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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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## SENATE.

Thursday, Feb. 11, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thayer of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved. Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

## HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to amend rule 4, section 1, of chapter 75, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1, of chapter 157, of the Public Laws of 1895, relative to the descent of real estate.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland of the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for the year 1896, an account of an imperfect school return. As amended by House Amendment A.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the Training and Normal School at Fort Kent.

An act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom Company.

An act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into Aroostook river and its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook.

An act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river.

An act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river.

An act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Company to erect dams and make improvements upon the Bi-Machias river in the county of Aroostook.

An act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river. As amended by House Amendment A.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The president called Mr. Clason of Kennebec, to the chair, who presided during the remainder of the session.

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

## JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Drummond of Cumberland—Bill an act to confirm the organization of the New York Machine Company and for other purposes.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—Bill an act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of public works.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act relating to appeals in case of damages in laying out ways.

Bill an act additional to chapter 105, of the Revised Statutes.

Bill an act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Light and Power Company.

Bill an act additional to chapter 67, section 35, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the adoption of children.

Bill an act relating to the prior conveyances of subsequently acquired titles.

## SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc—Remonstrance of C. T. Willis and 40 others of Arrowsic and Georgetown, against any change being made in the law relating to the taking of smelts in the Kennebec and its tributaries.

Remonstrance of Charles Aylward and 72 others of Phippsburg, against the same.

## INTERIOR WATERS.

Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Petition of P. A. Strickland and 12 others for the right to improve navigation on the east branch of the Penobscot river for the driving of logs.

## WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Petition of Hon. J. W. Clark and 36 others of Nobleboro and Whitefield, for aid to Wiscasset bridge.

## ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, That the committee on taxation be directed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the statutes that the exemption from taxation of property held by religious societies may apply to the funds of such societies devoted to church purposes where such fund does not exceed the amount of property now exempt as a parsonage and where no parsonage is owned by said church.

On motion by Mr. Drummond, Ordered, That the resolutions upon the death of the Hon. Daniel F. Davis and the memorial exercises thereon held in the Senate chamber February 10, 1897, be prepared in pamphlet form and one thousand copies be printed for distribution.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it adjourn to meet Friday, February 12, at 9 o'clock A. M.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hinkley for the committee on interior waters, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Pike for the committee on claims reported resolve in favor of the town of Monson, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary reported in new draft bill an act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Merrill for the committee on agriculture reported in new draft bill an act

to amend section 55, of chapter 38, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the sale of pressed hay and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary reported bill an act to amend section 1, of chapter 75, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Merrill for the committee on State pensions reported resolve in favor of the State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of the governor and council, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. McCullough for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses reported legislation inexpedient on bill an act to extend the charter of the Penobscot Central Railroad Company. Report accepted.

Mr. Wyman for the committee on shore fisheries, to which was referred the report of the commissioner on sea and shore fisheries, reported that the same should be accepted. Report accepted.

For the same committee Mr. Wyman reported ought to pass on resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Reynolds for the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

#### READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to amend section 9, of chapter 315, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State library.

An act to amend chapter 274, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Portland.

An act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of Cumberland county.

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

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to amend section 59, paragraph 6, of said section, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances.

An act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook.

An act to amend section 8, chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, providing for investment of capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State.

An act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox.

#### TABLED.

Bill an act to amend chapter 18, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to insurance, referred by the Senate to the committee on legal affairs, came back to the House, the House non-concurring in the reference and referring the same to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance. On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, the bill was laid on the table.

The following bills were read once and pending the second reading were laid on the table.

By Mr. Walls of Knox—An act to provide for the investigation of the cause of fires and the publication of statistics relating to the same.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—An act to amend section 4, of chapter 256, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers.

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—An act to amend an act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag hospital.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot—Bill an act additional to chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, for transportation of bicycles was taken from the table and referred in non-concurrence to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses.

On motion by Mr. Engel, bill an act to amend section 194, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 70, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of real estate for taxes, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on judiciary.

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