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OF THE
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adoption of House amendments A and B. Mr. Reynolds offered the following amendment:

Amend the title so that the same shall read as follows: "An act regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees."

Section II. Amend by striking out section 1.

Section III. Renumber section 2 as section 1. Strike out the figures "127" in the third line of section 2, renumbered section 1, and substitute therefor the figures "129," strike out all between the word "meeting" in the 11th line of section 2, renumbered section 1, and the word "section" in the first line of section 3.

Section IV. Renumber section 3 as section 2.

Section V. Insert a new section. Section 3. This act shall not apply to cities. The amendment was adopted and bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds, an act to amend section 60 of chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes relating to intoxicating liquors, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

An act to amend section 2, of chapter 168, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, this bill was taken from the table. Mr. Roberts offered the following amendments:

"Amend by striking out all after the word 'improvements' in the 12th line, down to and including the 23d line; and also strike out all after the word 'improvement' in the 40th line down to and including the 51st line."

Mr. Savage of Androsoggin, spoke in opposition to the amendment, favoring the bill as reported by the judiciary committee.

Mr. Roberts spoke in defense of the amendment.

The amendment was adopted, and the bill read once.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, the bill was read the second time under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, Ordered, That H. J. Noble and C. E. Morrison be paid the sum of \$75 for extra and efficient services on the elevator.

On motion by Mr. Hinkley of Franklin, Ordered, That the sum of \$25 be paid to Walter D. Bean for extra services rendered the committee on inland fisheries and game as messenger.

On motion by Mr. Sharp of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Thursday, March 25, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to change the time of holding terms of the supreme court in the county of Washington.

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

An act for the better preservation of highways and commodifying public travel.

In Senate passed to be engrossed by House amendments "A" and "B" and Senate amendments "A" and "B." The House had already accepted Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "B" was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations.

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

An act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State.

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

An act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company.

Senate amendment "B" was adopted and the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

An act relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners.

Mr. Philbrook, of Waterville, offered amendment "A," by inserting in line 13 of section 4 after the word "affairs" the words "where the plaintiff or his attorney of record resides in one county and the debtor in another, the debtor may be commanded to appear in any county where the plaintiff resides."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Philbrook offered amendment "B," to strike out the word "ten" where it occurs and substitute the word, "five."

The amendment was lost.

Senate amendment "A" to the bill was adopted.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, said that he believed that the old rule was a good one. Seems to me to be better to leave the matter as it is and not appoint these commissioners in every county at great expense. In Aroostook it costs a man to go and disclose more than enough to pay the debt. I move the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, said that the purpose of the bill was to remedy the evils which the gentleman from Fort Kent suggested. A party brought before the commission is to be brought where the disclosure commissioner resides or the next town so that they cannot be dragged all over the county. I believe

this bill remedies what my friend wants remedied.

Mr. Fogler of Rockland, said he thought there were well-founded complaints of the abuses of the present disclosure law. The committee have made a very thorough investigation of the matter and have framed a bill which they believe to be in the interest of all parties.

Mr. Talbot of Lewiston, said that in 1887 an act was passed entitled "an act to prevent imprisonment for debt except in case of fraud." If the title had been an act to imprison any man who is unfortunately poor and could not pay his debts it would have been nearer correct. More abuse under this than any act ever enacted. I have not examined the provisions of this bill but able attorneys have. If it promises any relief I think we ought to pass it.

Mr. Boynton of Sullivan, said that as a member of the committee which framed the bill he was in favor of it. The only objection that I have met with was that it went too far in the line of reform.

Mr. Furbush of Lewiston, said that he had received three letters within the last fifteen minutes from dealers in Lewiston requesting their delegation to oppose this measure. They believed it would do them a great injustice. They haven't time enough now to do business with the law as it is.

Mr. Hill of Portland, said that the measure had received as much attention at the hands of the committee as any other that has been brought before the House. A sub-committee made up of two members of the judiciary and two of the legal affairs have had this matter under consideration almost during the whole session, and they believed that the bill should pass.

Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, said that abuses had grown up under the disclosure law. Debtors have been summoned from one end of a large county to the other. This bill is introduced for the purpose of correcting those abuses. It is not for the benefit of the creditor class but for the debtor. I hope the motion will not prevail.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill the motion was lost.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State cattle commission.

