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**SENATE.**

Thursday, Feb. 4, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. George of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

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 D. E. Bowen and 20 others of Morrill, for equalization of school tax; of J. K. Dickey and 29 others of Morrill, in favor of the school tax bill, and referred the same to the committee on education.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate and simplify the law relating to sea and shore fisheries, together with an act to review and consolidate the public laws relating to sea and shore fisheries, and an act authorizing the commissioners to make special inquiry as to local fisheries, and was referred to the committee on shore fisheries.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the board of trustees of the Maine College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and was referred to the committee on the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Resolve making an appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis for the year 1896.

Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Resolve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Bill an act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 453, establishing a ferry across Penobscot river, between Ayer's

Falls and Marsh Rips, as amended by the act of 1880, chapter 221.

House amendment A adopted and bill read and assigned.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Petition of Portland Clearing House Association relative to transfer of stock for collateral securities in banks.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act in relation to raising the age of protection for girls.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS.**

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Bill an act increasing the employment and duties of disclosure commissions.

**EDUCATION.**

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—Petition of Israel Ouellette and 29 others praying for aid for the high school in Frenchville.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Bill an act to prohibit persons not inhabitants of the State from killing and hunting fur bearing animals.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Petition of W. H. Moody and others, praying for an amendment to chapter 18, section 66, of the Revised Statutes, relating to highways, with accompanying bill.

**SALARIES.**

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Bill an act to establish the salary of the judge of probate of Lincoln county.

By Mr. Sharp of Aroostook—Bill an act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of 1889 relative to commutations of sheriff in the county of Aroostook.

**TABLED.**

Resolve in favor of Horace Nicola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension rules. On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, the resolve was laid on the table.

Mr. Wyman of Washington, presented the following: Petition of W. A. Cochrane and others for the fishway at Lilly pond in Edgecomb, and on

motion by Mr. Wyman the petition was laid on the table.

### ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, it was ordered that the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses inquire into the necessity and expediency of legislation to prevent unjust discrimination in tolls and charges between patrons by telegraph and telephone companies.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley of Franklin, it was ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, it be, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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

The President: I will say in this connection that I have been requested to state, as the legislature has been invited to attend the banquet to be given by the physicians of the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Portland, that it will be held Monday evening, and those desirous of attending will have to take the train from here at 3.45. As a majority of the legislators have expressed the desire and intention of going, it has been suggested that when we adjourn tomorrow morning it will be until Tuesday morning of next week. I make this statement so that all may understand that the time necessary to reach the depot here will be 3.45, and I will further state that there will be special cars attached to the train for the legislative party.

On motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, it was ordered, the House concurring, that the report of the committee on inland fisheries and game, "ought not to pass," on bill an act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island, be taken from the files and recommitted to that committee.

The following order came from the House and was given passage in concurrence:

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that when the House and Senate adjourn tomorrow, it be until Tuesday next at 10 o'clock A. M.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Merrill for the committee on financial affairs reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the Maine Gen-

eral hospital. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Parsons for the committee on legal affairs, to whom was referred petition of Abel Davis and others of Pittsfield, praying for a municipal court to be known as the Pittsfield municipal court, reported petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Maxwell for the committee on interior waters reported ought to pass on bill an act authorizing the Maine Central Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat-house on Lake Maranacook in the town of Readfield. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Engel for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses reported, in new draft, bill an act additional to chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes relating to railroads, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. McCullough for the same committee reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Also, in new draft bill an act to amend chapter 207 Private and Special Laws of 1895, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

### READ AND ASSIGNED.

Resolve in favor of aid in building bridge across Sandy stream in Lexington Plantation.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 207 of the Public Laws of 1889 relating to clerk of judicial courts in Piscataquis county.

An act to amend section 4, chapter 124 of the Revised Statutes relating to polygamy.

An act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec.

### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

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

Resolve in favor of Athean Lewey of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

This resolve came from the House read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules. Read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the petition of J. A. Hodgkins and others with reference to municipal suffrage for women was taken from the table, and the Senate having finally acted on the subject matter of the several petitions, the papers were sent to the House to be placed on file.

On motion by Mr. Hinkley of Franklin, the Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The following Senate bill was read and assigned:

An act to provide for the preservation of deeds now in Lincoln county relative to lands in Kennebec county, in Kennebec Registry.

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

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Davis of Steuben—Bill an act relating to chapter 189 of Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Company.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Company.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Bill an act providing for the support of the chronic insane by the State after five years in the insane hospital.

#### LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Pratt of Woodland—Petition of A. H. Tornquist and 41 others of New Sweden, in regard to a change in the insolvency law.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Remonstrance of Josiah Crosby and 162

others, voters of Dexter, against passage of an act to amend the charter of the Dexter Water Company.

#### EDUCATION.

By Mr. Stetson of Bangor—Bill an act relating to instruction in the use of tools and in cooking in public schools.

#### RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Petition of George L. Webb and 47 others in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others for extension of charter of Waldo and Somerset Railroad Company; of John R. McClellan and 17 others for same.

#### BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Shaw of Saco—Petition of Edward P. Burnham, president of Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, and five others, trustees and officers of said institution, praying for reduction of tax on savings banks.

#### MANUFACTURES.

By Mr. Jones of Lincoln—Bill an act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Company.

#### SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Merrill of Bluehill—Bill an act to regulate the taking of clams in the towns of Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Brooksville, Brookline, Bluehill, Castine and Swan Island.

#### SALARIES.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Bill an act to regulate the salaries of the county commissioners of Franklin county.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Simpson from the committee on financial affairs, on petition reported resolve in favor of an appropriation for the Maine Woman's Christian Union. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hamilton from the committee on the judiciary reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 59, paragraph 6, of said section of chapter 3; Revised Statutes, relating to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances. Printed under rule.

Mr. Floyd from the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on