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The question being upon the motion to refer to the next Legislature, Mr. McCullough withdrew the motion.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, the bill was read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 10, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta. Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to amend section 7, of chapter 249, of the Public Laws of 1893.

This bill came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered its vote by which this bill was passed to be engrossed as amended. Pending the adoption of Senate amendment "A" in concurrence, on motion of Mr. Burton of Union, the bill was laid on the table and Wednesday of next week was assigned for its consideration.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to amend section 37, chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens.

An act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the fortnightly payment of wages."

An act additional, relating to Hubbard Free Library, of Hallowell.

An act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities.

An act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

An act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners.

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

Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act amendatory and additional to chapter 102, of the Public Laws of 1891; bill an act to amend chapter 255, of the Public Laws of 1885.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Smith of Hampden—Petition of N. A. Nickerson and 48 others of Orrington, for equalization of school tax.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Hathaway of Willimantic—Petition of S. J. Hughes and 75 others of Monson, for extension of charter of Skowhegan & Athens Railroad Co.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Holmes of Addison—Petition of Gilbert L. Tabbutt of Columbia, and 20 others, for the enactment of a law re-

quiring the inspection of grass seed.

By Mr. Thurston of Appleton—Petition of Aiden Robbins of Appleton, and 21 others, for same.

By Mr. Rounds of Paris—Petition of V. P. Decoster of Buckfield, and 16 others, for same.

By Mr. Gilman of Houlton—Petition of Ira J. Porter of Houlton, and 16 others, for same.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Petition of Sherman I. Bean of Jay, and 24 others, for same.

By Mr. Purington of Topsham—Petition of B. M. Patten of Topsham, and 21 others, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Hampden—Petition of H. W. Hammond of Hampden, and 15 others, for same.

By Mr. Pope of Manchester—Petition of Hiram Cornforth of Oakland, and 17 others, for same.

By Mr. Jones of Lincoln—Petition of Ira Barnes and 20 others of Lee, for same.

By Mr. Currier of Farmington—Petition of William P. Dean of West Farmington, and 18 others, for same.

By Mr. Briggs of Auburn—Petition of James F. Ford and 19 others, and E. H. Libby and 33 others, for same.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Petition of Ansel Holway of Skowhegan, and 172 others, for same.

By Mr. Conant of Strong—Petition of Benjamin Tarbox of Phillips, and 45 others, for same.

By Mr. Hathorn of Medford—Petition of E. G. Lovejoy and 15 others, for same.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Petition of F. S. Brown of Palmyra, and 19 others, for same.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of B. J. Foster of Montville, and 20 others, and of William H. Moody of Liberty, and 35 others, for same.

By Mr. Brown of Milton—Petition of W. W. Rose of Canton, and 56 others, for same.

By Mr. Hathaway of Willimantic—Petition of Frank Hart of Willimantic, and 14 others, for same; of W. H. Hathaway and 18 others, for same; of W. F. Town and 10 others for same.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of George M. Gordon of Union, and 33 others, for same; of 151 others for same.

By Mr. Rounds of Paris—Petition of Harrison Farrar of Paris, and 33 others, for same.

By Mr. Daggett of Smyrna—Petition of J. D. Doyle of Benedicta, and 15 others, for same.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Petition of L. W. Jose of Dexter, and 49 others, for same; of L. W. Jose of Dexter, and 31 others, for same.

By Mr. Bither of Linneus—Petition of Daniel M. Libby of Amity, and 21 others, for same.

By Mr. Coffin of Shapleigh—Petition of Harrison L. Strout of North Waterboro, and 56 others, for same.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Southport—Petition of H. P. Marr of Swanville, and 20 others, for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Cram of Mt. Vernon—Petition of L. F. Dolloff of Mt. Vernon, and 17 others, for same.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Petition of J. O. Butman of Readfield, and 37 others, for same.

