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

Wednesday, March 3, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Williamson of Augusta.

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

Bill, an act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances of burial lots in trust and to provide for recording of such conveyances.

This bill came from the House referred to the committee on legal affairs. Upon motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, it was laid upon the table, Mr. Savage stating that a bill relating to the same subject matter is already upon its passage.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act authorizing the Rumford Falls Lumber Company to hold stock and bonds of the Rumford Falls Brick Company.

An act relating to the Hallowell Water Company.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, offered amendment A. Strike out the word "railroad" at the end of the ninth line of section 2, and add to the end of section 2 the following: "Said company may lay and maintain pipes across any railroad, but in case of failure to agree with any railroad company as to place, manner and conditions of crossing its railroad with such pipes, the place, manner and conditions of such crossing shall be determined by the railroad commissioners, and all work within the limits of the railroad location shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the officers of the railroad company, but at the expense of said water company."

Amendment adopted and bill assigned for second reading as amended.

An act to extend the charter of the Eastport bridge.

An act to change the name of the Alonzo Wing Library Association.

An act authorizing cities and towns to accept conveyances upon trust in public burial places, and providing for recording of deeds of burial lots.

An act additional to chapter 314 of the Public Laws of 1893 relating to the sale of land for taxes.

An act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company.

Resolve authorizing the county of York to procure a loan.

**PUBLIC ACTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

An act to create a lien on leather.

An act to regulate the taking of eels and whitefish.

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

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.

The president called Senator Roberts of Oxford to the chair, who presided during the remainder of the session.

The following bill and remonstrances were presented and referred to the committee on

**JUDICIARY.**

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, presented, by unanimous consent, bill, an act to authorize the county of Aroostook to make a temporary loan.

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Remonstrance of M. F. Thompson and others of Lubec against bill establishing the Eastport Municipal court.

Remonstrance of E. M. Lawrence and others of Lubec, against same.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Chamberlain for the committee on public buildings and grounds reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of making necessary repairs in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol. Report accepted for printing under rule.

Mr. Drummond for the committee on judiciary, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of such legislation as will render women eligible to election as overseers of the poor in the towns of this State, and report by bill or otherwise, reported legislation inexpedient. Report accepted.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 13 of chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to corporations. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 69, of chapter 82, of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Reynolds for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass, bill an act to preserve the purity of public water supplies. Report accepted.

Mr. Hinckley for the committee on inland fisheries and game, reported ought to pass, bill an act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Maxwell for the committee on interior waters, reported leave to withdraw on petition of White Bros. and others, praying that the charter of the Baskahagan Dam Co. be amended. Report accepted.

Mr. Simpson for the committee on State lands and State roads, to which was referred an order of the Legislature relating to an act authorizing the county commissioners to lay out railroads for temporary purposes in unincorporated townships, reported legislation inexpedient. Report accepted.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

Resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy.

Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary of Parsonsfield, Me.

An act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Co.

An act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay.

An act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Co.

An act for the protection of beaver.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of Lincoln plantation, No. 5, Range 2, Oxford county.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General hospital.

An act for the better protection of girls.

An act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf into the tide waters of Piscataqua river in the town of Elliot, county of York.

#### TABLED.

Bill, an act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of this State. This bill came up on its first reading, and on motion by Mr. Poor of Oxford, was laid on the table.

Bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 58, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94, of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of members of the board of agriculture. This bill came up for its second reading, and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, was laid on the table pending second reading.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds.

An act to create a lien on spool timber and bars.

An act to amend section 16, of chapter 259, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to itinerant vendors.

An act to amend section 44, of chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors.

An act to amend sections 1 and 2, of chapter 356, of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo.

An act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized, Dec. 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes of Maine, chapter 55, as the Bangor General hospital, and now named Eastern Maine General hospital.

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag hospital.

An act to organize the plantation of Criehaven.

An act to amend sections 4 and 6, of chapter 363, of the Special Laws of 1850, relating to the election of city assessors of the city of Belfast.

An act to authorize the town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Co., and to incorporate the Richmond water commissioners.

An act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of water works and sewerage.

An act to incorporate the Warren Water Co.

An act to incorporate the Orono Water Co.

An act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Winn Power and Water Co.

An act to incorporate the Monson Water Co.

An act to amend chapter 550, of the Private Laws of 1889, entitled an act to incorporate the Mousam River Railroad Co.

An act to amend the charter of the Brunswick Electric Railroad Co.

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

An act to extend the charter of the Waterville & Wiscasset Railroad Co.