Senate amendment "A" to this bill was adopted.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, said he objected to all those cattle bills. The State becomes an insurance company for insuring fancy stock. None of that fancy stock can live long in our cold climate. If they would put the stock down to what they are worth when they condemn them, there will be some object in it, but we become an insurance company and insure the lives of these cows, and pay what they value them at, double what you can buy just as good cows for in this State. The men who import the fancy stock ought to be responsible for this matter. Our native stock have none of these diseases. I object to the State's insuring the lives of this fancy stock. Forty head of cattle were killed the other day in Deering and the value of them

was \$40 a cow. That is a fancy price for a good cow and a live one. I am opposed to the bill and I move its indefinite postponement.

The motion was agreed to.

An act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis river and its tributaries.

This bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence under suspension of the rules.

An act in reference to the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

This bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence under suspension of the rules.

Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of York deeds.

Read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence under suspension of the rules.

An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.

Read three times and passed to be engrossed in concurrence under suspension of the rules.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred.

WAYS AND MEANS.

By Mr. Houghton of Fort Fairfield—Bill an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1897.

Bill an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1898.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln, Ordered, That D. S. Moore of Moscow, be excused from further attendance at this session on and after the 25th inst. and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay in full to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Bangor, Ordered That the usual compensation per diem be paid Andrew P. Andrews of Garland, for services as chaplain in this House during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Durgin of Orono, Ordered, That C. E. Cushman of Andover, be excused from further attendance at this session after this date, and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay and mileage to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered, That M. D. Chatto, Representative from Brooksville, be excused from further attendance at this session on and after Friday, March 26, and that the clerk make up his pay for the full amount to the end of the session, mileage included.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Walton for the committee on legal affairs on petition of F. B. Matthews and others, praying that a bill be passed to rid the country of pack peddlers, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Walton for the same committee, on petition praying that chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, relating to hawkers and peddlers, be amended, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Mr. Daggett for the committee on State lands and State roads, reported in a new draft and ought to pass resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Moro plantation.

Under suspension of the rules this resolve was given its two readings and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Murray for the committee of conference on resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine, reported that the committee were unable to agree. Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pembroke, the House adhered to its former action in indefinitely postponing this resolve.

**READ AND PASSED TO BE EN-
GROSSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF
THE RULES.**

An act to legalize the doings of the Sacarappa Aqueduct Company.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

An act to change the time of holding the October term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Waldo.

An act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property the title to which is disputed.

An act to establish wards and ward lines in the city of Augusta.

An act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State Prison physician.

An act relating to the Portland Railroad Company.

An act to permit the Patten and Sherman Railroad Company to sell or lease its road.

An act to amend sections 3 and 8 of chapter 86, and section 17 of chapter 81, Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs.

An act to amend sections 4, 5 and 6 of chapter 636 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to election of town officers.

An act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish.

An act to amend chapter 118, Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics.

An act to establish the standard weight of a bushel of parsnips.

An act to regulate the packing of sardines.

An act to incorporate the new city hall commission of Waterville, under the name of the city hall commission.

An act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade.

An act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Company.

An act to establish the Sanford Municipal Court.

An act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Company.

An act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago.

Resolve providing for the expenses of the governor and staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant monument to the city of New York.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed resolve relating to the cattle commission. That commission have expended already \$8,000 for which no appropriation has been made. That expenditure has occurred since the general appropriation was made for last year. This expense of \$8,000 has been incurred this year.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, said he believed an appropriation should be passed sufficient to reimburse the commissioners.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, said that last year the commission did not stop when their money was gone, but now they had gone ahead and slaughtered \$6,000 more when there was no appropriation. I am willing to pass a resolve to pay what they have expended and stop them but they are men whom you cannot stop unless you pass a resolve. This State before two years will have \$50,000 if not \$100,000 to pay for insuring that diseased stock appraised for more than it is worth. I am willing that a resolve should be passed to pay them what they have got in debt but no more.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, said that if the vote was reconsidered he would offer an amendment reducing the amount to \$8,000.

Mr. Briggs of Auburn, moved that the matter lie upon the table until afternoon.

The motion was lost.

The question being on the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the resolve was indefinitely postponed, a division was had and the motion was agreed to by a vote of 69 for to 3 against.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, offered an amendment, to strike out the word "fifteen" and substitute the word "eight."

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, the matter was laid upon the table until afternoon pending the adoption of the amendment.

The report of the conference committee on resolve relating to Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, reporting that they were unable to agree, was received from the Senate.

Mr. Palmer of Bangor, moved that another committee of conference be appointed.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Whelden of Portland, moved that the House adhere to its former action.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, said that the Senate had at their morning session appointed a further committee to consider this matter, because, gentlemen, they do not believe in personal and petty jealousies which, I believe, are the foundation of the opposition to this measure.

