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**SENATE.**

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Parsons of Hallowell.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following bill and petition came from the House.

An act to extend the charter of the Castine Railroad and Navigation company. Referred in House to committee on railroads.

Petition of White Bros. and 15 others of Danforth to amend the charter of the Baskehegan Dam Company. Referred in House to committee on interior waters.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot these were tabled for printing pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, the vote was reconsidered whereby the petition of J. W. Hodgkins and 200 others of Dexter, asking that the fee of travel for commissioners of Penobscot county be reduced, was referred in concurrence to the Penobscot county delegation, and the same was referred to the committee on salaries.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the report of the Maine State Prison, and was referred to the committee on State prison.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec—Bill, an act to provide for homeopathic treatment in all general hospitals receiving aid from the State of Maine.

Bill, an act to amend section 44 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes relating to intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill, an act to amend section 4, chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Petition of Mrs. R. P. Grindle and 50 others of

Bluehill, in favor of woman suffrage in municipal elections.

Petition of M. E. Mayo and 50 others of Bluehill, to raise the age of protection for girls from 14 to 18 years.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Bill, an act relating to the Coburn Steamboat company.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Petition of E. F. Corliss and 69 others for an appropriation of \$4000 for warren service in the county of Cumberland.

**SALARIES.**

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Bill, an act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county.

**ORDERS.**

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, it was ordered, the House concurring, that the committee on agriculture shall take under consideration the matter of bovine tuberculosis in this State, the causes and conditions which develop it, to what extent it is brought into this State from other states and countries, whether it is on the increase or decrease in the State; also whether any changes are desirable in the law for the suppression of the disease, and report by bill, resolve or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, it was ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, it was ordered that the secretary of the Senate cause 500 copies of Senate document No. 18, relating to investigation of fires, to be printed.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

The committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, to which was referred bill, an act, additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads, reported that the same be printed and recommitted. Mr. Engel for the committee. Report accepted.

The committee on judiciary, to which

were referred the following bills, reported that the same ought to pass.

Bill, an act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and to do business in Maine. Mr. Drummond for the committee.

Bill, an act to amend the Private and Special Laws of 1893 relating to the Glidden Water Company. Mr. Drummond for the committee.

Bill, an act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and to hold stock and bonds of other corporations. New draft, under title of an act authorizing the Draper Company to issue preferred stock and hold stock and bonds of other corporations. Mr. Drummond for the committee.

Reports accepted and the several bills tabled for printing under joint rule.

The committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, to which was referred bill, an act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan, reported that the same ought to pass. Mr. McCullough for the committee. Report accepted and tabled for printing under joint rule.

The committee on education, to which were referred the following reports, recommended that the same be accepted and adopted.

Report of the Industrial School for Girls. Mr. Clason for the committee.

Report of the superintendent of common schools. Mr. Roberts for the committee.

The reports were accepted and adopted.

The committee on education to which was referred bill, an act to create a board of examiners for teachers and to define its duties, reported that the same be tabled for printing pending reference. Report accepted.

The committee on legal affairs, to which was referred bill, an act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes reported that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under joint rule.

The Kennebec county delegation, to which was referred petition of Henry S. Webster and others and Lewis A. Burleigh and others, praying that cop-

ies of old Lincoln county records of deeds may be made and filed in Kennebec county, reported bill, entitled an act to provide for the preservation of the deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in Kennebec registry. Mr. Clason for the committee. Report accepted and tabled for printing under joint rule.

#### **TABLED FOR PRINTING PENDING REFERENCE.**

Mr. Engel of Penobscot introduced the following bills, and on his motion they were tabled for printing pending reference.

An act to incorporate Shin Pond Dam and Improvement Company.

An act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

#### **TAKEN FROM THE TABLE AND REFERRED.**

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec. Senate Document No. 6. Report of the committee to examine into the affairs of the Maine State college, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

#### **TAKEN FROM THE TABLE AND INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, the following order was taken from the table.

Ordered, That the committee on financial affairs be authorized to secure such assistance as may be deemed necessary for the collection of facts relating to appropriations in the possession of others committees.

Mr. Hargraves of York, who introduced the order stated that as an order was introduced by Senator Salley which covered this matter very completely, it would be satisfactory to all interested that this order be taken from the calendar and disposed of.

On motion by Mr. Engel, the order was indefinitely postponed.

#### **READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Senate Document No. 19. An act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General hospital.

Senate Document No. 20. An act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of

the Public Laws of 1891 relating to migratory fish.

Senate Document No. 21. An act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor, was read.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin stated that he desired to correct a clerical error in the bill at this time, and on his motion the rules were suspended and the following amendment adopted.

Amend Senate Document No. 21 by striking out the word "reimbursed" in line 16 and insert in lieu thereof the word "repaid."

The bill as amended was assigned for its second reading Friday morning.

Senate Document No. 22. An act to amend section 17 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes relating to change of name in divorce proceedings.

Senate Document No. 23. An act to amend section 1 of chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes relating to forgery.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company.

An act to repeal chapter 503 of the Private and Special Laws of 1828 to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus river.

An act to amend section 11 of chapter 224 of the Private and Special Laws of 1849 relating to the Augusta municipal court.

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, related to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company.

An act to amend an act establishing a municipal court in the town of Waterville.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cochran of Lowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The Senate referred in non-concurrence to the judiciary committee an act authorizing the United Indurated Fiber Co. of New Jersey, to generate and supply compressed water and electric power, with the several petitions in favor of the same. The House receded and concurred.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred.

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Young of Hiram—Petition of Mrs. E. A. Stickney and 26 others of Brownfield in favor of raising the age of protection for girls from 14 to 18 years of age; of E. C. Burrell and 26 others of Hiram for same.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of Z. J. Wheeler and 55 others of West Paris for same; of Mrs. C. S. Coakley of Spruce Head and 19 others for same; of Mrs. A. S. Daniels and 41 others of Liberty for the same; of Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth and 56 others of Camden for same.

By Mr. Jones of Lincoln—Bill, an act to extend the rights and powers and franchises of the Winn Water and Power Co.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of Warren Hills of Union and 167 others asking that the protection of girls be raised from the age of 14 years.

By Mr. Edmunds of Corinth—Petition of Mary E. Ball and 42 others of Corinth for municipal suffrage for women; of Etta M. Fernald and 30 others of Lincolnville for same; of Sarah A. Clark and 33 others of Stetson for same.

By Mr. Bither of Linneus—Petition of S. E. Carter and 27 others of Washburn for same; of E. W. Smart and 26 others of Bancroft for same.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Petition of John E. Wallace and 68 others for same.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Bill, an act authorizing the county commissioners of York county to locate and