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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE.

Monday, Jan. 18, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Journal read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Upon motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, the Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference to the judiciary committee of bill an act to secure the secret ballot, and referred the same to the committee on legal affairs.

A communication was received from the State treasurer submitting his official bond as State treasurer for 1897 and 1898, for approval by the Legislature, and the same was referred to the committee on financial affairs.

The following bills, petitions and resolves were presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Bill an act additional to chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to descent of personal property; also petition of Albert W. Paine of Bangor and others, relating to amendment to chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes.

Also, bill an act authorizing the "Draper Company" to issue preferred stock and hold bonds and stocks of other corporations.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of E. O. Thayer and 130 others of Gardiner, in favor of municipal suffrage for women.

Education

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Resolve of the Somerset County Pomona Grange in favor of more nearly equal adjustment of the school tax, also to promote the efficiency of our public schools.

Inland Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Hinkley of Franklin—Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Petition of Frank H. Lyford and 21 others of Auburn, asking for sufficient

appropriation to operate Auburn hatchery and feeding station and for suitable warden service.

Petition of Nathan W. Harris and 38 others; Henry W. Oakes and 28 others of Auburn, for the same.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of W. P. Giddings, M. D., and 149 others of Gardiner, asking for sufficient appropriation for the operation of Monmouth hatchery and feeding station, and for sufficient warden service in Kennebec county for the years 1897 and 1898.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Engel of Penobscot—Bill an act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to railroads.

Agriculture.

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Resolve of Somerset County Pomona Grange in favor of a law to prevent fraud in the manufacture and sale of cloth.

Also resolve in favor of a law to prevent adulteration of seeds.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Resolve of Somerset County Pomona Grange in favor of cash as against the labor system for repairing highways.

State Prison.

By Mr. Walls of Knox—Petition of Benjamin Burton and 280 others of Union, for a reformatory prison for women; petition of Eva A. Bond and 72 others of Warren, Mrs. Sylvester Aran and 49 others of Camden, Mrs. C. S. Coakley and 19 others of Spruce Head, Pauline Pierpont and 22 others of Washington, for the same.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Petition of F. L. Odlin and 276 others of Lewiston and Auburn, for the same.

Reports of Committees.

The committee on judiciary, to which was referred an act entitled an act providing for election with a secret ballot, reported that the same be referred to the committee on legal affairs. Report accepted and bill referred.

The committee on pensions to which was referred resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans and their dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors eligi-

ble under existing laws, reported that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted and resolve laid on the table to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, Jan. 18, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingstone of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The various petitions for an appropriation sufficient to operate the Monmouth fish hatchery and feeding station and to pay for two wardens in Kennebec county, were in the Senate referred in non-concurrence to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

The House receded and referred them in concurrence to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

Bills, petitions, etc., presented and referred:

Judiciary.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of George H. Collins and 144 others of Presque Isle for legislation allowing women to vote in municipal elections.

By Mr. Jewell of Hallowell—A petition for the same.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Petition of Maria L. Smith and others of Milbridge for same; petition of Mrs. A. C. Rogers and 113 others of Pembroke for same.

By Mr. Sanborn of Sanford—Bill an act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Company.

By Mr. Pearl of Bangor—Resolve, that the State treasurer be authorized to pay Isaiah K. Stetson the sum of \$38.93 as per itemized bill attached for expense incurred by the committee in attending the funeral of Ex-Gov. Daniel F. Davis at Bangor, Jan. 13, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Pearl the rules were suspended, the resolve receiving its second reading and was passed to be engrossed.

Financial Affairs.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Petition of Nicholas Fessenden and 10 others in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland; petition of Mary S. Snow and 60 others of Bangor for same; petition of Selden Connor and 70 others for same; petition of Henry B. Cleaves, Nelson Dingley and 50 others for same; petition of Randall D. Bibber, mayor, and seven aldermen of the city of Bath; also city clerk and 12 others for same; petition of Wm. B. Cleaves and 10 others for same.

Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Resolve in favor of the Augusta city hospital.

By Mr. Furbush of Lewiston—Resolve in aid of the temporary home for women and children at Deering with accompanying petition and statement of facts.

Education

By Mr. Conant of Strong—Bill an act to amend section 3, chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to public schools.

By Mr. Day of Turner—Resolve in favor of Leavitt Institute.

Taxation.

By Mr. Goodrich of Maxfield—Resolve in favor of the town of Maxfield for a mistake in over-valuation.

Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses.

By Mr. Macomber of Augusta—Bill an act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Company.

Bill an act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Bill an act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company, with accompanying petition.

Interior Waters.

By Mr. Cram of Mt. Vernon—An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Lake Maranocook.