I consider it outrageous, after the amount of money that has been appropriated for that hospital at Bangor, for this Legislature to adjourn and leave those buildings as they are now. It seems to me that no member of the House ought to refuse to vote for a further committee of conference. It has been granted by the Senate and out of courtesy to that body I trust that you will appoint a further committee of conference.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, said that he concurred in the view of the last speaker. I believe something should be done to preserve what has been done at Bangor and protect the property of this State.

Mr. Pearl of Bangor, said that he could hardly believe it possible that the Legislature had arrived at a point where they would say they would drop this matter entirely. I think courtesy to the other body requires that we should appoint another conference committee. We have started this hospital at Bangor and we must do something to promote this institution that has been started. The necessity exists. We are over-crowded; and should anything occur in connection with the hospital across the river, like an epidemic or a fire, in one of the pavilions, what should we do? Such a thing is liable to occur at any time.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, said if the motion to adhere prevails it precludes all further contemplation of this question by the House. I hope that a further committee may be appointed. You have employed a firm of contractors who have done their work in the way to win the approval of all who have examined it. That firm of contractors is depending in good faith on the statements made to them by your duly accredited representatives and they have expended large sums of money which must be an absolute and total failure if this House should adhere to its present position. In the name of fair play between the State and the firm of contractors who have made contracts with the State in good faith, I make an appeal that at least one more attempt be made by a committee of conference to see if something cannot be done to work out of this difficult problem.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, said that he presumed that the gentleman from Waterville (Mr. Philbrook was unaware that there still remains unexpended in the hands of the present commission, as stated publicly by one of the commission a sufficient amount to pay for all the work that the firm of contractors have contracted for. The gentleman from Waterville was not aware of that fact.

Mr. Philbrook said he thought he was in a position to know about this matter. I say that other expenditures have been made by that firm in relation to this contract in anticipation of what they were assured would come. Large expenditures were made looking forward to this matter, and so if this matter is not carried forward they lose a large amount.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, said that anything which any contractor has gone

into in anticipation of what might be done in the future did not weigh an ounce on the question of fair play or of making an appropriation by this House. I repeat that every contract with any contractor for any purpose in relation to the Bangor Hospital can be fulfilled without this House appropriating one dollar. There now remains in the hands of the commission a sufficient amount for that purpose.

In regard to the question of courtesy, if courtesy is due to anybody I think it is due to the House which has three times carefully considered this question. The Senate has not shown any disposition to show any courtesy in the matter. When we indefinitely postponed this bill the first time, the Senate with hardly the courtesy of any discussion, sent it back to the committee who reported it to us in almost the original terms. We know that the Governor and Council will use the small sum of money necessary to preserve those buildings from decay. If the conference committee on the part of the Senate would have agreed on a small appropriation for this purpose I would have approved of it. It seems to me that the House owes it to itself to pass the motion to adhere.

Mr. Shepard of Buxton, said that it was the policy of the State to care for its property and if we go home without appointing another committee of conference and without providing any way for taking care of those buildings we neglect that policy. I think we should take care of the property which we have.

Mr. Andrews of Garland, said that in view of the crowded condition at Augusta, he thought there was need of finishing up the hospital at Bangor. Mr. Sanborn told me that they are in a crowded condition across the river having about 230 more than they should have. Let us not leave this matter in such a way that we shall be sorry when we have gone to our homes that we did not do something. "As ye would that others would do unto you do ye even so unto them." Let us act on this principle.

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, said that in the conference committee the matter came up relative to making a small appropriation for the purpose of taking care of the buildings at Bangor, and that the most eminent member of that committee, a lawyer well known throughout the State, took the ground that it was not necessary as the Governor and Council had ample authority to take care of all the property of the State. In reply to the gentleman from Bangor (Mr. Stetson) who states that the opposition to this bill arises from personal and petty jealousies, I simply have this to say, that it does not apply to me, that in my position I have been just as faithful and just as conscientious as the gentleman himself. And I want this House to understand that I have not advocated a measure on the floor of this House because I had a feeling of hostility to Bangor or to any other place in the State of Maine. I believe in the question I took as much as the gentleman from Bangor believed

in his position. I do not want it cast to me that I stood up here and have been unfaithful and untrue to myself.

Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag, said that he thought the Legislature was leaving something unfinished. I believe it is our duty to appropriate not only enough to care for the buildings but to add one pavilion at least. I believe the people of the State will be better satisfied in the years that are to come if this appropriation should be made. I believe some unjust means have been used on the part of those opposed to this measure. I believe some of the papers placed on our desks were very misleading. When we read of a lunch apparently costing \$4 for one man and when there were four or five men who had the lunch it, makes a vast difference. I trust that the motion to adhere will not prevail.

Mr. Boynton of Sullivan, said that he had heretofore voted against the appropriation and for the indefinite postponement of the resolve, because his constituents, as he thought, were opposed to the size of the appropriation. I hope, however, that something will be done whereby the work will be carried on upon the Bangor Hospital. A former Legislature has committed us to the policy of building at Bangor and let us do something to carry the work along. I hope another committee of conference will be appointed and that something will be devised which will advance this work.

The question being on the motion to adhere to the former action of the House, Mr. Stetson of Bangor, called for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays being ordered, the roll was called and the motion to adhere was lost by a vote of 62 for to 70 against.

Yea—Ames, Ayer, Blanchard, Briggs, Burnham, Burse, Burton, Chandler, Coffin of Shapleigh, Coffin of Thorneate, Conant, Cram, Davis, Day, Donnell, Fogg, Fuller, Golder, Goodrich, Hancock, Hill, Holbrook, Holmes, Hutchinson, Kaler, Kinsman, Kneeland, Larabee of Sebago, Levensaler, Lincoln, Littlefield of Kennebunk, Luce, Martin, Maxcy, Maxwell, Merrill of Portland, Moore of Deering, Moore of Moscow, O'Neil, Pattangan, Penley, Plummer, Pratt, Prince, Furinton, Reed, Robinson, Sanborn, Sawyer, Searis, Shaw of Cumberland, Smith of Masardis, Smith of Presque Isle, Staples, Starbird, Tarbell, Thurston, Walton, Wheeler, Whelden, Whiting, York.—62.

Nay—Andrews, Austin, Boynton, Britton, Brown, Burns, Burrill, Chatto, Cook, Cox, Currier, Cushman, Daggett, Dickey, Durgin, Edmunds, Fernald of Levant, Floyd, Fogler, Forest, Furbush, Gagnon, Garvin, Gilman, Goodwin, Gowell, Greenleaf, Hamilton of Biddeford, Hamilton of Mattawamkeag, Hathaway, Hathorn, Houghton, Hussey, Hutchins, Jewell, Jones, King, Knowlton of Newburg, Knowlton of Portland, Littlefield of Vinahaven, Longley, Macomber, Mason, McIntire, Mitchell, Murchie, Murphy, Murray, Palmer, Pearl, Peirce, Philbrook, Pope, Rodick, Rowell of Kittery, Saunders, Sewall, Shaw of Saco,

Shepard, Simpson, Smith of Hampden, Spear, Stetson, Talbot, Thompson, Tolman, Williams, Wilson, Winslow, Young.—70.

Absent—Bither, Dudley, Fernald of Poland, Gardner, Guernsey, Hurd, Lane, Littlefield of Belfast, Merrill of Bluehill, Newcomb, Noble, Patten, Rounds, Rowell of East Livermore, Stevens, Thurlow, Violette, Weeks.—18.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Bangor, the vote was reconsidered whereby the House refused to appoint a second committee of conference.

Mr. Palmer moved the appointment of a committee of conference.

The motion was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed on said committee on the part of the House, Messrs. King of Caribou, Merrill of Portland, and Spear of Rockland.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, bill relating to insolvency proceedings was taken under consideration.

Mr. Hill of Portland, offered amendment "A" to this bill.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was then read three times and was passed to be engrossed as amended under suspension of the rules.

Majority and minority reports on bill relating to the United States Fibre Co.

The pending question being the adoption of the majority report,

Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, moved that the matter be assigned for the afternoon session.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Smith further moved that when this House adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

These bills received their several readings and were passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

An act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section 54, chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes.

An act amendatory of and additional to chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of highways.

An act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor, over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers.

Resolve laying a tax on counties of the State for the years 1897 and 1898.

Pending the second reading of the resolve, Mr. Reed of Harmony, offered amendment "A," to amend so that the sum of \$18,000 for the county of Somerset shall be stricken out and the sum of \$16,000 substituted for the years 1897 and 1898.

The amendment was adopted, the resolve was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to extend the charter of the Waldo & Somerset Railway Co.

An act additional to and amendatory of chapter 634, of the Private and Special

Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden & Winterport Railway.

An act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, No. 316, was organized.

