and Senate, came from the Senate, and was passed to be engrossed by the House under a suspension of the rules.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

Resolve in favor of Daniel S. Warren. An act to enable the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across tide waters between the islands of Cousins and Little Johns.

This bill came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A." The House receded from its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

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

This bill had been passed to be engrossed and passed to be enacted in both House and Senate and sent to the governor. It was recalled from the governor by the Senate, the vote whereby it was passed to be enacted and engrossed in the Senate was reconsidered, and Senate amendment "A" adopted. The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed and adopted Senate amendment "A" in concurrence. The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

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

## JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Ames of Jefferson—Resolve in favor of the joint standing committee on library. (Received under suspension of the rules.)

On motion of Mr. Ames this resolve took its two readings at the present time under a suspension of the rules.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Petition granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Remonstrance of the Sangerville Woolen Company of Sangerville, and others, against enactment of a law regulating steam engineering.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Petition of C. W. Hume and 79 others, praying for a municipal court at Eastport.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Petition of Mrs. F. E. Robbins of Deering, and 40 others that the age of consent be raised from 14 to 18 years.

This petition was placed on file.

By Mr. Davis of Steuben—Remonstrance of F. I. Campbell and 22 others, against the establishment of a municipal court in the western part of Washington county. (Received under a suspension of the rules.)

## LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Macomber of Augusta—Bill an act to amend section 67, chapter 88, Revised Statutes, relative to scire facias on trustee process.

By Mr. Rowell of Kittery—Bill an act to amend section 9, of chapter 13, of the Revised Statutes.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Petition of George P. Plaisted of Gorham, and 60 others, for the abolishment of school district number one in Gorham; (Received under suspension of the rules;) of W. P. Kemp and nine others, for same; of George H. Douglass and five others for same; of C. A. Whipple and others, for same. (All received under suspension of the rules.)

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Resolve providing for the collection of necessary data for a history of the Maine troops in the War of the Rebellion and for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Petition of H. L. Pratt and 24 others of Lewiston, in aid of Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland.

## INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Sewall of Bath—Bill an act to encourage the cultivation of fish in private and inland waters.

## TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Petition of A. S. Littlefield and 103 others, in favor of a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

By Mr. Longley of Oldtown—Petition of W. I. Clement and 42 others, asking that the cigarette bill now pending, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, be passed.

By Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro—Petition of Rev. M. T. Bridgeham and 57 others of Vassalboro, in favor of a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

#### ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, Ordered, That further leave of absence for two weeks from this date be granted Representative Stephen B. Thurlow of Deer Isle, on account of his continued ill health.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hamilton for the committee on judiciary on petition of Sanford J. Baker and 93 others, praying for the use of the punitive chair in the punishment of criminals, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Hill for the committee on legal affairs, on petition, reported bill an act to incorporate the Warren Water Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Fogler for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend section 3, of chapter 24, of the Revised Statutes, relating to pauper settlements.

Mr. Whiting for the committee on ways and bridges, on petition, reported resolve in favor of breakwater at Mattawamkeag bridge. Printed under rule.

Mr. Whiting for the committee on ways and bridges on petition of G. W. Rollins and others, praying that aid be granted in building a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Haynesville, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Pending acceptance, on motion of Mr. Bither of Linneus, this report was re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges.

Mr. Austin for the committee on towns on petition of Arthur H. Beverley and 18 others, praying that a part of Whiting be set off and annexed to the town of East Machias, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Murchie for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Bither for the committee on agriculture reported ought not to pass on bill an act instructing assessors to enumerate poultry.

Mr. Kaler for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to amend chapter 550, of the Private Laws of 1889, entitled an act to incorporate the Mousam-River Railroad Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Furbush for the committee on financial affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary. Printed under rule.

Mr. Austin for the committee on towns reported ought to pass on bill entitled an act to organize the plantation of Crie-haven. Printed under rule.

Mr. Brown for the committee on agriculture reported ought not to pass on bill entitled an act to incorporate the Eastport Agricultural Society.

Mr. Hill for the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on 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 the tide water as is necessary for the culture of fish. Printed under rule.

Mr. Dudley for the committee on State lands and State roads on communication relating to road improvements, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

Mr. Noble for the committee on judiciary on petition of Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and others, praying that the Legislature will provide such enactments as will raise the age of protection for girls from 14 years, as it now stands in Maine, to 18 years, reported bill an act for the better protection of girls. Printed under rule.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass on bill an act to confirm the organization of the Hathorn Fancy Forging Company and to change its name to the Hathorn Manufacturing Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Floyd for the committee on legal affairs reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to incorporate the Orono Water Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Floyd for the same committee reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to amend section one of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes relating to division fences. Printed under rule.

Mr. Stetson for the committee on banks and banking reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Davis for the committee on inland fisheries and game on petition reported bill an act to repeal chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891 prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

#### READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act relating to the incorporation of the Portland Female Provident Association.

An act to regulate the taking of eels and white fish.

Resolve relating to the publication of a map of the State of Maine.

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

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State year book and legislative manual for the years 1897 and 1898.

An act to create a lien on spool timber and bars.

An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 356 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885 relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo.

An act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes of Maine, chapter 55, as the Bangor General Hospital and now named Eastern Maine General Hospital.

An act to amend section 4, of chapter 308, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1 of chapter 232 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, offered amendment "A," to strike out section 7, "This act shall take effect when approved."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act requiring all educational institutions receiving State aid to make reports and to account for receipts and expenditures to the trustees of the State normal schools on penalty of forfeiting such aid.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford this bill was laid upon the table pending its third reading.

An act to amend section 55, of chapter 33, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174 of laws of 1889 in relation to sale of pressed hay.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, this bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed.

An act in relation to voluntary trusts.

An act relating to the service of processes on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, offered amendment "A," to strike out section 2, "This act shall take effect when approved."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, this bill was laid on the table pending its third reading.

An act to amend section 2, of chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce.

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

An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.

An act to amend an act to amend the charter of the Wadoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years.

An act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county.

An act to establish a bounty on wildcats.

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

An act to repeal chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1853 relating to the taking of pickerel in certain ponds.

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

An act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company.

An act to amend section 9, of chapter 315 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State library.

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 Company.

An act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, this bill was laid on the table pending its enactment.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General Hospital.

Resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for women and children at Deering.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, bill an act relating to the protection of public records was taken from the table.

Mr. Hamilton moved to amend the bill by striking out in the first line of section 1, the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the word "thirteen."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Lewiston, resolve in favor of the Sisters of Charity Hospital of Lewiston, was taken from the table, and one week from today was assigned for its further consideration.

On motion of Mr. Garvin of Acton, bill an act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes as now amended relating to the public schools, was taken from the table.

Mr. Garvin offered amendment "A," to strike out section 3, in section 10, in the eighth and ninth lines strike out the words, "who shall not be a member of the committee;" in section 4, by striking out all after the word "by" in the third line to the word "adding," in the eighth line.

On motion of Mr. Garvin, pending action upon the amendment the bill and proposed amendment was laid on the table and tomorrow morning was assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham, bill an act to create a lien on leather was taken from the table.

The bill was then read and assigned for tomorrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, bill an act relating to receipts and expenditures of schools was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Pattangall of Machias, the bill was recommitted to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Pearl of Bangor, Adjourned.