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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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**HOUSE.**

Monday, March 15, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrews of Garland.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The petition of V. D. Decoster of Buckfield, and 14 others, for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff, was by the Senate referred to the committee on agriculture.

The House non-concurred with the Senate and ordered the petition placed on file.

An act to amend section 55, of chapter 38, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the sale of pressed hay.

The Senate non-concurred with the House in indefinitely postponing this bill.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, the House insisted on its action in indefinitely postponing the bill, and on further motion by the same gentleman, a committee of conference was appointed by the Chair consisting of Messrs. Dickey of Fort Kent, Weeks of Fairfield, and Goodrich of Maxfield.

An act to repeal chapter 580, of the Private and Special Laws of 1865, and chapter 65, of the Private and Special Laws of 1878.

In the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed. Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to amend chapter 154, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Wiscasset Water Company.

An act to provide for filling vacancies of trustees.

An act to legalize the incorporation of the Wales Grange, No. 40, Patrons of Husbandry.

An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company.

An act to amend section 11, of chapter 46, of the Revised Statutes, relating to clerks of corporations.

The House adopted Senate amendment "A" to this bill, and it was then assigned for tomorrow morning.

An act to amend section 11, of chapter 143, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of municipal officers.

The House adopted Senate amendment "A" to this bill, and it was then assigned for tomorrow morning.

An act to amend paragraph 4, of section 6, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxation of the estate and property of religious societies.

Petitions, bills and resolves, presented and referred:

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Bill an act to prevent the use of diseased meat for domestic purposes.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Bill an act to enable cities and towns to aid in procuring bondsmen for city and town treasurers and collectors of taxes.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Bill an act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State after 20 years residence at the insane hospital.

**MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.**

By Mr. Talbot of Lewiston—Bill an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance.

**MILITARY AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg commission.

**SHORE FISHERIES.**

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Remonstrance of W. H. Lawrence and 12 others, against any change in the lobster law.

By Mr. Mason of Bristol—Remonstrance of William Leeman and 71 others of Bristol, against the same.

**PLACED ON FILE.**

By Mr. Burnham of Edgecomb—Petition of Joseph B. West and 13 others of Wadoboro, asking for the passage of the bills now before the Legislature, to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated feeding stuff, and for the inspection of grass seed.

By Mr. Smith of Masardis—Remonstrance of the selectmen and 46 others of Ashland, against the passage of the act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Staples, for the committee on inland fisheries and game, on resolve for the better enforcement of the fish and game laws, by establishing a permanent fund, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Blanchard, for the Franklin county delegation, reported ought not to pass on bill an act authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin county to abate the county tax on Perkins plantation.

Mr. Smith, for the committee on the judiciary, on bill an act to establish the West Washington municipal court, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Weeks, for the same committee, on bill an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Eastport, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Mitchell, for the committee on agriculture, reported ought not to pass on resolve, relating to fixing the dates of the Maine State fair and the Eastern Maine State fair.

Mr. Staples, for the committee on inland fish and game, reported ought to pass on bill an act to repeal chapter 182, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891. Tabled for printing.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213, of the Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Co.

An act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, of the Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Co.

An act to amend section 23, of chapter 79, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Gettysburg commission.

An act to repeal acts incorporating the town of Maxfield.

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

An act to amend section 34, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 166, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the duties of municipal officers.

An act in relation to suits for taxes.

Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, moved that the reference of resolves which have, today, been made for Wednesday, be reconsidered.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Dickey further moved suspension of the rules in relation to these resolves, and that they be assigned for consideration on Friday of this week.

The motion was agreed to.

An act relating to chapter 320, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec Railroad Co.

An act to amend sections 6 and 8, of chapter 81, of the Revised Statutes, relating to indorsement of writs.

An act additional to and to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Co.

An act to repeal chapter 463, of the Special and Private Laws of 1885, relating to the taking of bass in Winnegance creek.

An act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

An act to give the Oxford Light Co. certain powers not granted by the general law.

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

Resolve appropriating money to carry into effect an act establishing travelling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Bangor, this resolve was laid on the table pending its first reading.

An act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Co. to erect and maintain four toll and railway bridges across the St. John river.

An act to abate the county taxes assessed on Lang plantation since its organization and now remaining unpaid.

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

An act to authorize the correction of errors in proceedings for collection of taxes.

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

An act to increase the efficiency of the local board of health in the town of Eden.

Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mat-tawamkeag bridge.