An act to amend section 7, chapter 150, of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to organization of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maine.

An act to amend section 5, chapter 22, of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officer.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer of Wales, Ordered, That on and after Friday, the 26th inst., A. L. Talbot of Lewiston, be excused from further attendance on this House, and the clerk be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Wilson, for the committee of conference, on order of the Legislature relating to railroad commissioners, reported that the committee cannot agree. Report accepted.

Mr. Fogler, for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass bill an act relating to corporations organized under the general law.

An act authorizing the United States Fibre Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electrical power.

Messrs. Smith of Presque Isle, Pattangall of Machias and Wilson of Gorham, spoke in favor of the bill and the adoption of the minority report.

Messrs. Murray of Pembroke, Fogler of Rockland, Hamilton of Biddeford, Burns of Westbrook, Merrill of Portland, Dickey of Fort Kent, and Knowlton of Portland spoke against the bill and in favor of the majority report.

The question being on the substitution of the minority report which carries the bill, for the majority report, ought not to pass, Mr. Houghton of Fort Fairfield, called for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays being ordered the roll was called and the motion was lost by a vote of 31 for to 80 against.

Yea—Briggs, Chandler, Cushman, Davis, Day, Durgin, Gagnon, Goodrich, Hancock, Kneeland, Knowlton of Newburg, Lane, Larabee of Sebago, Levensaler, Lincoln, Martin, Moore of Deering, O'Neil, Pattangall, Pratt, Sawyer, Shepard, Smith of Masardis, Smith of Presque Isle, Stevens, Tolman, Whelden, Whiting, Wilson, Winslow.—31.

Nay—Ames, Boynton, Britton, Brown, Burns, Burrill, Burton, Chatto, Coffin of Shapleigh, Coffin of Thorndike, Conant, Cook, Cox, Cram, Daggett, Dickey, Donnell, Edmunds, Fernald of Levant, Floyd, Fogler, Fuller, Furbush, Garvin, Golder, Goodwin, Greenleaf, Hamilton of Biddeford, Hamilton of Mattawamkeag, Hathaway, Hathorn, Hill, Hussey, Hutchins, Jewell, Kaler, Kinsman, Knowlton of Portland, Littlefield of Kennebunk, Littlefield of Vinalhaven, Luce, Macomber,

Mason, Maxwell, McIntire, Merrill of Bluehill, Merrill of Portland, Mitchell, Murchie, Murphy, Murray, Palmer, Pearl, Peirce, Penley, Philbrook, Prince, Purinton, Reed, Robinson, Rodick, Rowell of Kittery, Samborn, Saunders, Searls, Sewall, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Saco, Smith of Hampden, Staples, Starbird, Stetson, Talbot, Walton, Wheeler, Williams, York, Young.—80.

Absent—Andrews, Austin, Bither, Blanchard, Burnham, Currier, Dudley, Fernald of Poland, Fogg, Gardner, Guernsey, Holbrook, Holmes, Hurd, Jones, King, Littlefield of Belfast, Moore of Moscow, Newcomb, Noble, Plummer, Pope, Rounds, Rowell of East Livermore, Simpson, Tarbell, Thompson, Thurlow, Thurston, Viollite, Weeks.—31.

Paired—Forest, yes; Spear, no. Gilman, yes; Fatten, no. Houghton, yes; Maxey, no. Hutchinson, yes; Gowell, no.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, the majority report of the committee, reporting ought not to pass on the bill, was accepted.

The report of the committee on conference on resolve relating to the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, reporting that they are unable to agree, came from the Senate.

Mr. Palmer of Bangor, moved that the report lie on the table pending its acceptance until tomorrow morning.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Palmer called for a division on the acceptance of the report.

A division being had the report was accepted by a vote of 63 for to none against.

Mr. Whelden of Portland, moved that the House adhere to its former action.

Mr. King of Caribou, stated that the committee of conference were convinced that the House and Senate could not come to any agreement, and he seconded the motion to adhere.

The question being on the motion to adhere to the former action of the House, the motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pembroke, Ordered, That when the House adjourn this afternoon it shall be to meet at 7.30 o'clock, this evening.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered, That on and after Friday March 26, S. A. Coffin of Thorndike, be excused from further attendance at this session and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

Mr. Briggs of Auburn, presented bill an act to amend chapter 177, of the Public Laws of 1889, as amended by the Public Laws of 1893, chapter 194, and moved its consideration without reference to any committee.

The bill was read the first time under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, the bill was laid on the table pending its second reading and assigned for this evening.

