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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE.

Tuesday, February 9, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hendry of Gardiner.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the Maine Insane Hospital, and was referred to the committee on insane hospital.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libel for divorce.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Remonstrance of C. L. Berry and 30 others of Oxford, against extending the charter of the Oxford Village Corporation.

Remonstrance of Alvin Marr and six others against the same.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of the county attorney and Washington R. Prescott and Grant Rogers in favor of the employment of stenographer before the grand jury.

Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Bill an act to change the term day of the September term of commissioners' court in Lincoln county.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Bill an act granting a new charter for the city of Portland.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Bill an act to dispense with a grand jury at the January term of the supreme court in Waldo county, and to change the time of holding the October term of said court.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Bill an act to amend section 16, of chapter 24, of the Revised Statutes, relating to paupers.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Bill an act to amend chapter 18, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to insurance.

Bill an act to punish the commission of loud and boisterous noise in dwelling houses.

By Mr. Sharp of Aroostook—Petition of G. B. Hayward and 32 others, citizens of Ashland, praying for a change in the insolvency law.

Petition of Robert McLeod and 26 others, citizens of Monticello; of H. Whitehead and 115 others of Houlton, for the same.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of Parker Spofford of Bucksport, and 51 others, asking for a reasonable appropriation for alterations and repairs to the girls' home at Belfast.

Petition of Stephen E. Cox and 22 others; of Rev. A. G. Fitz of North Bridgton, and 32 others, for the same.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of James A. Kimball and 17 others of Albany, asking for equalization of school tax.

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Petition of Ansel Holway and 95 others of Skowhegan; of A. H. Ellis and 13 others of Fairfield; of Kate B. Ellis and 17 others of Fairfield, for the same.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—... an act establishing the Maine School for the Deaf.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Banking and Trust Company.

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Bill an act to authorize county commissioners to lay out railroads for temporary purposes in unincorporated townships.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of F. L. Walker and 132 others for the renewal of the close time on bass in Thompson's pond.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc—Petition of John O. Shaw of Bath, and 18 others, asking for change in the law relating to fishing on Winnegance creek.

Petition of John G. Morse, and 11 others of Phippsburg; of Herbert W. Cutting and 23 others, for the same.

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Witham of Cumberland—Remonstrance of Ernesto Ponce and 23 others of Portland, against the proposed cigarette law.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Remonstrance of L. C. Bateman and 26 others, against the same.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, is was

Ordered, That the Maine State Bar Association be granted the use of the Senate chamber for Wednesday afternoon, February 10, 1897.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Grindle of Hancock presented the following Resolution, which was given unanimous passage.

Whereas death has visited the family of our associate senator, Simpson of Hancock;

Resolved, That it is with profound regret that the Senate of Maine receive the information of the death of the son of Senator Simpson, and hereby extend to him our sincere sympathy in his affliction.

ACTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

An act relative to the expenditures of railroad commissioners.

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

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

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

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

An act to repeal section 42, chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes, relating to resentencing convicts sentenced to State prison.

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

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester, and to authorize the sale of its meeting house and lot.

An act to amend chapter 160, Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner.

An act in relation to suits of organized unincorporated societies and associations.

An act in addition to chapter 55, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations. As amended by Amendment A, offered by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, and adopted: Amendment A. Add to the end of the bill the following words: "And the secretary of State shall keep a list of the same in a book prepared for that purpose, showing the name, location and date of organization of each such corporation."

Resolve in favor of Cyrus Knapp and John A. Rowell, executors of the last will and testament of Abbie B. Downing.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State library for the years 1897 and 1898.

An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay and bridge over tide waters in the town of Harpswell.

An act to provide for the better protection of public records.

Resolve in favor of St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Portland.

An act to amend chapter 207, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinal Haven Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.

An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Lake Maranacook in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop.

Resolve in favor of the Maine General hospital.

An act additional to chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the report of the commissioners to investigate and revise and simplify the laws relating to sea and shore fisheries was taken from the table and referred to the committee on shore fisheries.

On motion by the following senators, the several petitions praying for a reduction of the tax on savings banks, tabled pending reference, were taken from the table and referred to the committee on banks and banking.

By Mr. Engel of Penobscot—Petition of Geo. B. Sawyer and others and J. W. Butterfield and others.

By Mr. Heald of Kennebec—Petition of Reuben Foster and others.

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Petition of Benj. F. Sturgis, president, and the trustees of Mechanics Savings Bank of Auburn; and trustees of 19 other savings institutions.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—Petitions of R. G. Hodgdon, et als., trustees Boothbay Savings Bank; and trustees of six other savings institutions.

By Mr. Hargraves of York—Petition of Edward P. Burnham, et als.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the communication relative to bequest to Maine Insane hospital in will of late Joseph H. Williams, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on insane hospital.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, the resolve in favor of Horace Nicola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians was taken from the table, read twice and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, the Senate adjourned.