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**SENATE.**

Friday, March 5, 1897.

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

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

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the report of the State board of health, and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

An act to amend section 7 of chapter 249 of the Public Laws of 1893.

This bill came from the House on its first reading, amended by House amendment A. Amend title by adding the words "relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters."

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln the bill was tabled pending adoption of amendment in concurrence.

Bill, an act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers. This bill was passed to be engrossed in the Senate and came back from the House amended by inserting the word "fifty" after the word "chapter" in the first line in section 2. The vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. The amendment was then adopted in concurrence and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

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 until Monday, March 8, at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act relating to the use of compressed air for power.

An act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company.

An act relating to the waiving the provisions of a will by the widow of the testator and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator and the interest which the widow shall have in the estate of the testator in such cases.

Resolve in favor of roads in Indian Township, in Washington county.

An act to grant the commissioners of inland fisheries and game authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State.

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

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

**EDUCATION.**

By Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin—Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers, and the distribution of educational documents.

Bill, an act to amend chapter 22 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the election of truant officers by the superintending school committee.

By Mr. Walls of Knox—Resolve in favor of the Maine Pedagogical society.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Hinkley of Franklin—Bill, an act to repeal certain old and obsolete Private and Special Laws creating close time for fishing in the public waters of the State.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Walls of Knox—Petition of G. S. Pendleton of Warren and 24 others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed.

By Mr. Hinkley of Franklin—Petition of C. W. Adams of Wilton and 83 others, for the same.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Petition of Allen Carter of Hampden and 15 others, for the same.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of E. A. Lapham of Pittston and 50 others, for the same.

By Mr. Weeks of Penobscot—Petition of H. W. Hammond of Hampden and 15 others, for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of Miles Pease of Belmont and 21 others for the same.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Resolutions from Pomona Grange of Oxford county, asking for laws in relation to seeds and feeding stuff.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act to authorize and confirm the issue of preferred stock by the Poland Paper Company.

Resolve in favor of Freedom academy. An act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of real actions and rights of entry.

An act in relation to the school committee of the city of Portland.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the terms of the county commissioners court for the county of Lincoln.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, and as amended by chapter 52 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the charter of the Pemaquid, Damariscotta and Newcastle Railroad Company.

**TABLED.**

Bill, an act to incorporate the York Sewer Company was read once, and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, tabled pending second reading.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Reynolds for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass, bill an act to amend section 16 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes relating to paupers. Report accepted.

Mr. Reynolds for the same committee, reported ought not to pass, bill an act additional and amendatory of chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the discharge of mortgages of real estate. Report accepted.

Mr. Reynolds for the same committee, reported ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes relating to compensation of surviving partners. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Parsons for the same committee, reported ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 27 of chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes relating to liens. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Parsons for the same committee, reported ought to pass, 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 the fortnightly payment of wages. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Clason for the same committee, reported ought to pass, bill an act additional, relating to the Hubbard Free library of Hallowell. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Heald, for the committee on inland fisheries and game, to which was referred the petition of F. L. Walker and 132 others for removal of close time on bass in Thompson pond, praying that the close time on bass in Thompson pond, situated in the towns of Oxford, Poland and Otisfield be entirely removed; also that close time in said pond for togue be only from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, both inclusive, reported that petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Heald, for the same committee, on petition of E. Witham and 15 others of Madison, asking for an amendment to the law relating to killing deer, reported legislation inexpedient. Report accepted.

Mr. Heald, for the same committee, to which was referred the reports of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, and of the forest commissioners, reported that the same be accepted. Report accepted.

Mr. Reynolds, for the committee on agriculture, reported ought not to pass, bill, an act regulating the shearing of sheep. Report accepted.

Mr. Reynolds, for the same committee, reported ought not to pass, bill an act relating to the sale of milk. Report accepted.

Mr. Reynolds, for the same committee, to which was referred the petition of F. F. Caswell and others, relating to the dumping of sawdust and other refuse matters into Gilman Stream pond and its tributaries, praying that the same be prohibited, reported the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Report accepted.

Mr. Walls for the committee on military affairs, reported ought to pass, bill an act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Roberts, for the committee on library, reported ought to pass, bill, in new draft, an act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to grant a new charter to the city of Portland.

