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

Friday, Feb. 19, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ringold of Gardiner.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Bill an act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Company came up on its first reading and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin laid on the table.

Bill an act to provide for the better protection of public records, in Senate passed to be engrossed came from the House amended by House amendment A. The vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, amendment adopted in concurrence and bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill an act relating to the service of processes on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages, in Senate passed to be engrossed, came from the House amended by House amendment A. The vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, amendment adopted in concurrence and bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

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

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

**TEMPERANCE.**

By Mr. Wyman of Washington—Petition of Mrs. Effie J. Sawyer and 33 others, for a law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Petition of Charles E. Stanley and 100 others of Tremont, for the same.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Resolve in aid of repairing bridge across Narraguagus river in the town of Milbridge.

An act to extend the charter of the Waterville and Wiscasset Railroad Company.

Resolve in favor of Geo. M. Coombs.

An act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds.

An act relating to the extension of the time of charter of the Blue Hill Trust and Banking Company.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Weeks for the committee on Indian affairs to whom was referred petition of the Penobscot tribe of Indians for an appropriation of money for the benefit of the tribe for the years 1897 and 1898, reported ought to pass on resolve making appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Ferguson for the committee on Maine Insane Hospital to whom was referred the report of the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital, reported accompanying resolve and that it ought to pass. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Wyman for the committee on shore fisheries to whom was referred the petition of Leonard F. McLain and others of Bristol, for a law to prevent hauling lobster traps in Johns bay before sunrise and after sunset, reported legislation thereon inexpedient. Report accepted.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

An act to establish the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Lincoln.

An act to amend chapter 304, of the Public Laws of 1889 in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of Aroostook county.

Resolve authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1897.

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Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the town of Forest City to aid in building one-half of bridge between Maine and New Brunswick in Forest City.

Resolve for payment of back salary of a guard at the State Prison.

Resolve relating to settling lot in Drew Plantation.

**PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

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 establish a bounty on wildcats.

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

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 relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

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 Company.

An act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company.

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

**FINALLY PASSED.**

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

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

**TABLED.**

An act to amend section 4, of chapter 256 of the Public Laws of 1893 relating to the sale and analysis of commercial fertilizers came up on its passage to be enacted, and was laid on the table, by Mr. Clason of Kennebec.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, the following resolve and act were taken

from the table and referred to the committee on State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Resolve in favor of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, with statement of facts.

An act to amend an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, with statement of facts.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, an act to provide for the retirement of the members of the fire department of the city of Portland on half pay was taken from the table and referred to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the vote was reconsidered whereby the Senate referred in concurrence the remonstrance of the Sangerville Woolen Company of Sangerville, and others against the enactment of a law regulating steam engineering, and the same was ordered on file.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, resolve in favor of the Farmington State Normal School was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

#### SPECIALLY ASSIGNED.

On motion by Merrill of Somerset, the resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game law and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game, was taken from the table and specially assigned to Wednesday, Feb. 24.

#### ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, it was

Ordered, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Pending action by the House upon this order, on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the Senate took a recess until 10.45 A. M.

The Senate reconvened at 10.45 A. M. and was called to order by the President.

The Senate order for adjournment came back from the House passed in concurrence.

Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, for the committee on legal affairs reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to the Curn Steamboat Company. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Parsons for the committee on inland fisheries and game, to which was referred the order of the Legislature directing said committee to inquire into the necessity of giving the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to take or authorize the taking of inland game and birds for park purposes for the State, reported bill an act to permit inland game to be taken for park purposes in this State. Report accepted. On Mr. Parson's motion, the bill was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, the vote was reconsidered whereby an act to provide funds for the protection of the inland game of the State was re-

ferred in concurrence to the committee on inland fisheries and game, and the bill laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Clason, it was ordered, that the pay for the stenographer and typewriter for the Senate shall be \$150 for the session and the compensation for the Senate officers be the same as the last session of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Clason, the Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 19, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Frost of Augusta. Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned.

Resolve in favor of the chairman of the committee on railroad fisheries and game.

This resolve was passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules.

Resolve in favor of the committee on education.

This resolve was passed to be engrossed under a suspension of the rules.

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

An act amendatory of an act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Co.

This bill had been passed to be engrossed in the House, and passed to be engrossed as amended in the Senate. The House receded from its vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to incorporate the town of Oakfield.

This bill had been passed to be engrossed in the House, and passed to be engrossed as amended in the Senate. The House receded from its vote whereby it passed the bill to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to permit inland game to be taken for park purposes in this State.

In the Senate this bill was read twice and sent down for concurrence.

The rules were suspended, the bill was read three times and was passed to be engrossed.

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

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Newcomb of Eastport—Petition of C. W. Hume and 84 others for an act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway.

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Bill an act relating to flags on public buildings and schoolhouses.

By Mr. Houghton of Fort Fairfield—Bill an act to assist the St. John River Bridge Co. to erect and maintain four tolls and railway bridges across the St. John river.

#### LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Holbrook of Brunswick—Bill an act to authorize the county commission-