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OF THE
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SENATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Livingston, of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on judiciary of the several petitions praying for woman suffrage in municipal elections and laid the same on the table.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, the Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on legal affairs of bill an act additional to chapter 51, Revised Statutes, relating to transmission of bicycles as baggage, and laid the same on the table pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on banks and banking of the several petitions for a reduction of the tax on savings banks, and laid the same on the table pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, the Senate non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on taxation of petition of M. J. McRay and 33 others of Harrington, in favor of the school tax bill, and referred the same to the committee on education.

HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company.

An act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making a temporary loan and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the forestry commission, and was referred to the committee on inland fisheries and game.

ACT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

An act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the con-

tribution by husbands and fathers to the support of wives and children.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition with accompanying act authorizing the employment of a stenographer to take evidence given before a grand jury.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of John S. Harlow, county attorney of Oxford county, for the same.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Petition of W. H. Powell and 88 others of Old Town, asking for the repeal of section 1, chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1895.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act in relation to suits by organized and co-operative societies and associations.

Bill an act additional to charter 55 of the Revised Statutes relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations.

Bill an act authorizing towns to establish sinking funds.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Bill an act additional to and amendatory of chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the discharge of mortgages on real estate.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Resolve in favor of the Portland School for the Deaf, with statement of facts accompanying.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Remonstrance of A. G. Foster and 32 others of Winthrop, against the Maine Central Railroad Company erecting and maintaining a wharf and boat-house at Lake Maranacook.

By Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin—Remonstrance of F. I. Brown and 53 others against the same.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of J. D. Carey of Montville, and 54 others asking for an appropriation to operate the hatchery at St. George lake, and also for warden service for the years 1897 and 1898.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Morrill of Cumberland—Resolve in favor of the State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of the governor and council.

TABLED.

Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, presented the following remonstrances which were referred to the Kennebec county delegation.

Remonstrance of the county commissioners, county attorney, county treasurer, register of probate, clerk of courts, judge of probate and coroner of Lincoln county against removing the records from Lincoln county registry of deeds.

Remonstrance of register of deeds of Lincoln county, of William H. Hilton and 33 others of Lincoln county, members of Lincoln bar and prominent citizens, against the same.

Upon suggestion by Mr. Savage that this matter is now pending before the Senate, Mr. Chamberlain asked for a reconsideration of the vote referring these remonstrances and the same were laid on the table.

ORDERS.

Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, presented the following order:

Ordered, The House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Parsons stated in explanation of this order that in accordance with the order previously passed by both branches, by which the committees on State college, education, agriculture and military affairs, with such members of the Senate and House as wished to join were authorized to visit the State college and give it a personal examination and inspection, it had been the intent that an arrangement should be made by which every member of the Legislature who wished to go could do so. In view of this fact and after consultation with the presiding officers, it had seemed best to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock to enable the members to take a special train that would leave the station at 9 o'clock, immediately before the regular

train, returning to arrive here at 6.30 in the evening.

Mr. Savage asked whether in view of the large number of committee hearings advertised tomorrow, it would not be possible to postpone the visit to the State college until Friday.

Mr. Parsons replied that this had been taken into consideration but after carefully weighing the matter, it had been decided that for the convenience of the institution and the majority of the members of the Legislature, Thursday would be a better day than Friday.

The order was then given a passage.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, it was

Ordered, that the use of the Senate chamber be allowed the committee on towns this Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of a hearing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Reynolds for the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act authorizing the construction of a wharf into tide waters of Casco bay and bridge over tide waters in the town of Harpswell. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Weeks for the committee on financial affairs, to which was referred petition of James Augustus Healey in aid of the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland, reported resolve in favor of the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum in Portland, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Clason for the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred an act to provide for the better protection of public records, reported in new draft an act to provide for the better protection of public records, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Reynolds for the committee on legal affairs, to which was referred bill an act in reference to patients of the Bangor General Hospital designating their physicians, reported that the same be referred to the committee on financial affairs. Report accepted.

Mr. Salley for the committee on ways and bridges, to which was referred petition of Albert Lawrence and others praying that aid be granted in build-

ing a bridge across Sandy Stream in Lexington Plantation, Somerset county, reported resolve in favor of aid for building a bridge across Sandy Stream in Lexington Plantation, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Salley for the committee on ways and bridges to which was referred petition of the commissioners of Somerset county for aid in building a bridge at the Forks in Somerset county, reported that the same be referred to the committee on State lands and State roads. Report accepted.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 4 of chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes relating to polygamy. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Stearns for the committee on judiciary to which was referred the petition of Maria L. Smith and many others praying for suffrage for women in municipal affairs, as well as the remonstrance of Mrs. J. P. Baxter and many others against the same, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Engel for the committee on salaries reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889 relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Roberts for the committee on library who have had under consideration the needs of the State library for the years 1897 and 1898, reported resolve in favor of the Maine State library for the years 1897 and 1898 and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Clason for the Kennebec county delegation, reported ought to pass on bill an act to establish a sinking fund for Kennebec county. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to provide for the preservation of deeds now in Lincoln county

relative to lands in Kennebec county, in Kennebec Registry.

An act to repeal section 42 of chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes relating to re-sentencing criminals sentenced to the State prison.

An act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

An act relating to the expenditures of the railroad commissioners.

An act to amend section 31 of chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes relating to the January term of the county commissioners court of Hancock county.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn.

On motion by Mr. Sharp of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned.