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OF THE

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SENATE.

Friday, Jan. 22, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and ap-

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following petition came from the House referred to the committee on ways and bridges.

Petition of the mayor of Eastport that Eastport toll bridge be kept in repair and maintained by the State.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin said that as this matter had once before been before the Legislature, and as presented now seems to be purely a question of law, involving the legal duties of the State under the charter of the old toll bridge company which is now owned by the city of Eastport, he would move that the Senate noncencur with the House in reference to the committee on ways and bridges and refer it to the committee on judiciary.

The Senate so voted and the petition was referred to the committee on judiciary.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr.-Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act in relation to voluntary trusts.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of Mrs. L. G. Clark and 162 others, of Belfast, praying for an act to raise the age of protection of girls from 14 to 18 years.

Petition of Gilman Roberts and 16 others of Waldo for the same.

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Petition of E. H. Doane and others of Sebec, for the same.

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Petition of Russ A. Snow and others of Atkinson, asking for municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of Sarah J. Barker and 19 others of Waldo; of Mrs. L. G. Clark and 13 others of Belfast; of Adelbert Merritt and 57 others of Searsmont; of G. A. Beckett and 20 others of Belfast for the same.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland— Eill an act to amend section 17, of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes relating to change of name in divorce proceedings.

Bill an act relating to the service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgage.

STATE PRISON.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of Mrs. F. Dunton and 82 others of Searsmont, praying for such an act as will lead to the establishment of a reformatory prison for women.

Petition of E. H. Brice and 32 others of Northport for the same.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Bill an act to regulate the election of directors or managers of corporations.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that the committee on State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, the committee on agriculture, the committee on education and the committee on nilitary affairs, with such members of the Senate and House as wish to join, be authorized to visit the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet Monday, January 25, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Subsequently this order came back from the House passed in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Heald of Kenney

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Ordered, That the committee on inland fisheries and game be directed to place on exhibition for the benefit of the Legislature a suitable tank in the State House with a sample of the product of the fish hatcheries of the State.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on judiciary to which was referred resolve in relation to the claim of the State of Maine for indemnity for expenses incurred by it in de-

fence of the United States reported that the same ought to pass.

The same committee reported ought

to pass on the following:

Bill an act to legalize the lease of the Cld Town Street Railway Company.

Bill an act to enable the Portland Elevator Company to lay railroad tracks and to lease its franchise and other property.

Bill an act to fix the term of the police officers of the city of Auburn.

Bill an act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children.

These several reports were tabled for printing under joint rule.

TABLED FOR PRINTING.

The following bill presented by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, was tabled for printing pending reference.

Bill an act relating to the Old Town

municipal court.

TAKEN FROM TABLE AND RE-FERRED.

On motion by Mr. Salley of Somerset, Senate document No. 9, bill an act relating to common schools, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, bill an act relating to the repair of highways in towns was taken from the table and referred to the committee on ways and bridges in concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors eligible thereto under existing laws.

Bill an act relating to the bonds of trustees and guardians.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the committee appointed by the House to attend the funeral of ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis.

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

HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 22, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Father Doherty of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred.

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Jewell of Hallowell—Petition of the mayor and aldermen and other citizens of Hallowell for an act to authorize said city to supply itself and the citizens thereof with electricity.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Bill an act relating to waiving the provision of a will by the widow and the interest she receives in the estate after such waiver.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Petition of E. W. Webb and 101 others of Waterville asking for a charter to be granted to the Union Gas and Electric Company.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Bill an act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Cook of Casco—Petition of E. B. Jilson and 49 others of Otisfield for the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway; petition of G. B. Mabry and 59 others for same.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor—Petition of H. B. Sargent, president of Bangor Boom Company, for extension of charter, with bill.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Dickey of of Ft. Kent—Resolve directing the land agent to deed certain lots in Wallagrass plantation.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Tollman of Carroll—Resolve in favor of aid for highway bridge across Mattawamkeag river in Kingman.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Kinsman of Cornville—Bill an act relating to the creation of private fish ponds.

By Mr. Durgin of Orono—Petition of G. B. Glover and 47 others of Edding to for a change in the law relating to