An act to amend section 33, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes on stock of banks and other corporations.

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

On motion of Mr. Pearl of Bangor, this bill was laid on the table pending its first reading, and Friday of this week was assigned for its consideration.

An act to establish travelling libraries.

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

An act to repeal chapter 197, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the taking of fish in Marble brook and pond.

An act to amend section 8, of chapter 396, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 204, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Deer Isle Telephone Co.

An act to incorporate the Old Town Gas, Light and Power Co.

An act to amend chapter 353, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, relating to the Bluehill Water Co.

An act to amend chapter 184, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Castine Water Co.

An act relating to the salaries of judges and registers of courts of insolvency.

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

Resolve in favor of the purchase and distribution of photographic views.

An act to repeal chapter 246, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to prevent the use of narrow rimmed wheels on Greenfield road in the town of Greenbush.

An act to amend section 67, chapter 81, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 107, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to attachments.

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

An act to amend chapter 214, of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled an act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Co., as amended by chapter 74, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and by chapter 482, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by chapter 620, of the Private and Special Laws of 1893.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

An act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land

damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest avenue in the city of Deering in said county.

An act to establish bank holidays and to abolish days of "race upon commercial paper.

An act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to be expended in celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

An act to amend section 18, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to election qualifications and compensation of school committees.

Mr. Garvin of Acton, offered amendment "A," to add section 4, "this act shall take effect, March 1, 1898."

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Portland, the bill was laid on the table pending the adoption of the amendment.

An act to amend section 112, chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37, of the Public Laws of 1891, and by chapter 121, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the Normal schools and Madawaska Training school.

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

An act to incorporate the Lamoine Beach Water Co.

An act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.

An act entitled an act additional to chapter 101, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the inspection of buildings.

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

An act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland upon half pay.

An act to amend chapter 70, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of land for non-payment of taxes.

An act to regulate the packing of sardines.

An act to establish the Maine Polyclinic.

An act to authorize the Maine Pulp and Paper Co. to generate, sell, supply, distribute electricity for power and heating.

An act to amend chapter 70, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of land for non-payment of taxes.

An act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island.

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

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

An act to amend section 27, chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens.

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

An act to amend chapter 229 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, entitled an act incorporating the trustees of the fund for the support of the episcopate if the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine as amended by chapter 311

of the laws of 1864, as amended by chapter 214 of the laws of 1880, and as amended by chapter 106 of the laws of 1895.

An act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings.

An act to incorporate the Northern Development Company.

An act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railway Company.

An act relating to the taking of alewives in Bagaduce river and Walker's Pond.

An act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railway.

An act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook.

An act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Company.

An act giving additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company, incorporated under chapter 524 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885.

An act to prevent the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and to enlarge its purpose to include aid for needy girls.

An act to legalize the doings of school district number 5 in the town of Falmouth and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building erected out of said fund in said district.

An act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for girls.

An act to amend chapter 193 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway.

An act to extend and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company.

An act to incorporate the Southport, Boothbay Harbor and Boothbay Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An act granting a new charter to the city of Portland.

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 to amend sections 7, 9 and 14 of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving of venires.

An act to amend an act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt, approved February 18, 1897.

An act to amend section 4, of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section one, chapter 232 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act to incorporate the Thorn Brook Dam Company.

Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick.

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

Resolve in favor of Monmouth Academy.

Resolve in favor of North Yarmouth Academy.

Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy.

Resolve in favor of the city of Calais.

Resolve in favor of a road in Dallas Plantation.

Resolve in favor of Cherryfield Academy.

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

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge now existing across the Molunkus stream in Macwahoc plantation, county of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of Castine State Normal School.

Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute.

Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal School.

Resolve in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolve in favor of Wilton Academy.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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

On further motion by Mr. Moore the vote was reconsidered whereby the House adopted House amendment "A."

Mr. Moore asked unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

The motion was agreed to, and on further motion by the same gentleman the bill was then read the third time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Martin of Liberty, bill in regard to conveying school children was taken from the table.

Mr. Martin offered amendment "A," to strike out the word "ten" in the 6th line and substitute the word "eight;" strike out the word "discontinued" in the 11th line and substitute the word "suspended;" strike out the words "a period of at least twenty weeks," in the 12th and 13th lines and substitute the words "the number of weeks for which schools are maintained."

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, the bill was laid on the table pending the adoption of the amendment, and Thursday of this week assigned for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, Adjourned.