By Mr. Cram of Mt. Vernon—Petition of D. H. Thing of Mt. Vernon, and 25 others, for same.

By Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro—Petition of H. H. Snell of Vassalboro, and 20 others, for same.

By Mr. Murphy of Lyman—Petition of Seth Meservey of Lyman, and 15 others, for same.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Petition of F. L. Morang of Eastport, and 6 others, for same.

By Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag—Petition of F. F. Martin of Mattawamkeag, and 25 others, for same.

By Mr. Pratt of Woodland—Petition of I. W. Kennison of Limestone, and others, for same.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot—Petition of M. L. Elwell of Sedgwick, and 42 others, for same.

By Mr. Young of Hiram—Petition of W. Boynton of Brownfield, and 26 others, for same.

By Mr. Currier of Farmington—Petition of William P. Dean of West Farmington, and 10 others, for same.

By Mr. Golder of Belgrade—Petition of Perley Bishop of Winthrop, and 24 others, for same.

By Mr. Conant of Strong—Petition of C. O. Dill of Phillips, and 43 others, for same.

By Mr. Hathorn of Medford—Petition of G. R. Hoxie of Sebago, and 30 others, for same.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Petition of W. A. Blaisdell of Palmyra, and 22 others, for same.

By Mr. Thurston of Appleton—Petition of A. G. Guptill and 31 others, for same; of W. H. Payson of Hope, and 9 others, for same.

By Mr. Wheeler of Gilead—Petition of Frank Drey and 26 others, for same; of James A. Kimball of Albion, and 17 others, for same.

By Mr. Hathaway of Willimantic—Petition of W. H. Hathaway of Willimantic, and 18 others, for same.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Petition of J. H. Hammond of North Berwick, and 27 others, for same.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Petition of John A. Standish of Eustis, and 28 others, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Hampden—Petition of Allen Carter of Hampden, and 14 others, for same.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Mason of Bristol—Remonstrance of D. F. Moody and 16 others of Harpswell, against being deprived of any rights or privileges in State waters.

By Mr. Littlefield of Vinalhaven—Remonstrance of Benjamin F. Hinckley and 60 others of Georgetown, against any change in the present lobster law.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Southport—Remonstrance of W. W. Mudgett and 52 others, against same.

By Mr. Rodick of Eden—Remonstrance of Foster Rich and 27 others, against same; of John Hammond and 24 others of Gouldsboro, against same; of A. E. Farnsworth and 60 others of Tremont, against same; of Fred Pendleton and 68 others of Winter Harbor, against same; of Seth Webb and 38 others of Oceanville, against same; of W. S. Trussell and 42 others of Cranberry Isle, against same; of E. E. Hammond and 14 others of Hancock county, against same.

By Mr. Lane of St. George—Remonstrance of C. R. Hoffer and 18 others, against same.

By Mr. Burnham of Edgecomb—Remonstrance of John Burnham and 48 others of Edgecomb, against same.

By Mr. Stevens of Cutler—Remonstrance of John A. Beal and 64 others of Jonesport, fishermen, against same.

LIBRARY.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Bill an act to establish travelling libraries; resolve appropriating money to carry into effect an act establishing travelling libraries.

PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Petition of P. H. Ridley of Jay, and others, praying that a charter be granted to the Livermore Falls Light and Power Co.

By Mr. Burrill of Corinna—Petition of J. W. Webster of Newport, and 124 others, for an appropriation sufficient to build a Soldiers' Home at Newport.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hill for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill an act relating to the sale of corporeal personal property.

Mr. Hill for the same committee, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to regulate the liability of subscribers to newspapers, periodicals and magazines.

Mr. Talbot for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to authorize the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of an insurance agent or broker. Printed under rule.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act in relation to the care of convicts who are sick at the expiration of a sentence. Printed under rule.

Mr. Fernald for the committee on reform school, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electric power and transmit by electricity for lease or sale, heat, light and power. Printed under rule.