An act to incorporate the Dexter Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

An act relating to the extension of time of the charter of the Bluehill Trust and Banking Co.

An act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn.

An act to amend chapter 298, of the Private and Special Laws of 1880, entitled an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Co.

An act to repeal chapter 224, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries.

#### FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1897 and 1898.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation to repair the bridge across Macwahoc stream, in Macwahoc plantation, in the county of Arrostook.

Resolve in favor of the State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of the Governor and Council.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, bill an act to amend section 4, of chapter 308, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, of chapter 232, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, was taken from the table.

Mr. Savage: Mr. President, on looking at this bill I notice that the section which is amended, and it is so in the original act, provided the corporation might seize logs and lumber without notice, as found in section 4, on page 2, of the printed bill (House document No. 101). As such action will undoubtedly be a contravention of the provisions of the constitution, I called it to the attention of parties who are interested in the case, and they have agreed upon the following amendment, which I offer:

"Amendment A. Amend section 1 as follows:

"1—Strike out the words 'Piscataquis' in the 20th line, in lines 11 and 12, and insert in lieu thereof the words 'manufacture in the 15th line.'

"2—Insert after the word 'following' in line 12 the words, 'Said lien may be enforced in the manner provided in sections 38 and 39, of chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, for enforcing liens on logs and lumber.'

"3—Strike out all after the word 'manufacture' in line 31, to and including the word 'Piscataquis' in line 36, and insert in lieu thereof the words, 'Said lien may be enforced in the manner provided in sections 38 and 39, of chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, for enforcing liens on logs and lumber.'"

Amendment adopted, bill read the second time as amended and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, bill an act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island, was taken from the table.

Mr. Grindle: I have an amendment which I wish to offer. The substance of it simply gives the voters of Swan's Island the privilege of voting upon the question and of deciding whether they will be incorporated or not, by a vote at any time within two years. It seems to me a very reasonable request that they make, and I hope the amendment will be accepted and the bill passed as amended.

"Amendment A. Amend section 5 by adding at the end thereof the following words: 'By a majority vote of the duly qualified voters of Swan's Island plantation, at a meeting duly called therefor, at any time within two years from the date of the approval of this act by the Governor.'"

Upon motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, the bill with amendment was laid on the table.

Upon motion by Mr. Wyman of Washington, the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 3, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Cummings of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act establishing the Maine school for the deaf.

An act relating to chapter 136, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled, an act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Company.

An act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the public works.

An act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers.

An act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Company.

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

In the Senate this bill was amended by Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered its action whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred:

(Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford in the chair.)

## LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Kinsman of Cornville—Remonstrance of C. O. Small and 75 others of Madison, against the amendment of charter of the Somerset Traction Company.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Remonstrance of Forest Goodwin and 32 others of Skowhegan, against the same; remonstrance of J. B. Dascombe and 15 others of Skowhegan, against the same; remonstrance of George A. Shurtleff of Skowhegan and 58 others, against the same; remonstrance of A. J. Barnard and 39 others of Skowhegan, against the same; remonstrance of E. W. Marble and 33 others of Skowhegan, against the same.

By Mr. Floyd of Brewer—Bill an act additional to chapter 146, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the taxation of collateral inheritance; bill an act to amend section 7, of chapter 180, of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maine; bill an act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State.

By Mr. Rowell of Kittery—Remonstrance of Charles L. Wellman and 106 others of Parsonfield, against a polling place at Kesar Falls.

## EDUCATION.

By Mr. Simpson of York—Resolve in favor of the town of York.

By Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent—Resolve to change the mode of warming the normal and training school at Fort Kent.

## RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Greenleaf of Southport—Petition of Alfred Lennox and 83 others, to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company.

## MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of H. N. Fairbanks and 16 others for change in insurance laws.

## SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Lane of St. George—Petition of Ed. F. Geyer and 9 others, for a close time on clams; remonstrance of George F. Wheeler and 4 others against any change in the lobster law.

## TOWNS.

By Mr. Fuller of South Portland—Petition of D. A. Meaker and 135 others, for a city charter for Willard, in the town of South Portland.

## PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Remonstrance of Frank Luce and 70 others, against bill for licensing guides.

By Mr. Stetson of Bangor—Petition of Mr. M. Waldon and 75 others of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Bangor, praying for the passage of the cigarette bill.

Mr. Daggett of Smyrna, presented a resolve in favor of the committee on military affairs, and on motion of that gentleman, the rules were suspended, the re-