An act to amend section 69, of chapter 82, of the Revised Statutes, relating to auditors.

An act to prohibit the killing of deer on Long Island.

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

An act to amend section 18, of chapter 48, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 89, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of Josiah T. McLellan of Gorham.

Resolve in favor of Calais Academy.

An act granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock.

An act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company.

An act to authorize the Madison Village Corporation to purchase the property and franchises of the Madison Water Company.

An act to incorporate the Kingfield Water Company.

An act to extend the charter of the Maine Water and Electric Power Company.

An act to amend section 45, of chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State prison.

An act to incorporate the Hallowell Water Commissioners.

An act amendatory and additional to chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the bank examiner.

An act to authorize the erection of piers and booms in the Mattawamkeag river at Oxbow.

### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

An act relating to the Old Town municipal court.

### FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the committee on State prison.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

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

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The President resumed the chair.

Upon motion by Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc, a message was sent to the Governor, requesting the return to the Senate of Senate document No. 79, an act to amend chapter 304, of the Public Laws of 1889, in relation to compensation of sheriff of Aroostook county.

The bill being returned to the Senate, upon Mr. Ferguson's motion the vote was reconsidered whereby the same was passed to be enacted, and it was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Andros-coggin, resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows, was taken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled, an act for the better protection of sheep, tabled pending acceptance of report, was taken from the table, report accepted, read once and assigned.

On motion by Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc, Resolve in favor of the State reform school, was taken from the table. The Senate non-concurred with the House in the acceptance of the report and referred the same to the committee on reform schools.

On motion of Mr. Clason of Kennebec, bill an act to amend and additional to chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance, tabled pending reference, was taken from the table. The Senate receded and concurred with the House in reference to the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance.

On motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, bill an act to provide for the examination of teachers of public schools, especially assigned for today, was taken from the table.

Mr. Roberts of Oxford: Mr. President, several senators have come to me and asked that this matter lie over a few days longer, that they might have an opportunity to examining the measure. As it is an important measure and if passed must pass upon its merits, and we desire to have it fully investigated and discussed, I therefore make the motion, Mr. President, that it lie on the table and be especially assigned for next Wednesday.

The Senate so voted, and the bill was re-assigned to Wednesday, March 10.

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

## HOUSE.

Friday, March 5, 1897.

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

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

In the Senate this bill was placed on file in non-concurrence. The House receded from its action whereby it referred this bill to the committee on legal affairs, and concurred with the Senate in ordering the same placed on file.

An act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Co. to lower the waters of Noyes pond, in the town of Bluehill, during certain months of the year.

This bill was amended in Senate by Senate amendments "A" and "B." The

House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed, Senate amendments "A" and "B" were adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act relating to the Hallowell Water Co.

In Senate amended by Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed this 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 East Branch Log Driving Co.

In Senate amended by Senate amendment "A" and passed to be engrossed. The House adopted Senate amendment "A" and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

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

Passed to be engrossed in both House and Senate and passed to be enacted. Recalled from the executive department, Senate amendment "A" adopted, and passed to be engrossed in the Senate as amended. The House reconsidered the votes whereby this bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed, and adopted Senate amendment "A."

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, the bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed as amended.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

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.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred:

### AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Golder of Belgrade—Petition of B. P. Stewart of Belgrade, and 27 others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed.

By Mr. Hurd of Northport—Petition of Miles Pease of Belgrade, and 21 others, for same.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of C. F. Sanborn of Parsonsfield, and others, for same.

By Mr. Merrill of Bluehill—Petition of O. F. Stevens of Bluehill, and others, for same.

By Mr. Peirce of Frankfort—Petition of A. P. Ritchie of Monroe, and 10 others, for same.

By Mr. Wheeler of Gilead—Petition of S. L. Plummer of Sweden, and 22 others, for the enactment of a law regulating the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Dudley of Brookton—Petition of E. E. Edgerley of Princeton, and 29 others, for same.

By Mr. Cox of Randolph—Petition of E. A. Lapham of Pittston, and 45 others, for same.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of G. S. Pendleton of Warren, and 22 others, for same.