Mr. Philbrook for the committee on judiciary, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature, reported bill an act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries, and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Philbrook for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an

act to establish the Maine Polyclinic. Printed under rule.

Mr. Philbrook for the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. Printed under rule.

Mr. Weeks for the committee on judiciary, on petition reported bill an act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Co. to generate, sell, supply and transmit electricity for power and heating. Printed under rule.

Mr. Burns for the committee on finance, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the School for the Deaf. Printed under rule.

Mr. Blanchard, for the committee on education, on bill an act to establish an additional Normal school at Dexter to be known as the Central Maine State Normal school, which was referred to this Legislature by the Legislature of 1895, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Blanchard, for the same committee, on resolve in favor of establishing a Normal school at Newport, which resolve was referred to this Legislature by the Legislature of 1895, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Burns, for the committee on education, on bill an act to establish a Normal school at Presque Isle, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Blanchard, for the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 112, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37, of the Public Laws of 1891, and chapter 21, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to Normal schools and the Madawaska Training school. Printed under rule.

Mr. Macomber, for the joint special committee on Eastern Maine Hospital, reported ought to pass in new draft under same title, resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital. Printed under rule.

Mr. Blanchard, for the committee on education, on report of the Industrial school for Girls, reported that the same be accepted. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hutchinson for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to fraternal and beneficiary organizations. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hutchinson, for the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act additional to chapter 101, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the inspection of buildings. Printed under rule.

Mr. Smith, for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Co. Printed under rule.

Mr. Smith, for the same committee, reported ought not to pass on bill an act additional to chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the amount of baggage to be carried by railroad corporations for each person purchasing a first class unlimited ticket.

Mr. Gilman, for the committee, on education, reported in a new draft and ought to pass resolve in favor of the town of York. Printed under rule.

Mr. Stetson, for the committee on financial affairs, on petition of Frank F. Noble and others, praying that an appropriation be granted in favor of the Healey Orphan Asylum of Lewiston, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Hutchinson, for the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend section 26, of chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance.

Mr. Briggs, for the committee on agriculture, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds. Printed under rule.

Mr. Stevens, for the committee on shore fisheries, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act relating to the catching of smelts in Damariscotta river. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hutchins, for the committee on salaries, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to regulate the salaries of the county commissioners of Franklin county.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to authorize the Damariscotta Mills Water Power Co., to develop, sell and use electricity for lease or sale, heat, light and power.

An act to amend sections 11 and 14, in chapter 58, relating to agricultural societies.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Co.

An act additional to chapter 105, of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitations of real actions and writs of entry.

An act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland.

An act to amend section 6, of chapter 78, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioner's court for the county of Lincoln.

An act to amend section 13, of chapter 485, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 52, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and Newcastle Railroad Co.

Resolve in favor of East Corinth academy.

Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth academy.

Resolve in favor of Leavitt institute.

Resolve in favor of Monmouth academy.

Resolve in favor of Lee Normal academy.

Resolve in favor of Wilton academy.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook seminary.

Resolve in favor of Cherryfield academy.

Resolve in favor of building a bridge over the Daigle brook in the town of Van Buren and county of Aroostook.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, raised the

point of order that the resolve was not properly before the House, as there was no statement of facts accompanying it.

The point of order was sustained by the Chair and the resolve was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of aid in blasting a ledge in the town of Frenchville, county of Aroostook.

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

Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal school.

Resolve in favor of Potter academy of Sebago.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, raised the point of order that the resolve was not properly before the House, as there was no statement of facts accompanying it.

The point of order was sustained by the Chair and the resolve was laid on the table.

Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, raised the point of order that the resolve was not properly before the House as there was no statement of facts accompanying it.

The point of order was sustained by the Chair and the resolve was laid on the table.

Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick.

Resolve providing for the perservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

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

Resolve in favor of the town of Cutler, for repairs on highways and bridges.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading, and Tuesday of next week assigned for its consideration.

Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas plantation.

Resolve in favor of a road in Jerusalem plantation.

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

Resolve in favor of the city of Calais.

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dickey brook in Frenchville, in the county of Aroostook.

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

Resolve, in aid of the Wiscasset bridge.

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

Resolve in aid of building a bridge across the Mattawamkeag river in the town of Haynesville, county of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of aid in building a highway bridge across the Mattawamkeag river at Kingman.

Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy.

Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Me.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Farmington Village Corporation.

An act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery & York Street Railway.

An act relating to chapter 189, of the Private & Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Co.

An ace relating to the Hallowell Water Co.

An act to amend section 2, of chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled an act for the better protection of sheep.

An act to amend section 6, of chapter 413, of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled an act to incorporate the city of Hallowell.

An act relating to waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator, and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator, and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases.

An act relating to the use of compressed air for power.

An act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State.

An act to amend section 2, of chapter 58, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94, of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of the board of agriculture.

An act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Co.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, bill an act to amend section 102, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, relating to the title of the State superintendent of schools, was taken from the table by unanimous consent, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was read a second time and assigned. The special assignment for this hour was the bill relating to hawkers and peddlers.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville: There are several amendments pending to this bill, and during the time the bill has been on the table other ideas have suggested themselves to those who have had this matter in charge, and those ideas are so numerous and conflicting that it is the judgment of many members that the bill should be re-committed to the committee. I therefore move the re-commitment of this bill to the committee on legal affairs.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Augusta, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House accepted the report of the judiciary committee reporting ought not to pass on bill an act to provide for homeopathic treatment in all general hospitals receiving aid from the State of Maine, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the report of the committee was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Lewiston, bill an act additional to section 104, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to the duties of the State superintendent of schools, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the bill was laid on the table, pending its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Macomber of Augusta, resolve in favor of George M. Coombs was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford, resolve in favor of the town of Moscow, was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was re-committed to the committee on ways and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot, bill relating to the Maine school for the deaf was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, bill relating to the salary of the sheriff of Franklin county was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was read a second time and assigned.

On motion of Mr. Furbush of Lewiston, resolve relating to the Castine State Normal school was taken from the table.

Mr. Furbush moved that the resolve take its second reading at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, the resolve was laid on the table, and Thursday morning of this week assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, bill amendment to section 4, of chapter 308, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, was taken from the table.

Mr. Hill offered amendment "A." to amend the title by adding thereto the words "entitled an act to incorporate the Thorn Brook Dam Company."

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

On motion of Mr. Kaler of Scarborough, bill relating to the Southport and Boothbay Harbor Telegraph and Telephone Company was taken from the table.

Mr. Kaler offered an amendment, to amend the title by inserting after the words "Boothbay" so that it shall read "Southport, Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay Telegraph and Telephone Company."

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

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, bill relating to liens on buildings was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was read twice and assigned for Thursday morning of this week.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of Portland, bill relating to the city of Deering was taken from the table.

Mr. Moore of Deering, offered an amendment to amend section 15 by inserting after the word "city" in the 49th line, the words, "provided that not more than two aldermen shall when elected reside in one ward."

The amendment was adopted, the bill was then read twice as amended and assigned for Thursday morning of this week.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Deering, bill relating to the Portland city charter was taken from the table.

Mr. Knowlton of Portland, offered House amendment "A." to amend by adding thereto a new section, section 42: "Section 41 of this act shall take effect when approved by the Governor."

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

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, bill relating to the service of venires was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, resolve relating to the State pension agent was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, it was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, resolve relating to bridge over Molunkus stream was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, bill relating to the Kittery & Elliot Street Railway Co., was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

PAPERS FROM THE SENATE.

Bill an act to authorize the county of Aroostook to make temporary loans.

This bill in Senate was read twice under suspension of the rules and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, the rules were suspended, the bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Pearl of Bangor, Adjourned.