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**SENATE.**

Tuesday, March 9, 1897.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Crosby of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

Bill, an act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

This bill came from the House upon its first reading. On motion by Mr. McCullough of Washington, the rules were suspended, bill given its second reading and passed to be engrossed.

An act to incorporate the Machias Dam and Improvement Company.

An act to incorporate the Old Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

These bills came from the House upon their first reading, and on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, were laid on the table pending first reading.

**HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.**

An act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company.

An act to incorporate the Eastport Street Railway.

Resolve to repair the Forks bridge in Forks Plantation, Somerset county.

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the Kennebec river and Merry-meeting bay.

An act to authorize the construction of a weir in tide waters on Sheep's Cove Ledge, in Pennamagan river, in Pembroke, county of Washington.

**PUBLIC ACTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

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

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

An act for the better protection of girls.

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

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

The following petitions and remonstrances were presented and referred.

**JUDICIARY.**

By Mr. Savage of Androscoggin—Petition of Edwin Riley and 190 others of East Livermore, in favor of incorporation of East Livermore Electric Light and Power Company.

By Mr. Heald of Kennebec—Remonstrance of S. I. Abbott and 213 others, against the granting of any charter to any persons for the purpose of contracting for the erection of a city hall in Waterville.

**SHORE FISHERIES.**

By Mr. Walls of Knox—Remonstrance of T. E. Libby and 119 others of Vinalhaven, against any change in the lobster law.

Remonstrances of Smith Hopkins and 104 others of Vinalhaven; of W. F. Brown and 87 others of North Haven; of G. A. Nutt and 51 others of North Haven, for the same.

**PENSIONS.**

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of G. E. Kimball and 40 others of Pittsfield, for an appropriation sufficient to build a soldiers' home at Newport.

Petition of Walter G. Morrill and 37 others of Pittsfield, for the same.

**AGRICULTURE.**

By Mr. Reynolds of Kennebec—Petition of Perley Bishop of Winthrop, and 22 others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed.

By Mr. Billings of Waldo—Petition of C. S. Adams, of South Montville and 22 others, for the same.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of W. Boynton of Brownfield, and 27 others, for the same.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Petition of S. H. Goodwin of St. Albans, and 21 others, for the same.

By Mr. Walls of Knox—Petition of F. S. Philbrook of West Rockport, and 18 others, for the same.

By Mr. Clason of Kennebec—Petition of J. H. Yeaton of Chelsea and 66 others, for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Petition of T. H. Albee of Alna, and 15 others, for the same.

By Mr. Roberts of Oxford—Petition of Horace Sanborn of Norway, and 42 others, for the same.

By Mr. Maxwell of Androscoggin—Petition of John M. Drury of Livermore, and 12 others, for the same.

By Mr. Sharp of Aroostook—Petition of Daniel M. Libby of Amity, and 21 others, for the same.

By Mr. Ferguson of Sagadahoc—Petition of B. M. Patten of Topsham and 21 others, for the same.

**ORDERS.**

On motion by Mr. Hinkley of Franklin, it was ordered, that the committee on inland fisheries and game inquire into the expediency of granting Seward Dill, of Phillips, county of Franklin, the right to create and maintain a fish pond, and the said Seward Dill be granted exclusive right to catch, kill or destroy fish in said pond for a term of five years.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass, bill, an act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of land for non-payment of taxes, as amended by chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895. Report accepted.

Mr. Morrill for the committee on taxation, to which was referred petition of

the municipal officers of Peru, praying for the rebate of a part of the State tax for the years 1895 and 1896 to the town of Peru, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of the town of Peru. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

Mr. Roberts for the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass, bill an act relating to the duties of the board of agriculture. Report accepted.

Upon motion by Mr. Roberts, this being a printed bill, received its first reading and was laid on the table pending second reading.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

An act to amend section 37, 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.

An act to incorporate the Ogunquit Water Company.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 43 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 Milbridge Water Company."

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

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, bill, an act to amend the Public Laws relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters, was taken from the table.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following amendment. Senate amendment B. Amend section 1 by striking out of line 4 the words, "at any one time," and line 13 of section 7 the words, "at any one time," and inserting therefor in each case the words, "between the period of 24 hours."

Amendment adopted. House amendment A was then adopted in concurrence, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, bill an act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts, was taken from the table, read once and tomorrow assigned.

On motion by Mr. Savage, the Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 9, 1897.

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

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

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.

#### LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hill of Portland—Bill an act to amend section 67 of chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 117 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to attachments.

#### MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Bill an act to amend chapter 237 of the Public Laws of 1889 and amendments thereof relating to assessment insurance companies.

#### AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. York of Nobleboro—Petition of J. W. Walker of Aina, and 19 others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed; of John M. Drury of Livermore and 14 others for same.

By Mr. Edmunds of Corinth—Petition of H. F. Gould of Kenduskeag and 22 others for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Petition of F. S. Philbrook and 17 others, for the enactment of a law for same.

By Mr. Conant of Strong—Petition of W. S. Daggett and 72 others of Strong for same.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of C. S. Adams of South Montville and 21 others for same.

By Mr. Conant of Strong—Petition of M. A. Wall of Strong and 74 others, for the enactment of a law requiring the inspection of grass seed.

#### MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Resolve in aid of the Maine Gettysburg commission.

#### SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Remonstrance of B. R. Woodbury and others