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**Sixty-Eighth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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**SENATE.**

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897.

Senate met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House passed in concurrence.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the insurance commissioner, and was referred to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

Bills, petitions, etc., presented and referred:

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Petition of George M. Coombs for compensation for services for preparing plans and specifications of the Eastern Maine insane hospital. Accompanied by order, passed under orders.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester and to authorize the sale of its meeting house and lot.

Br. Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—An act to amend the private and special laws of 1893 relating to the Water Company.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act relating to bonds of trustees and guardians.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Bill an act filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine general hospital.

Also petition of Fred E. Richards and others of the city of Portland for legislation relating to the Portland Elevator Company.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to fix the term of the police officers of the city of Auburn.

Also petition of the city of Auburn for act fixing the terms of police officers, with accompanying bill.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Bill an act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company.

**Legal affairs.**

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Bill an act to provide for the better protection of public records.

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Bill an act to incorporate the Guilford and Sangerville Water Company.

By Mr. Walls of Knox—Bill an act relating to the Vinal Haven Water Company.

**Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Resolve in favor of the Maine general hospital, with accompanying statement of facts.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Petition of James Augustine Healey for aid for St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum.

**Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.**

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Bill an act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company.

By Mr. Walls of Knox—An act to amend chapter 207 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895 relating to the Vinal Haven Telegraph and Telephone Company.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—Bill an act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Petition of V. R. Tuttle, president and 35 others for extension of charter of Waldo & Somerset Railway Co.

**Inland Fisheries and Game.**

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of E. F. Bicknell and others of the town of Norway against making any change in close time for moose, caribou and deer.

**Towns.**

By Mr. Wyman of Washington—Petition of William Thompson and others praying that certain islands may be set off from the town of Jonesport and annexed to the town of Roque Bluff.

**Pensions.**

By Mr. Poor of Oxford—Petition of E. E. Bedell and others of the town of Andover to pension soldiers of the Aroostook war.

By Mr. Morrill of Cumberland—Resolve in favor of State pensions.

**Androscoggin County Delegation.**

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor.

**Kennebec County Delegation.**

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of Hon. P. O. Vickery and Thomas Leigh, Esq., and 34 others of Augusta praying for appropriations sufficient to operate Monmouth fish hatchery and feeding station and to pay for two wardens in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Petition of Oscar Holway and 26 others of Augusta for the same.

By Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec—Petition of Hon. J. H. Manley and 34 others of Augusta, for the same.

Also petition of John F. Hill and 34 others for the same; also, petition of Edwin C. Burleigh and 31 others of Augusta, for the same; also, petition of Hon. J. Manchester Haynes and 30 others of Augusta, for the same.

**Orders.**

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, presented petition of George M. Coombs for compensation for services in preparing plans and specifications of the Eastern Maine insane hospital, which was referred to the judiciary committee, and upon his motion the accompanying order was given a passage:

Ordered, That the committee on judiciary to which was referred the petition of George M. Coombs, inquire into the subject matter of said petition and determine whether said Coombs is legally and equitably entitled to compensation for services, disbursements and expenses alleged by him to have been performed, made and incurred by him in behalf of the State and report by bill, resolve or otherwise.

**Bills, Petitions, Etc. Referred from the Last Legislature.**

In compliance with the order that all matters referred from the last Legislature to this be taken from the files and referred to the appropriate committees, the following reports were read by the President and referred:

**Judiciary.**

The report of committee on judiciary to which was referred bill an act entitled, "An act, providing for election with secret ballot."

Report of committee on judiciary inquiring into the expediency of establishing the office of State auditor.

**Legal Affairs.**

Report of committee on legal affairs to which was referred petition of Abel Davis and others of Pittsfield, praying for a municipal court.

Also, bill an act entitled, "An act in reference to the patients in Bangor General Hospital being allowed to designate their physician."

Also, bill an act entitled, "An act to preserve the purity of public water supplies."

**Financial Affairs.**

Report of the committee on financial affairs to which was referred petition of P. N. Drake and 14 others of Pittsfield in relation to physicians in General Hospital.

Also, petition of Elliott Walker and 30 others of the State of Maine in reference to the medical staff of all general hospitals.

Also, bill an act entitled, "Bill to place the Maine Relief Corps Home at Newport under the direction of the State."

**Education.**

The report of the committee on education to which was referred bill an act to establish an additional Normal School at Dexter to be known as the Central Maine State Normal School.

Also bill an act to establish a normal school at Houlton in Aroostook county. Also resolve in favor of the establishing of a normal school at Newport.

Also, order of the Legislature relating to making free high schools compulsory in all towns of more than 1000 inhabitants.

**Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.**

Report of the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses to which was referred bill an act to extend the charter of Penobscot Central Railroad Company.

Also bill an act to amend section 9 of chapter 378 of the public laws of 1885, relating to connections between telephone lines.

#### **Banks and Banking.**

Report of committee on banks and banking which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of passing a general law in relation to trust and banking companies.

