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

Friday, February 12, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayuen of Augusta. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following House resolve was read and assigned:

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

Resolve in favor of the Gorham Normal school came from the House passed to be engrossed and on motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, was laid on the table pending first reading.

A communication was received from the secretary of State, transmitting the report of the commissioners on contagious diseases of animals, and was referred to the committee on agriculture.

The president called Mr. Engel of Penobscot, to the chair, who presided during a part of the session.

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

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin—Bill an act to legalize the incorporation of Wales grange.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to establish a board of fire commissioners of the city of Auburn.

By Mr. Poor of Oxford—Bill an act to amend section 35, of chapter 24, of the Revised Statutes, relating to notifying towns of pauper cases.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of Wallace R. Lumbert and others in favor of bill allowing a stenographer before grand juries.

**EDUCATION.**

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of W. E. Leland and 20 others of Sangerville, for equalization of school tax.

**RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND****EXPRESSES.**

By Mr. Wyman of Washington—Bill an act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company.

**INTERIOR WATERS.**

By Mr. Poor of Oxford—Petition of S. Cabot and others relating to the throwing of waste and sawdust into Ellis river in Andover.

Petition of William Gregg and others for the same.

**STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.**

By Mr. Stearns of Aroostook—Resolve directing the land agent to convey lot of land in New Sweden to Olaf H. Nilson.

By Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec—Resolve in favor of Olive Moulton of Randolph, Maine.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

An act to amend section 1 of chapter 75, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157, of the Public Laws, relating to title by descent.

An act to incorporate the Shin Pond Stream, Dam and Improvement Company.

**ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon, next, at 4.30 in the afternoon.

**TABLED.**

Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin, presented the following resolve and on his motion, it was laid upon the table.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State prison.

Resolve in favor of State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council, was read once and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, was laid on the table pending second reading.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Parsons for the committee on legal affairs reported ought not to pass on bill an act to regulate the election of directors and managers of corporations. Report accepted.

Mr. Roberts for the committee on education reported to print and re-commit to the committee on education bill an act to amend section 6, as amended by section 119, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes. Report accepted.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, as ended by chapter 179, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels of divorce.

Also on bill an act in relation to voluntary trusts.

Reports accepted and these two bills tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Drummond for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend an act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

Also on bill an act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages.

Reports accepted and these two bills tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Heald for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Billings for the committee on State prison, reported ought to pass on bill an act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State prison. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta came from the House read and assigned.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin: Ordinarily a bill of this nature would lie on the table and be printed, but this matter of the proposed amendments to the city charter of Augusta has been very thoroughly canvassed by the citizens of Augusta, and at the hearing before the committee no opposition was made to the enactment of this law. It is permissive in its nature and the provisions must be voted upon by the people, and inasmuch as the time is rapidly approaching for the annual meeting and city election, it is desired that it become a law as speedily as possible. I therefore move that the rules be suspended, the bill take its two several readings at this time and pass to be engrossed.

On Mr. Savage's motion, the bill was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

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

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 State of Maine.

An act to amend chapter 214, of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, 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.

Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland of the amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school funds for the year, 1896 on account of an imperfect school return.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

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

Bill an act in favor of the Training and Normal school at Fort Kent.

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

An act relating to the charter of the Bangor Boom Co.

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

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

An act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river.

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

An act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Co. to erect dams and make im-

provements upon the Big Machias river in the county of Aroostook.

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

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

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

**FINALLY PASSED.**

Resolve in favor of Horace Nicola, representative of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, bill an act to establish the Sanford municipal court, tabled pending reference, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on judiciary in concurrence.

Bill an act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Co. was read once and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, was laid on the table pending second reading. Subsequently Mr. Savage moved to take the bill from the table and offered the following amendment:

Mr. Savage: I understand that on account of the approaching town meeting it is desired to make all the haste we reasonably can. Section 8, in regard to wilfully and maliciously corrupting the waters of the source of supply of this water company. In 1891 a general law was passed covering the entire subject matter of this section, and as far as I can remember, the Legislatures since then have left all these companies under the general law, so that I wish to offer an amendment to strike out section 8 and re-number section 9 as section 8.

The bill was taken from the table and amendment adopted. On motion by Mr. Savage, read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the town of Brunswick came from the House indefinitely postponed, and was indefinitely postponed in concurrence. Subsequently Mr. Hargraves of York, moved to reconsider the vote of concurrence.

Mr. Hargraves: I will say in explanation that this matter was before the finance committee. As I understand, it is entirely covered by law and the decision is rendered by the Governor and Council, which was done. A member of the Council appeared before our committee and thoroughly explained the matter to us, and in our judgment the resolve should have a passage. The point I wish to make here is to have the matter re-committed to the finance committee, because there are certain rights there that should be protected.

Upon Mr. Hargraves' motion, the vote was reconsidered, the Senate non-concurred with the House in the indefinite postponement of this bill, and the same was re-committed to the finance committee.

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