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**SENATE.**

Monday, Feb. 1, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

Journal of Friday, read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, the Senate met non-concurring with the House in reference to the committee on banks and banking of the several petitions asking for reduction of tax on savings banks, and the same were tabled pending reference.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred:

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Engel of Penobscot—Bill an act to amend section 17, of chapter 48, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the organization of manufacturing companies.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to amend section 4, of chapter 160, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner.

Bill an act to amend chapter 70, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of land for non-payment of taxes.

By Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin—Petition of C. A. Amback and three others of Sabattus, for an act to amend chapter 136, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Remonstrance of A. D. Thayer and 104 others, voters and taxpayers of the town of Oxford, against bill now pending in the Legislature enlarging the corporate powers of the Oxford Village Corporation.

Remonstrance of F. B. Andrews and 14 others, taxpayers of Oxford village, against the same.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Petition of T. C. Kennedy and 210 others of New Castle and Damariscotta, asking for a law to compel a two-thirds vote in towns to appropriate money for other than usual purposes.

Petition of D. D. Perkins and 28 others of New Castle and Bristol; George Cunningham and 11 others of

New Castle and Damariscotta, for the same.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Petition of E. M. Steadman and 54 others, asking for restriction of legislation in regard to granting discharges in insolvency.

**EDUCATION.**

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Bill an act to amend sections 6 and 119, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the manner of assessment of common school funds.

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Petition of C. E. Emery and 54 others of Athens, in favor of equalization of school tax.

Petition of O. W. Waugh and 28 others of Starks, for the same.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Petition of F. F. Caswell and 12 others, relating to the dumping of sawdust and other refuse matter in Gilman Pond stream and its tributaries.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Bill an act to amend section 47, chapter 38, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, of chapter 255, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale of milk.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Hurd of York—Petition of Nathaniel Hobb and 16 others of North Berwick, for a close time on Bonny big pond in the towns of North Berwick and Sanford.

**WAYS AND BRIDGES.**

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Petition and resolve in favor of aid in repairing and maintaining the Wiscasset bridge across tide waters between the towns of Wiscasset and Edgecomb.

Petition of C. A. Peaslee and 83 others of Wiscasset; of J. A. Peters of Bangor and 39 others; of S. McDougall and 40 others of Boothbay; of Geo. B. Keniston and 86 others of Boothbay; of C. A. Hutchins and 34 others of Edgecomb, for the same.

**ACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

An act in relation to the bonds of trustees and guardians.

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS.**

On motion of Mr. McCullough of

Washington, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby extended to Hon. E. C. Stevens, superintendent of public buildings, for fitting the members' desks with Yale locks and keys.

#### READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to amend the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to the Glidden Water Company.

An act authorizing the "Draper Company" to issue preferred stock and to hold stock and bonds of other corporations.

An act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine.

An act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

An act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company.

#### FINALLY PASSED.

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 law.

#### TAKEN FROM TABLE AND REFERRED.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, the following were taken from the table and referred to the committee on interior waters:

Bill relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

Petition of White Bros. and 15 others of Danforth for amendment of charter of the Baskahegan Dam Company.

Bill to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 1, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leach of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The Senate non-concurred with the House in referring to the committee on inland fisheries and game the petitions of A. M. Spear and 186 others of Gardiner for preservation of smelts in Kennebec river, of F. G. Sherman and 30 others and of D. S. Tasker and 118 others, all of Randolph, for the same, and referred said petitions to the committee on shore fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner the petitions were laid on the table pending reference in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital.

An act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to migratory fish.

An act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor.

An act to amend section 17, chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery.

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

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Petition of Charles F. Johnson and 50 others for amendment to the law relating to inspection of milk; of G. A. Kennison and 42 others for same; of Remi Plurd and 30 others of Grand Isle for additional term of supreme judicial court at Caribou; of committee of the Board of Trade of the city of Augusta with accompanying bill praying that the charter of said city may be amended and that the act be submitted to the legal voters of said city for their approval; of Charles M. Jones and 49 others for legislation relating to the Baker punitive chair; of Alonzo Walker and 45 others for same.