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OF THE
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SENATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1897.

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

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

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following papers came from the House referred to the committee on State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and pending reference in concurrence were tabled for printing, on motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec.

Bill an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Resolve in favor of the State College.

HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act in addition to acts to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Company.

An act in addition to acts to incorporate the Laconia Company.

An act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Company.

An act to authorize the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company to issue bonds and make a mortgage securing the same and to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to guarantee the payment of said bonds.

An act to amend section 76 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes as amended by section 1 of chapter 308 of the Public Laws of 1885 relating to fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869 relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church.

An act to repeal so much of chapter 461 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled an act guaranteeing additional powers to the inhabitants of school district number 5 in the town of Kennebunk and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, as relates to the maintenance of schools and schoolhouses.

Resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal school.

An act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Electric Railroad to make a loan.

TABLED.

The following House resolve came up on its first reading:

Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game law, and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game.

Amended in the House by sheets A and C.

House amendment A. Amend by striking out the word "forty" in the first line of the resolve, and in lieu thereof insert the word "twenty;" also by striking out the word "forty" in the fifth line and in lieu thereof insert the word "twenty."

Adopted in concurrence.

Amendment A amended by House

amendment C. Amend by striking out the word "twenty" wherever it occurs and insert in lieu thereof the words "twenty-five."

Pending the adoption of amendment C in concurrence on motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, the resolve was laid on the table.

The President called Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, to the chair, who presided during the remainder of the session.

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

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Bill an act to amend section 1 of chapter 493 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, regulating the appointment of special officers to enforce police regulations among the Indian tribes of the State.

By Mr. Pike of York—Bill an act to legalize and confirm the doings of Riverside Cemetery Association.

By Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis—Bill an act to repeal chapter 55 of the Public Laws of 1895 entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 134 of the Public Laws of 1887 relating to fortnightly payment of wages.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Petition of Frank E. Mace and 9 others of Hancock county for a bounty on wildcats.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Resolve in favor of Eben M. Garland.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol.

SALARIES.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Remonstrance of W. W. Russell and 52 others, against raising the salary of register of probate of Somerset county.

Remonstrance of W. P. Rowell and 6 others; of Grant Witham and 12 others; of Somerset county, against the same.

STATE COLLEGE.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Remonstrance of William Murphy and 12 others of Somerset county against appropriation for the State college.

Remonstrance of Stephen Merrill of Solon and 54 others; of W. P. Rowell and 6 others against the same.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of House Document No. 35, entitled an act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to change the name of the St. Lawrence Street Congregational parish of Portland.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Salley for the committee on ways and bridges, to which was referred, resolve in favor of aid in repairing and maintaining Wiscasset bridge across tide waters between the towns of Wiscasset and Edgcomb, reported that it seemed to the committee that there may be a legal question involved as to the State voting aid to a private corporation engaged in a business enterprise, which question this committee desires to have determined by the committee on judiciary.

Report accepted and resolve with accompanying petitions referred to the committee on judiciary.

The committee on claims to which was referred, resolve in favor of Daniel L. Warren, reported that the same be referred to the committee on salaries. Report accepted.

Mr. Weeks for the committee on financial affairs, reported ought to pass on, resolve authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1898.

Also, resolve authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897.

Reports accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Salley for the committee on ways and bridges, to which were referred the petitions of G. R. Campbell and 14 others, A. C. Leighton and 49 others, V. S. Coffin and 64 others and J. W. Sawyer and 84 others, praying that aid be granted in repairing a bridge, reported resolve in aid of repairing the bridge across the Narraguagus river in the town of Milbridge, and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Engel for the committee on salaries, reported ought to pass on bill an act to establish the salary of the judge of probate of Lincoln county. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Engel for the committee on salaries reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend chapter 304 of the Public Laws of 1889, to establish the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Parsons for the committee on inland fisheries and game, to which was referred the petition of members of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, praying that they be allowed to kill moose, deer and caribou and other game at any season of the year, reported petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve in aid of the temporary home for women and children at Deering.

An act to repeal chapter 109 of the Private and Special Laws of 1853, relating to the taking of pickerel in certain ponds.

An act to establish a bounty on wildcats.

TABLED.

Bill an act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes Pond, in the town of Blue Hill,

during certain months of the year, was reported by the committee on bills in the second reading, and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin was laid on the table pending second reading.

Bill an act to incorporate the town of Oakfield was reported by the committee on bills in the second reading and on motion by Mr. Sharp of Aroostook was laid on the table pending second reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, presented the following resolve, and upon his motion, it was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the legislative committees and members of the Senate and House authorized to visit the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, bill an act to enable the town of Yarmouth to build a bridge was taken from the table.

Mr. Savage offered the following amendment. Amend A. Amend by striking out the words "said bridge to be without a draw." Amendment adopted, the bill given its second reading as amended and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Savage, resolve in favor of the town of Linneus was taken from the table, given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin, resolve in favor of the Maine State prison was taken from the table. Mr. Maxwell offered the following committee report to accompany the resolve. The committee on State Prison to which was referred the report of the inspectors of prisons and jails, ask leave to report the following resolve in favor of the Maine State prison and that the same ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

In compliance with the order requesting the return to the Senate of House document No. 35, an act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river, the same was received from the executive.

On motion by Mr. Engel, the vote was reconsidered whereby this act was passed to be engrossed and passed to be enacted.

Mr. Engel then offered the following: Senate amendment A. Amend by striking out section 2. "This act shall take effect when approved."

Mr. Engel: I do not know as there is any necessity to explain my reason, but there is a penalty attached to this, and no governor likes to sign that kind of a bill without giving public notice. By striking out this section the public will have notice that it will not take effect until thirty days after the Legislature has adjourned.

Amendment adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, bill an act to provide for the retirement of members of the fire department of the city of Portland on half pay, was taken from the table and tabled for printing pending reference.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, the Senate adjourned.