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

Monday, March 8, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leach of Augusta. Journal of Friday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

The following order came from the House, read and passed:

Ordered, that the committee on legal affairs be directed to inquire into the necessity of amending section 113, of chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, so as to make the railroad commissioners elective instead of appointive, and also to provide an appeal from their decision to the supreme judicial court, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. McCullough of Washington, the order was amended by striking out the words "legal affairs" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "railroad," and was passed in concurrence as amended.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act to amend section 6, of chapter 413, of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Hallowell."

An act to incorporate the Sunnyside Cemetery Association.

An act relating to chapter 189, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mil-bridge Water Co."

An act to amend an act to incorporate the Farmington Village Corporation.

An act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Co. House amendment A adopted in concurrence and bill read and assigned as amended.

The following remonstrance and petitions were presented and referred:

**INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.**

By Mr. Heald of Kennebec—Remonstrance of J. F. Kavanaugh and 131 others against the passage of section 44, of Senate bill No. 76, relating to use of metallic patched or cased bullets in hunting moose or deer.

**SHORE FISHERIES.**

By Mr. Wyman of Washington—Petition of A. C. Phinney and others, asking for an amendment to the lobster laws allowing the catching of lobsters to a limited length of nine inches in the county of Washington, from April 15 to June 15.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Petition of W. H. Farrar of Ripley, and 36 others, for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Wyman of Washington—Petition of W. E. Ingersoll of Columbia Falls, and 38 others, for the same.

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Petition of H. F. Weymouth of New Portland, and 44 others, for the same.

By Mr. Witham of Cumberland—Petition of Thomas E. Mead of Bridgton, and 46 others, for the same.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of E. R. Wentworth of Knox, and 26 others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed.

Petition of W. H. Marr of Swanville, and 21 others, for the same.

By Mr. Wyman of Washington—Petition of John Magee of Columbia Falls, and 33 others, for the same.

By Mr. Salley of Somerset—Petition of Samuel W. Tinkham and 32 others, for the same.

By Mr. Hinckley of Franklin—Petition of L. G. Kyles of North Jay, and 26 others, and of Chas. E. Wheeler of Chester-ville, and 13 others, for the same.

**READ AND ASSIGNED.**

Resolve in relation to the documentary history of the State of Maine.

An act to amend section 32, of chapter 63, of the Revised Statutes, relating to compensation of surviving partners.

An act to amend section 27, chapter 91, of the Revised Statutes, relating to liens.

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."

An act additional relating to Hubbard Free Library of Hallowell.

An act authorizing the establishment of free libraries in villages and of branch libraries in towns and cities.

An act in relation to the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Heald for the committee on inland fisheries and game reported ought to pass, resolve, in new draft, to provide for the extinguishment of the claims of Don H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sorois against the State, for services rendered in connection with the shooting of game warden E. O. Collins. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass, bill, an act to amend chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of lands for non-payment of taxes. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Savage for the same committee, reported ought not to pass, bill, an act to provide that all general hospitals securing aid from the State of Maine shall be obliged to have at least one homoeopathic physician on its medical staff, one homoeopathic surgeon on its surgical staff and one homoeopathic physician and surgeon on its staff of visiting physicians and surgeons. Report accepted.

Mr. Savage for the same committee reported ought not to pass, bill, an act to incorporate the Lincoln County Historical Society. Report accepted.

**PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.**

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

Resolve in relation to Freedom Academy.

An act additional to chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes relating to real actions and rights of entry.

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

An act to change the term day of the September term of commissioners' court in Lincoln county.

An act to amend section 13 of chapter 485 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893 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.

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

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

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled, "An act for the better protection of sheep."

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

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

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

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

An act for the better protection of girls.

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

An act relating to appeals in cases of damages for land taken for ways.

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

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.

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

An act relating to the organization of the Washington County Railroad Company.

An act in relation to the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.

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

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 relating to the Coburn Steamboat Company.

#### FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the Maine State Prison.

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

Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates.

On motion by Mr. Hargraves of York, the Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

Monday, March 8, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Andrews of Garland.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

In House, passed to be engrossed, in Senate re-committed to the committee on State Reform school. The House reconsidered its action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed, and concurred with the Senate in re-committing the bill to the committee on State Reform school.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

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.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred:

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act to create the City hall commission of Waterville. (Received under suspension of the rules.)

#### LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Rounds of Paris—Resolution of South Paris Board of Trade, opposing the granting to the Oxford Electric Light Co. any special rights not provided for under the general law.

#### MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Auburn—Bill an act additional to chapter 101, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the inspection of buildings.

By Mr. Talbot of Lewiston—Bill an act to amend sections 59, 60, 61 and 62, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance companies.

#### AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Coffin of Thorndike—Petition of E. R. Wentworth and others of Knox,