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OF THE
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SENATE.

Monday, Feb. 15, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Augusta.

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

The following House bills came up for their first reading, and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, were laid on the table pending first reading:

An act to incorporate the Newfield Academy.

An act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland & Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Co., and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company.

An act amendatory to an act incorporating the Maine Telephone Co.

An act enabling the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across tide waters between the islands of Cousins and Littlejohns, in said town of Yarmouth.

The following resolve came from the House, read twice, and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

Resolve for purchase of Maine State Year Book.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, the Senate non-concurred in the action of the House and re-committed the same to the committee on Year Book.

The following House bill came up on its first reading: An act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Co., and to amend its charter, and certain additions thereto.

On motion by Mr. McCullough of Washington, the bill was given its second reading under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Co. for an additional two years.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, offered the following amendment: Strike out the word "said" in the first line and insert the words "of the Lisbon Water Co." after the word "charter" in the same line.

Amendment adopted and bill read and assigned, as amended.

An act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt.

Resolve in favor of the Central Maine General hospital.

An act additional to and amendatory of chapter 48 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Co.

An act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

An act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington.

The President called Mr. Drummond of Cumberland 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—Petition of Israel T. Dana and others for a law empowering the city of Portland to retire the members of the fire department upon half pay.

Petitions of Charles F. Libby and 17 others; of J. B. Mitchell and 27 others; of Andrew J. Cummings and 5 others; of W. H. Winslow and 37 others, for the same. Petition of Geo. P. Wescott and 100 others for the amendment of the proposed new city charter of Portland permitting the election of women on the school board.

Petition of H. J. Patterson and 17 others for the same.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Bill an act to amend section 205 of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to taxes.

Bill an act in relation to disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers.

Bill an act relating to holding the terms of the supreme judicial court in Franklin county.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland—Bill an act to amend section 32, of chapter 63, of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Bill an act relating to the organization of certain officers of parishes and religious societies as corporations.

By Mr. Pike of York—Petition of Allen Garner and 63 others praying for the establishment of a voting precinct in the northerly part of the town of Parsonsfield, with a polling place at Kezar Falls.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of W. S. Davis and 17 others of Woodstock, for equalization of school tax.

Petition of Geo. W. Perham and 100 others for the same.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act relating to the time of extension of charter of the Bluehill Trust and Banking Company.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Petition of P. A. Strickland and 12 others of Bangor and Old Town, and Ira B. Gardiner and six others of Patten, for a charter to improve the navigation of the east branch of the Penobscot river for driving logs.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc—Bill an act to regulate the taking of clams in the towns of Phippsburg and Georgetown.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Bill an act additional to chapter 33, of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to destitute soldiers and sailors of the army and navy.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Petition of Catharine Glassian and Sudick Johnson, members of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, to grant the full ownership of certain real estate in the reservation of said Tribe.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act to amend section 6, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to exemption of property of widows from taxation.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Savage of Andros-coggin, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that the judiciary committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the manner and time of the service of writs and to report by bill or otherwise.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.

An act to amend section 55, of chapter 38, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174, of the Laws of 1889, in relation to the sale of pressed hay.

An act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages.

An act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company.

An act to amend an act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

An act in relation to voluntary trusts.

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 libels for divorce.

Mr. Savage of Andros-coggin, moved to amend by striking out the last section. Amendment adopted and bill read and assigned as amended.

TABLED.

The following bill came up for its first reading and on motion by Mr. Engel of Bangor, in behalf of Mr. Stearns of Arrostook, was tabled pending second reading.

An act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State prison.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Reynolds, for the committee of legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act, to change the name of the St. Lawrence Street Congregational parish of Portland. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioners 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 of 1895, relating to title by descent.

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

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

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

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal school was taken from the table, read once and tomorrow assigned.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 15, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thayer of Gardiner. Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company.

This bill was amended in the Senate by Senate amendment A. The amendment was adopted in concurrence and the bill was read and assigned.

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

An act to amend section 9, 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 for the city of Portland.

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

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Noble of Lewiston—Petition of George D. Babbit, treasurer of the Maine Pulp and Paper Company for right to generate and sell electric power in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn; an act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

By Mr. Merrill of Portland—Bill an act to make Pride's bridge across Presumpscoot river in the county of Cumberland a county bridge; bill an act to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Bill an act to authorize the Georges River mills to develop, sell and use electrical power and to transmit by electricity for lease or sale heat, light and power.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213 of the Special Laws of 1891 entitled an act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Bill an act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, of the Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company.

By Mr. Littlefield of Vinalhaven—Petition of William P. Frye, N. Dingley, Jr., O. B. Cheney, Cyrus Greeley, J. F. Boothby, R. C. Pingree and 560 others,