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## SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 7, 1897.

Senate called to order by the president.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wyman of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, reported that the committee to which were referred the votes cast for senators to this Legislature had examined the said returns and found that the following persons have received a plurality of the votes cast in their respective senatorial districts and are therefore elected senators, viz:

FIRST DISTRICT—YORK—Frank H. Hargraves, Buxton; Daniel A. Hurd, North Berwick; LeRoy F. Pike, Cornish.

SECOND DISTRICT—CUMBERLAND—Matthew C. Morrill, Gray; Josiah H. Drummond, Jr., Portland; Edward C. Reynolds, South Portland; Cyrus S. Witham, Raymond.

THIRD DISTRICT—OXFORD—John A. Roberts, Norway; Olecott B. Poor, Andover.

FOURTH DISTRICT—ANDROSCOGGIN—Albert R. Savage, Auburn; J. Wesley Maxwell, Webster.

FIFTH DISTRICT—FRANKLIN—Nathan U. Hinkley, Phillips.

SIXTH DISTRICT—SAGadahoc—M. H. Ferguson, Phippsburg.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—KENNEBEC—Martin L. Reynolds, Sidney; Oliver B. Clason, Gardiner; Perham S. Heald, Waterville.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—SOMERSET—Milton L. Merrill, St. Albans; Tilson D. Salley, Madison.

NINTH DISTRICT—PISCATAQUIS—Willis E. Parsons, Foxcroft.

TENTH DISTRICT—PENOBSKOT—William Engel, Bangor; Edgar S. Weeks, Old Town; A. R. Day, Corinna.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—LINCOLN—Henry H. Chamberlain, Bristol.

TWELFTH DISTRICT—KNOX—Frederick S. Walls, Vinalhaven.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—WALDO—A. J. Billings, Freedom.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—HANCOCK—Gilbert E. Simpson, Sullivan; Rufus P. Grindle, Bluehill.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—WASHINGTON—Charles A. McCullough,

Calais; Edgar A. Wyman, Millbridge. SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—AROOSTOOK—Louis C. Stearns, Caribou; Henry C. Sharp, Monticello.

And the report was accepted.

Mr. Clason of Kennebec, for the joint select committee to which was referred the returns of votes for governor for the political years of 1897 and 1898 reported that the committee had examined the said returns and found that the whole number of votes returned for governor is 123,804.

Llewellyn Powers	has	82,742
Melvin P. Frank	"	34,419
Ammi S. Ladd	"	2,696
Luther C. Bateman	"	3,306
William H. Clifford	"	610
Scattering		31

And Llewellyn Powers having a plurality of all the votes returned is duly elected Governor for the current political years 1897 and 1898.

The committee further reported that the above totals do not include the vote of the town of Littleton, which is returned as follows:

For Governor Powers	had	134
Frank	"	34
Ladd	"	18

And the committee asked to leave the disposal of this vote to the decision of the Legislature.

The report was read and Mr. Clason then offered the following amendment:

Add 186 to the total number of votes, so that it shall read 123,990. Add 134 to the number of votes for Llewellyn Powers so that it shall read 82,876. Add 34 to the number of votes for Melvin P. Frank, so that it shall read 34,453. Add 18 to the vote of Ammi S. Ladd, so it shall read 2714.

The amendment was adopted and the report as amended was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Tuesday afternoon next at 4.30 o'clock.

Mr. Savage said in explanation of this order that he offered it after consultation with the presiding officers of both branches, as it seemed wise that this length of time be allowed for the proper formation of the committees.

Subsequently this order came back

from the House passed in concurrence.

The president called to the chair Mr. Savage of Auburn.

Mr. Day of Penobscot—It becomes my pleasant duty at this time, at the unanimous request of the parties concerned, embracing all of the leading officials about the State House to introduce the following resolve:

Resolved, That in recognition of the services of Henry B. Cleaves during the past four years as executive of our State, the Senate of Maine tenders him in behalf of the citizens of Maine the sincere appreciation, respect and esteem of our people. Able and conscientious in the performance of his duties, devoted to the interests of our State, regardful for the welfare and prosperity of our people, solicitous for the interests of her institutions, ever laboring for the development of the diversified industries of the State and for her advancement, he retires from his official position with the confidence and regard of all our citizens and with their wishes for a prosperous and happy future.