Mr. Whelden of Portland, moved that the vote be reconsidered whereby the House voted to adhere to its former action in regard to the Bangor Hospital, stating that he did this for the purpose

of killing the resolve now so that it should not come up tomorrow.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Furbush, for the committee on financial affairs, on resolve to repair the block house at Fort Kent, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature. The report was accepted.

Mr. Furbush, for the same committee, on resolve in favor of the fire-proof brick vault at the State Capitol reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature. The report was accepted.

Mr. Furbush, for the same committee, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to place the Maine Relief Corps Home at Newport under the control of the State, referred from the last Legislature. The report was accepted.

Mr. Furbush, for the same committee, on petitions praying that the medical staff in all general hospitals shall include at least one homeopathic physician and surgeon, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. The report was accepted.

Mr. Houghton, for the committee on ways and means, reported ought to pass on bill an act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1897 amounting to the sum of \$805,179.49.

Under suspension of the rules this bill was given its three readings and passed to be engrossed at the present time.

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On motion of Mr. Moore of Deering, Adjourned.

Evening Session.

PAPERS FROM THE SENATE.

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

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A." The House re-considered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to secure the better observance of the Lord's day.

In Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence. The House receded from its position whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed.

Mr. Palmer of Bangor, called for a division on the question to concur with the with the Senate in indefinitely postponing the bill.

A division being had the motion to concur was not agreed to by a vote of 25 for to 30 against.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Bangor, the House voted to adhere to its former action.

An enabling act for the annexation of Deering to Portland.

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A" to House amendment "A." The House re-considered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed, and further re-considered the vote whereby it adopted House amendment "A." Senate amendment "A" to House amendment "A" was then adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

The Speaker read a communication from W. L. Littlefield of Belfast.

Belfast, March 24, 1897.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Maine:

Gentlemen: Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the deep and sustained interest and the many expressions of friendly regard extended to me and my family during my protracted illness. Let me assure you that I deeply appreciate the motives which prompted your interest and acts in my behalf, and I shall ever cherish the memory of them among the most gratifying experiences of my life. Looking forward to the time when I shall meet you all again and take you each by the hand and express my regard in a less formal way, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

W. L. LITTLEFIELD.

The reading of the letter was received with applause.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, moved that the clerk of the House be directed to communicate to the member from Belfast, the fact that the House has received with much pleasure the communication from him, and express to him its continued wishes for his full and complete recovery.

The motion was agreed to.

Resolve in favor of the Maine cattle commission.

The pending question is the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Pattangall of Machias, so that the resolve shall carry \$8000 to defray liabilities already incurred by the commissioners instead of \$15,000 as formerly.

On motion of Mr. King of Caribou, the resolve was laid on the table.

Bill an act to amend chapter 17, of the Public Laws of 1889, as amended by the Public Laws of 1893, chapter 194, relating to the extirpation of contagious diseases among cattle.

Mr. Macomber of Augusta, moved the indefinite postponement of the bill. It proposes to legislate out of office three State officials without giving them an opportunity to be heard if any charges are brought against them. I hope this House will not do a thing of that sort at this late hour.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone, the motion was lost.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, said that he did not believe it was in good taste for this Legislature at this late hour to put through so important a measure without a chance to look at it and consider it, and he moved that the bill lie on the table and be printed, before the House

legislates out of office three commissioners without notice and without a hearing.

Mr. Shaw of Saco, seconded the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Whelden of Portland, said that if there was anything in the American law that we are proud of it is the fact that before a man is condemned he is entitled at least to a hearing. I most earnestly favor the laying of the bill on the table until we can consider the matter more carefully.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, spoke in favor of the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot, raised the point of order that discussion is not in order on a motion to lay on the table.

The Speaker ruled that the point of order was well taken.

The question being on the motion to lay the bill on the table for printing, pending its third reading, the motion was agreed to.

**BILLS READ AND PASSED TO BE
ENGROSSED UNDER SUSPENSION
OF THE RULES.**

An act relating to suits on promissory notes.

An act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counsellors, and to provide for a board of examiners and to repeal conflicting acts.

On motion of Mr. Pattangall of Machias, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Resolve for amendment to the constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies.

Bill an act to incorporate the Damariscotta & Bristol Telephone Co.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House indefinitely postponed the bill relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law, stating that he did so for the purpose of moving its reference to the next Legislature.

A division being had on the motion to reconsider, the motion was agreed to by a vote of 44 in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the bill was then referred to the next Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Fogler of Rockland, Adjourned.