#### **Interior Waters.**

Report of committee on interior waters to which was referred bill an act to establish a sorting boom on Mattawamkeag river.

Report of the same committee which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of a bill for provision and alteration of the fees and tolls of the proprietors of Machias boom.

#### **Ways and Bridges.**

Report of committee on ways and bridges to which was referred petition of the county commissioners of Somerset county and others, James Wood of Stark and others, J. N. Snell of Madison and others, G. E. Snow of Stark and others, L. T. Butler of Anson and others praying that aid be given by the State in building a bridge over the Sandy river in the town of Stark.

#### **Inland Fisheries and Game.**

Report of committee on inland fisheries and game to which was referred petition of J. H. Whitten and 13 others of Durham for an act prohibiting the taking of trout from Branch brook and its tributaries in the towns of Durham and Pownal.

Also petition of E. E. Witham and 15 others of Madison asking for amendment to law relating to killing bear.

#### **Shore Fisheries.**

Report of committee on shore fisheries to which was referred petition of J. M. Powers and others of Deer Isle asking for an act to prohibit the taking of clams within the limits of the town of Deer Isle, and others.

Also petition of W. A. Cochrane and

others of Edgcomb that an act be passed granting owners of mill privileges and others on Lilly pond in Edgcomb the right to construct and maintain fish ways.

Also, petition of E. B. Gross and 83 others of Orland asking for appeal of an act passed at the last Legislature to prevent the destruction of fish in Eastern Penobscot river at Orland.

#### **Towns.**

Report of the committee on towns to which was referred the petition of N. B. Thurlow and 119 others of Deer Isle that the southern part of Deer Isle be set off.

Petition of Rev. Ernest Etenaud and 183 others praying that the town of Frenchville may be divided.

Petition of Thomas S. Gould and others praying that a part of the town of Rome be set off and annexed to the town of Belgrade.

Petition of N. Morse and 50 others residents of Orneville in the county of Piscataquis praying that said town of Orneville may be annexed to and made a part of the town of Milo.

Reports A and B of the committee on towns to which was referred the petition of L. D. Morrill and others praying that a part of the town of Madison may be incorporated into a new town.

#### **Insane Hospital.**

Report of the committee on insane hospital to which was referred bill an act in reference to the chronic insane.

#### **Mines and Mining.**

Report of the committee on mines and mining to which was referred bill an act to provide for the geological and mineralogical survey of the State.

On motion of Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, Senate document No. 1, being communication from the Governor giving each case of reprieve, remission of penalty, commutation or pardon granted in 1895 and 1896, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Walls of Knox, Senate document No. 2, being the report of the commissioners on the establishment of a new normal school,

was taken from the table and referred to the committee on education.

**passed to be Engrossed.**

Mr. Stearns of Arrostook offered the following resolve:

Resolve in favor of the committee of the Senate appointed to attend the funeral of Ex-Gov. Daniel F. Davis.

Upon of Mr. Stearns the resolve was given its second reading under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Upon motion of Mr. Heald of Kennebec the Senate adjourned.

**HOUSE**

Thursday, Jan. 14, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred:

**Judiciary.**

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—An act to amend an act to establish a municipal court in the city of Waterville.

By Mr. Talbot of Lewiston—An act to provide for the review of jury trials in court cases in the supreme judicial and superior courts.

By Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick—An act to regulate steam engineering with petition of Charles C. Hobbs and 130 others of South Berwick for the passage of the same.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Resolve by the city council of Deering favoring the repeal of certain laws of 1895 whereby individual and corporate rights are abridged.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—An act to amend chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1895.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Bill an act to amend section 11 of chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1894 relating to the Augusta municipal court.

**Legal Affairs.**

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—An act to amend the charter of the Dexter Water Company.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of W. F. Wright and others for water charter in the town of Warren.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—An act to repeal chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes relating to insolvency.

An act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889 relating to hawkers and peddlers.

**Financial Affairs.**

By Mr. Stetson of Bangor—Petition of Eastern Maine General hospital of Bangor in aid of appropriation.

Resolve in aid of Eastern Maine General hospital of Bangor.

Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Eastern Maine General hospital of Bangor.

Petition of Eastern Maine General hospital of Bangor for amendment to charter.

By Mr. Holbrook of Brunswick—Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Petition of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union for an appropriation, with statement annexed.

**Education.**

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Resolve in favor of Wilton academy.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Resolve in favor of Westbrook seminary with petition accompanying the same.

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Resolve in favor of the training and normal school at Fort Kent.

**Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.**

By Mr. Rowell of Kittery—An act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company.

By Mr. Stetson of Bangor—Petition with bill attached of Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company to amend certain acts so as to permit said company to build tracks, etc., through the towns of Newburgh and Dixmont in the county of Penobscot, and the towns of Monroe and Searsport in the county of Waldo; also to build through the towns of Glenburn, Levant, Kenduskeag, Corinth, Charlestown, Garland, Stetson and Exeter in the county of Penobscot.

By Mr. Noble of Lewiston—An act