Upon motion by Mr. Day, this resolution was unanimously passed by a rising vote.

Mr. Day then resumed the chair. A communication was received from the executive, transmitting the report of the commissioners appointed under the provisions of chapter 138 of the laws of 1895 relating to the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, with accompanying drafts of bills.

Upon motion by Mr. Savage, the communication was laid upon the table with the report to be printed pending reference.

A communication was received from the executive transmitting each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, and commutation of pardon granted in 1895 and 1896, giving the name of the convict, the time for which he was convicted, the sentence, the date of reprieve, commission, commutation or pardon, and the conditions, if any, upon which the same was granted.

Upon motion by Mr. Savage this communication was laid on the table to be printed pending reference.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting

report of the commissioners upon the establishment of a new normal school.

Upon motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, the communication was laid on the table to be printed pending reference.

Upon motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate be authorized to furnish wrappers and postage stamps to each senator, and to the secretary himself, not to exceed ten dollars in amount to each, for the purpose of distributing the various reports of the departments of State and other public documents such as they may desire to mail to citizens of the State.

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, presented the following

Order, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers and inform him that he has been duly elected Governor of the State of Maine for the current political years of 1897 and 1898.

Which was read and passed, and the following members appointed on the part of the Senate. Messrs. Stearns of Aroostook, Parsons of Piscataquis, and Drummond of Cumberland.

The order was sent to the House and subsequently returned, passed in concurrence and with the following members appointed on the part of the House: Messrs. Palmer of Bangor, Forest of Lewiston, Macomber of Augusta, Thompson of Standish, and Murchie of Calais.

Mr. Stearns subsequently reported that he had waited upon the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor-elect, and he was pleased to reply that he accepted the office and would attend upon the Legislature at such time as may be assigned, for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths required by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge of his official duties.

On motion by Mr. Heald of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches of the Legislature forthwith in the halls of the House for the purpose of administering to the Hon. Llewellyn Powers, Governor-elect, the oaths re-

quired by the constitution to qualify him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties.

The president directed the secretary to convey the message. Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr. Cotton, its clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition.

The Senate then proceeded to the Representatives' hall, where a convention was formed.

On the return of the Senate to their chamber Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, presented the following

Order, That 800 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the Senate, which was passed.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a convention of the two branches of the Legislature forthwith in the hall of the House for the purpose of electing a secretary of State, attorney general, State treasurer, two State assessors, public printer, public binder and seven executive councillors.

The president directed the secretary to convey the message.

Subsequently a message was received from the House by Mr. Cotton, its clerk, concurring in the foregoing proposition and the Senate then proceeded to the Representatives' hall, where a convention was formed.

On the return of the Senate to their chamber Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, presented the following

Order, The House concurring, that the business of the last session of the Legislature referred to this be taken from the files and referred to the proper committees, which was passed.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Senate make up the pay of Harlow R. Smith, the retiring assistant secretary, in the sum of \$150, for services rendered preparatory to and during the organization of the present Legislature and services rendered during the present session.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin,

Adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Thursday, Jan. 7.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

## Orders.

On motion of Mr. Guernsey of Dover, Ordered, That every bill or resolve reported in the House of Representatives by a committee or laid upon the table by leave, shall be printed and distributed in the House before having its first reading. The printed copies shall show by what committee the bill or resolve was reported or by what member laid upon the table.

By Mr. Daggett of Smyrna,

Ordered, That the secretary of State be directed to furnish each member and officer of the House with postage stamps to the amount of \$10.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be authorized to procure the services of a type writer during the present session of the Legislature.

By Mr. Macomber of Augusta,

Ordered, That the clerk of the House be instructed to invite the clergymen of Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner to officiate at the opening services of the House during the present session.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville offered the following resolution:

Voicing the sentiment of the people and press of Maine, the House of Representatives desires to place on record its recognition of the distinguished services rendered by the retiring Governor. Therefore,

Resolved, that we extend to Hon. Henry B. Cleaves, who has guided the ship of State for four years, our recognition of his honorable services, faithful to every trust, diligent in the performance of all public duties, devoted to the interests of the whole State, he has met every emergency and given to the people of Maine an upright, honest and dignified administration. He has been the Governor of all. The doors of the Executive chamber have always been open to every citizen of the State, and the humblest has never been turned away without a patient and respectful hearing. He retires from the high office he